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Adam Martinson
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**NOME COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
MONDAY, DECEMBER 09, 2024 at 07:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN CITY HALL**

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ROLL CALL At 07:02PM

Members Present: C. Johnson, C. Piscoya, C. Henderson, C. Green, C. Miller (Zoom);
Absent: C. Martinson;

Also Present: John K. Handeland, Mayor; Brad Soske, Deputy City Clerk; Brooks Chandler, Interim City Manager;

In the Audience: Ken Hughes, Ben Townsend, Gail Smithhisler, Chris Scheneman, Megan Onders, Via Zoom; Diana Haecker, Dan Grimmer, Nickie Crowe, Via KNOM YouTube; Thomas Simonsson, Cynthia Gray, Angie Nguyen, Miranda Musich, Peter Le;

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A Motion to modify agenda for an executive session was made by C. Henderson and seconded by C. Johnson.

At the roll call:
Aye: C. Johnson, C. Miller, C. Henderson, C. Piscoya, C. Green,
Nay:
The motion **CARRIED**.

A motion to approve amended agenda was made by C. Johnson and seconded by C. Henderson.

At the roll call:
Aye: C. Johnson, C. Miller, C. Henderson, C. Piscoya, C. Green,
Nay:
The motion **CARRIED**.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. November 25, 2024 Nome Common Council Meeting Minutes,

A motion to approve the meeting minutes made by C. Johnson and seconded by C. Henderson.

At the roll call:

Aye: C. Johnson, C. Miller, C. Henderson, C. Piscoya, C. Green,
Nay:
The motion **CARRIED**.

COMMUNICATIONS

- A. June 03, 2024 Public Safety Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes,
- B. November 12, 2024 Nome Planning Commission Meeting Minutes,
- C. An Email from Courtney Guinan an Event Coordinator from The Ted Stevens Center in Anchorage re: A Field Seminar,
Will discuss with center on how to make this happen.
- D. 2025 Funding Request from Alaska Business Development Center (ABDC),
- E. November 15, 2024 Letter to the Mayor re: 2024 NSEDC Community Benefits Share Distribution Funds,
Have to go through process to see how funds will be spent, after the first of the year.
- F. November 18, 2024 Letter to the Mayor re: 2024 Additional NSEDC Community Benefits Share Distribution Funds,
- G. November 25, 2024 Recorded Nome 2024 Foreclosure Judgement,
- H. November 27, 2024 AMCO Regulations re: Business License Requirements for Applicants,
- I. December 03, 2024 Letter from PAWS of Nome re: Funding Request for Outpost Clinic,
Discussion was to bring up next calendar year, during budget cycle.
- J. December 04, 2024 Letter from the Nome Beltz High School Basketball and Cheer Teams Requesting a Donation,
Discussion Mayor and City Manager will discuss this.
- K. December 03, 2024 A Letter to the City of Nome in Recognition by the Ahnangnatoguk Family of Services Provided by the City of Nome Staff,

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Gail Smithhisler- Wanted to show in person her gratitude and appreciation and to thank public works crew, city staff and common council for the compassion that was shown throughout her family's ordeal.

Ken Hughes- Speaking in regards to being in favor of the approval of abatement, mentioning that it looks like 1/3 of structures are vacant. Stating that it is hard to track down owners that have left town or left property to family members. Suggested building inspector position become a full-time position and not a part-time. Change title to code enforcement officer. Need to act timely with the ultimate goal of rebuilding or tearing down vacant structures.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. O-24-12-01 An Ordinance Authorizing the Disposal of Municipal Property by Lease to Kawerak, Inc. for Use as a Recycling Facility (SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING/FINAL DISCUSSION)

The Council went into Public Hearing at 07:21PM

The Public Hearing ended at 07:21PM

A motion to adopt this Ordinance was made by C. Henderson and seconded by C. Johnson.

At the roll call:

Aye: C. Johnson, C. Miller, C. Henderson, C. Piscoya, C. Green,

Nay:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- B. O-24-12-02 An Ordinance Authorizing Terminating a 55 Year Lease to the Alaska Army National Guard of the Property Identified as The West 10 Acres, More or Less, Within the Municipal Expansion Lands (SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING/FINAL DISCUSSION)

The Council went into Public Hearing at 07:22PM

The Public Hearing ended at 07:23PM

A motion to adopt this Ordinance was made by C. Henderson and seconded by C. Johnson.

At the roll call:

Aye: C. Johnson, C. Miller, C. Henderson, C. Piscoya, C. Green,

Nay:

The motion **CARRIED**.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. December 02, 2024 Memo to the Nome Common Council From the City Clerk re: A Determination of the Write Off of Taxes for Personal Property Account 50480,

A Motion to approve this Memo was made by C. Johnson and Seconded by C. Piscoya.

