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**City Council Minutes**  
**November 3, 2009 ~ 5:00PM**

**Regular Meeting**  
**City Hall, Delta Junction, Alaska**  
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The regular meeting of the Delta Junction City Council was held on Tuesday, November 3, 2009 at City Hall in Delta Junction, Alaska. Mayor Mary Leith-Dowling called the meeting to order at 5:02pm.

Council members present: Mayor Mary Leith-Dowling, Mayor Pro tem Pete Hallgren, JW Musgrove, Lou Heinbockel, Dawn Grossmann, Sherman Stebbins, Pablo Martinez
City employees present: City Administrator Mike Tvenge, Finance Officer Dave Zimmerman, Facility Maintenance Foreman Jeremy Williams (arrived approximately 5:15pm), City Clerk Pat White
Four members from the community were present.

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA ~ APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Heinbockel moved to approve the November 3, 2009 agenda as presented; Martinez seconded. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Heinbockel moved to approve the October 20, 2009 minutes as presented; Martinez seconded. Motion carried.

PUBLIC AND COUNCIL COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Leith-Dowling called for public and Council comments on non-agenda items with none being offered.

REPORTS

Rescue Squad – Pablo Martinez reported Medic III (2004 ambulance) is in Fairbanks with transmission problems. Medic I (2009) will be back next week once repaired (from September 13 moose accident). Tvenge said the cost to replace Medic III's transmission would not be known until tomorrow.

Airport – JW Musgrove reported there have been complaints about four-wheeler activity because of fresh snow.

Hallgren said the park has experienced the same, plus the pavilion restrooms and the park gate have been found unlocked.

Discussion followed regarding changing locks.

Mayor – Mary Leith-Dowling reported she and Grossmann attended the Juneteenth Alaska Alcan Highway Celebration at the Visitor's Center on October 28. The event honored African American Army engineers who built the Alcan Highway during World War II and completed the Sikanni Chief River Bridge on October 28, 1942, a feat that was believed could not be accomplished in a 3-day period. She displayed a flag that was presented by Bishop Dave Thomas, Chairman of the National Juneteenth Armed Services Commission / National Juneteenth Observance Foundation (NJOAF). The date on the flag, June 19, 1865, is the day slaves were given their freedom. A wreath was placed at the Visitor's Center to honor African American's service to our country.

City Administrator – Mike Tvenge reported:

- He and Letha Burcham completed a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) workshop in Anchorage October 20 and 21. The goal is to write a successful grant application and narrow the focus on acceptable projects, which for Delta is a senior home. Recommendation from the grants

administrator is to apply for design and engineering funding for the initial CDBG process. The federal grants have annual application limits of \$850,000 per community.

- Legislative Capital Project items would be an agenda topic at the November 24 Council meeting. Each item requires support documents and a statement of needs.

- He will meet with DGSD Superintendent P.J. Ford Slack next week to renew the MOA for joint use of the Liewer Olmstead Ice Arena for the upcoming year.

Finance – Dave Zimmerman reported:

- Mikunda, Cottrell & Company is in the second day of conducting the annual audit.
- He is working with GVEA regarding the airport lots power deposit, which is about \$18,000.

Lands – Pete Hallgren reported:

- He, Tvenge, and Butch Ellis checked the area for another airport subdivision. He suggested building another parallel road to the north of the current subdivision with lots on both sides of it. Advice from local pilots will be needed whether the subdivision is to extend to the grass strip.

- He and Mayor Leith-Dowling attended the GVEA Board meeting on October 26, 2009.

- He will miss the Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) meeting on October 18 because of attending the Alaska Municipal League (AML) Conference in Anchorage.

Park / Recreation – Lou Heinbockel reported:

- There is enough ice that local skaters can skate at the outdoor rink.

- The lights at the outdoor rink should be working sometime this week. He and Tvenge are researching illuminating the rink without using all ten lights all the time.

Public Works – Lou Heinbockel reported there are seven empty streetlight poles on Nistler. He suggested adding lights to them sometime in the future, if it is affordable. Heinbockel explained a light situation near the school entrance that intersects with Nistler Road. It was the only streetlight years ago. One light was rewired and a bulb was replaced in the other one that is on the school district's side.

Leith-Dowling said the school district is considering converting to LED (light-emitting diode) also.

Hallgren asked to consider replacing lights at the library with LED as well as the ones along the side of the building.

Heinbockel suggested lighting improvements be added to Capital Improvement Projects (CIP).

Additional Reports - Lou Heinbockel reported he would make another attempt with the local Fish & Game Advisory to support City Ordinance (3.07.011) that deals with no discharge of center-fire cartridges within City limits for the taking of game. He encouraged other Council members to attend the Fish & Game Advisory meeting on November 18 (6:30pm at City Hall) and said reducing the Delta Management Area that includes the City boundaries will never pass with the Alaska State Board of Game without the local committee's support.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS

Introduction and First Reading of Ordinance 2010-03, An Ordinance Granting Certain Public Utility Easements to Golden Valley Electric Association (GVEA)

Heinbockel moved to introduce and hold the first reading of Ordinance 2010-03; An Ordinance Granting Certain Public Utility Easements to Golden Valley Electric Association (GVEA) and to set the public hearing, second reading, and adoption on November 24, 2009; Musgrove seconded.

Motion passed by unanimous consent.

Purchase Orders

PO#013859 to Aetna WHO-AAS in the amount of \$11,503.21 for Nov '09 group health insurance
PO#013860 to Arctic Sales, Inc. in the amount of \$13,640.00 for ten (10) LED lights for outdoor rink
PO#013861 to ATT & Alascom in the amount of \$646.56 for Oct '09 911 phones and power
PO#013862 to Crowley Petroleum Distribution in the amount of \$1,937.10 for Oct '09 heating fuel
PO#013863 to Delta Professional Development in the amount of \$773.15 for Oct '09 diesel fuel
PO#013864 to Rural Deltana Volunteer Fire Department in the amount of \$15,000.00 for FY2010 donation

PO#013865 to White's Septic Service in the amount of \$1,650.00 for annual septic pumping (City Hall, Community Center, Fire Hall, Library)

Martinez moved to approve payment of purchase orders 013859 through 013865 as presented; Grossmann seconded.

Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council discussed newly appointed Senator John Coghill's presence at the Republican Party meeting in the basement of Birch Brother's Pizza at 6:00pm and Coghill visiting other communities within his territory.

ADJOURNMENT

Martinez moved to adjourn at 5:32pm; Heinbockel seconded. Motion carried.

Pat White, CMC

Approved: November 24, 2009