Mayor John K. Handeland **Manager**

Glenn Steckman

Clerk

Bryant Hammond



Nome City Council
Jerald Brown
Doug Johnson
Mark Johnson
Adam Martinson
Scot Henderson
Meghan Sigvanna Topkok

NOME COMMON COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

MONDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2021 at 7:00 PM COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN CITY HALL

102 Division St. P.O. Box 281 · Nome, Alaska 99762 · Phone (907) 443-6663 · Fax (907) 443-5345

ROLL CALL

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A. Activity Report: October 12 - 22, 2021,

VERBAL

EXECUTIVE SESSION

<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

OATH OF OFFICE

United States of America) State of Alaska) Second Judicial District)	SS.
"I, <i>Paris Hebel</i> , do solemnly swear the United States, the laws of the State of Municipality of Nome, and that I will, to the bedischarge the duties of my office of <i>City of</i> fear, favor or partiality and therein to do ever so help me GOD."	est of my ability, honestly and faithfully Nome Youth Representative without
SIGNED AND SWORN this 25	5 th day of October, 2021.
	Paris Hebel
	Youth Representative
ATTEST:	
Bryant Hammond City Clerk	

Mayor

John K. Handeland

Manager

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ROLL CALL

Members Present: Jerald Brown; Doug Johnson; Mark Johnson; Adam Martinson; Jennifer

Reader; Sigvanna Topkok

Members Absent:

Also Present: John K. Handeland, Mayor; Paris Hebel, Youth Representative

(telephonic); Glenn Steckman, City Manager; Bryant Hammond, Clerk; Bob Pruckner, NPD Deputy Chief; Ken Morton, Assistant Utility

Manager;

In the audience: Diana Haecker, Nome Nugget; Sean Milligan, KNOM; Scot Henderson

(Council Member elect)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by C. Reader and seconded by C. Martinson to approve the agenda as presented.

At the roll call:

Aye: D. Johnson; M. Johnson; Martinson; Reader; Topkok;

Brown

Nay: Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

OATH OF OFFICE

- A. Youth Representative Paris Hebel Oath of Office.
- Mr. Hebel was out of town visiting colleges and will be sworn in on October 25, 2021.
- B. Council Member Scot Henderson Oath of Office.
- Clerk Hammond swore in Council Member Henderson.

Nome Common Council Regular Meeting October 11, 202 Item A.

Mayor Handeland introduced R-21-10-02 recognizing Jennifer Reader's years of public service and asked Clerk Hammond to read the resolution in its entirety.

A motion was made by C. M. Johnson and seconded by C. Martinson to adopt R-21-10-02.

At the roll call:

Aye: M. Johnson; Martinson; Henderson; Topkok; Brown; D. Johnson

Nay: Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. September 27, 2021 Nome Common Council Regular Meeting Minutes.
- B. October 7, 2021 Nome Common Council Special Meeting Minutes.

A motion was made by C. Martinson and seconded by C. Topkok to approve the September 27 and October 7, 2021 minutes.

At the roll call:

Aye: Martinson; Henderson; Topkok; Brown; D. Johnson; M. Johnson

Nay: Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

COMMUNICATIONS

A. Letter of September 24, 2021 from State Assessor Caissie to City of Nome re: 2021 Full Value Determination.

- Council Member Brown asked how this year's FVD compared to year's past and to the taxable property reported by the City.
- B. Letter of October 8, 2021 from AMCO to City of Nome re: Retail Marijuana Store License Renewal.
- Deputy Chief Pruckner noted no issues with the applicant from NPD's perspective.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Nome Common Council Regular Meeting October 11, 202 Item A.