At the roll call:

Aye: C. Johnson, C. Miller, C. Henderson, C. Piscoya, C. Green,

Nay:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- B. 24-12-09 Memo to the Common Council from the City Clerk re: A Determination to Approve the 2024 Abatement List,

This item was skipped. Motion to schedule hearing for 7:15pm at January 13-2024 meeting.

A Motion to approve this hearing was made by C. Johnson and Seconded by C. Henderson.

At the roll call:

Aye: C. Johnson, C. Miller, C. Henderson, C. Piscoya, C. Green,

Nay:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- C. Memo to the Nome Common Council from the Interim City Manager re: Quarterly Budgets, CM spoke that Finance director prepared a explanation, verifying existing software can handle this. Providing estimate of cost payroll cost of doing this action.
- C.Henderson spoke his expectation is that use of the quarterly budgeting process shouldn't overly complicate the annual budgeting process. Council shouldn't get involved in setting quarterly numbers, that it would be up to finance and the department heads to develop the quarterly figures. Council doesn't really know if we made budget until the end of the year. Helpful tool to see how to resolve the budget issue.
- Finance director will work with department heads on the process. Looking to implement this for FY26.
- D. R-24-12-01 A Resolution of the Nome Common Council Determining Whether the Number of Authorized Taxi Cab Licenses shall be reduced and Authorizing the City Clerk to Determine Eligibility to Apply for a License by Lot,
- This resolution was withdrawn. Will schedule work session at 5:30pm, January 27th meeting.
- E. R-24-12-02 A Resolution Approving the 2025-2027 Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Nome and the City of Nome Employees Association Local #6141,
- A motion to approve this Resolution was made by C. Johnson and seconded by C. Piscoya.

At the roll call:

Aye: C. Johnson, C. Henderson, C.Piscoya, C.Green,

Nay:

The motion **CARRIED**.

UTILITY MANAGER'S REPORT

A. Utility Manager's Report,

Lights are on throughout town. Turbine update #1 is down, filed a notice of loss with insurance company. Will turn into a legal issue. #2 has started up again and is working well. Notice in newspapers 30 day solicitation for bids blocks 113 and 114, on E 6th, working with Solomon and King Island.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

A. City Manager's Report,

CM Chandler reviewed his report with council members.

Announced Megan Onders started working today modified position to include PR position. Another main function of her responsibility will be economic development.

Since report was written received quotes on shoulder patch.

Tenure is drawing to an end as interim city manager next week. Will rely on Mayor to get another interim.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Ken Hughes- Historic Preservation- Spoke about trying to get a grant to repair and secure Swanberg Dredge that was damaged by Merbock. Cable snapped! 60-40 match to try to get repaired. 50,000 cost. Said he tried to use Uber app, but timed out. Hazardous conditions, so that might have added to timing out. Also spoke about the Network Transportation Drivers.

Ben Townsend spoke on behalf of Angie Nguyen who stated that even though CM Chandler's time here was short lived, that he accomplished a lot and wanted to thank him for his time here.

COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS

C. Henderson- Welcomed Megan to the city staff.

C. Johnson- Echoed Scot's comments welcoming Megan. Thanked Brooks for bringing her on board.

C. Green- Welcomed Megan

C.Piscoya- Also welcomed Megan.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND REPORT

Thanking NVFD for another great carnival and community for coming out.

December 23rd meeting is canceled. If needed, will schedule a special meeting.

Bigger and better fireworks display this year due to a matching donation.

Sad to announce the passing of Sister Alice Sullivan of the Little Sisters of Jesus.

Thanked CM Chandler for his time here. Mentioned he may stay on to consult some more items that need attention.

Dept of Army will be conduction trainings near the airport in January,

- A. Reappointment of Shane Smithhisler to Seat "A" of the Nome Port Commission for a 2 Year Term
 - B. Reappointment of Derek McLarty to Seat "G" of the Nome Port Commission for a 3 Year Term
- A Motion was made to reappoint Seats A and G by C.Henderson and Seconded by C. Piscoya.

At the roll call:

Aye: C. Johnson, C. Henderson, C.Piscoya, C.Green,

Nay:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- C. Motion to go into Executive Session by C. Johnson and Seconded by C. Green

At the roll call:

Aye: C. Johnson, C. Henderson, C.Piscoya, C.Green,

Nay:

The motion **CARRIED**.

EXECUTIVE SESSION Recessed at 08:50PM

- A. Matters Which Involve Personal Reputation re: City Manager Search Salary Range.

Came out of Executive session at 09:01PM

Starting salary for city manager search will be \$185,000 depending on experience.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:02pm.

APPROVED and SIGNED THIS 13th DAY OF JANUARY, 2025

**JOHN K. HANDELAND
MAYOR**

**DAN GRIMMER
CITY CLERK**