None given

NEW BUSINESS

UTILITY MANAGER'S REPORT

A. Activity Report: September 28 - October 8, 2021.

- Assistant Utility Manager Morton hightlighted the completion of the fuel delivery and the meter replacement project being underway. About half of 750 meters have been replaced, with the balance coming in January.
- He discussed source testing coming up in January, described the process and noted the utility was soliciting quotes now.
- He noted the water & sewer crew was addressing a water leak on McLain lane.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

A. Activity Report: September 28 - October 8, 2021.

- Manager Steckman noted the written report in the packet and went into discussing the barge ramp repair delays. He highlighted the outreach going on by Port staff including a meeting earlier at 5 PM with the goal of allowing the port users to ask the contractor questions on the project themselves. He noted some vessels coming out tonight, but the ramp completion itself was being delayed noting the project should be wrapped up by October 26. He discussed an upcoming RFP for audit services and explained the audit was being handled remotely since the COVID-19 pandemic. He asked for a brief executive session at the end of the meeting.
- Council Member Henderson asked for the plan for haulout of vessels.
- Manager Steckman explained the game plan, noting smaller vessels were coming out today and others were looking at coming out on the other boat ramp.
- Council Member Henderson asked if the bigger ones have no other options.
- Manager Steckman discussed some of the issues that brought about the ramp repair project.
- Mayor Handeland lauded STG's openness to questions and unwillingness to compromise safety or the quality of the project and for working to get the project complete. He noted they offered to help haul people out of the water when presented with concerns about getting out of water in time.
- Council Member Mark Johnson commended Harbormaster Stotts' handling of a concerned dredge owner's phone call earlier in the day. He asked about the additional concrete laid down in front of the fire hall.
- Manager Steckman felt it looked like they did a good job; its curing now.
- Manager Steckman discussed the emergency order mandating mask use indoors across the City, using 40 cases as the benchmark requiring action. He explained his use of NPD to give notice of the mandate, citing an interaction between a bar owner and an employee as justification. He hoped that the mandate would not be extended, noting it was set to expire at midnight on Friday night.

- Mayor Handeland asked that if the mandate was going to be extended, for staff to give a few days notice so that people are not caught off guard.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

None given

COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS

- 1) Council Member Henderson introduced himself as the new guy and stated he will be asking a lot of questions. He said he'll try to get up to speed as quickly as possibly and explained his style is asking a lot questions to help with his understanding. He noted during his campaign, people asked about roads and reporting concerns online. He opined it might be helpful for citizens to have such an avenue to report concerns.
- 2) Council Member Topkok wished everyone happy Indigenous Peoples' Day in Inupiaq. She noted Youth Representative Paris Hebel was able to call in. She welcomed Council Member Henderson to the Council.
- 3) Council Member Brown wished everyone a happy Indigenous People's Day.
- 4) Council Member Doug Johnson thanked Jennifer Reader for her time and patience on the Council, noting she was a good asset to have. He thanked Scot for jumping in to serve.
- 5) Council Member Mark Johnson thanked Jennifer Reader for her time and involvement on the council. He welcomed Council Member Henderson, saying if he could deliver on his campaign promise of fixing the potholes, he'll be the most popular Council Member of all time.
- 6) Council Member Martinson thanked Jennifer Reader for her time and work on the council. He welcomed Council Member Henderson.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND REPORT

- A. Activity Report: September 28 October 8, 2021,
 - Happy indigenous persons day and his dad if he was around; 10.11 a good day. Thanked those that came out to vote; a lower turnout than normal.
 - He discussed the drive around town with the city manager discsussing future development and looked forward to engaging with the chamber and property owners. He opined the planning commission should be engaged on roads on prioritizing roads in terms of paving or other surfacing projects.
 - He noted dusting off the work session list to begin work over the winter
- B. Appointment of Peter Travers to Public Safety Advisory Commission Seat "G,"
 - Mayor Handeland introduced Mr. Travers and asked for concurrence.

Item A.

Nome Common Council Regular Meeting October 11, 202 Item A.

A motion was made by C. Topkok and seconded by C. Martinson to confirm Mr. Travers' appointment to Seat G of the Public Safety Advisory Commission.

At the roll call:

Aye: Henderson; Topkok; Brown; D. Johnson; M. Johnson; Martinson

Nay: Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Discussion of Legal Strategies the Immediate Knowledge of Which May Have Adverse Impacts on City of Nome Finances.

A motion was made by C. M. Johnson and seconded by C. Martinson to enter into executive session to discuss legal strategies the immediate knowledge of which may have adverse impacts on City of Nome finances.

At the roll call:

Aye: Topkok; Brown; D. Johnson; M. Johnson; Martinson; Henderson

Nay: Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**.

The Council entered into executive session at 7:38 PM.

The Council reconvened at 8:19 PM.

<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

Hearing no objections, the Council adjourned at 8:19 PM.

APPROVED and SIGNED this 25th day of October, 2021

JOHN K. HANDELAND Mayor

ATTEST:	
BRYANT HAMMOND	

Clerk



MK Property Management – Nome Sweet Homes PO Box 1052, Nome AK 99762 Phone: (907) 443-7368 Cell: (907) 304-2871



Date:

10/11/21

To:

Nome City Council, Glenn Steckman, Nome Nugget

From:

Melissa K. Ford

Re:

Property Search & City Sales Tax Collection and Payment Process

I want to congratulate whoever is responsible for the changes to new Property Lookup feature. It's a very useful tool for anyone who wants to initiate title search, owner search, etc. The beesc.texrus system was outdated and was/is not updated or reflecting accurate information. I really hope whoever brought that program to fruition gets accolades!

Hopefully the next thing we will bring current is the sales tax process. There is already a resolution before the Council to adjust the amount. But the seasonal sales tax issue is NOT what I am writing about.

Why do we not have a 'Seasonal Business' designation, so they only have to file during the months they operate? There are some honest folks who would willingly register and pay tax if doing so would not commit them to a requirement of monthly filings all year long. Granted not everyone would, but if the mechanism was there for term businesses there would be many who would comply. Currently the other option for those business is transient, but that really doesn't reflect a Nome resident operating a seasonal business.

Could we get a system that is online? The current process to apply to collect, to report, and to pay is cumbersome and deters business from legitimizing. If the process to register, report and pay could be done online it would increase the amount of tax collected on behalf of the city, it would indicate that the City of Nome cares about fostering a positive relationship with new business owners, and would reduce the in-person traffic to City Hall during a pandemic.

Maybe there are some COVID funds we could use to update the system to reduce foot traffic.

I set my B&B minimum length of stay to 27 days to avoid dealing with the convoluted system currently in place. This means a loss of income for both myself and the local contractors I employ for cleaning. I've heard from other business owners that operate 'under the table' that the process is the deterrent, not the paying of the tax. Not one business owner I know finds the process efficient.

There are numerous systems that are already in existence to automate this process and make it much easier to navigate. As the saying goes 'There's an AP for that!', so let's consider improvements on collection of taxes and make Nome a better place to do business.



Nome Community Center, Inc.

Post Office Box 98 Nome, Alaska 99762 Phone: 907-443-5259 Fax: 907-443-2990

October 15, 2021

by email only to gsteckman@nomealaska.org

Glenn Steckman, City Manager City of Nome 102 Division Street Nome, AK 99762

Dear Glenn:

As you know, the Nome Community Center is actively pursuing a Housing First project here in Nome. We have a design concept for a 15-bed studio apartment complex and are waiting for a cost valuation and expect to have that soon. In the meantime, our housing resource coordinator, Liz Johnson, has been reaching out to the community to provide more information on the Housing First concept.

To provide a safe place for a portion of Nome's most vulnerable, chronic homeless population, the Nome Community Center (NCC) seeks to build an apartment housing complex using the Housing First (HF) model. This model allows for the most vulnerable and chronically homeless individuals to achieve housing with no barriers or contingencies to being housed. It has also been shown to be a cost-effective approach with decreased emergency room care and lessened criminal activity and therefore an increased quality of life.

While Nome's Housing First project will provide safe and secure housing for its participants, it most notably will provide a significant savings on resources to the community of Nome. Benefits that positively impact the community of Nome are:

Nome Police Department: Reduced police contacts, especially on Front Street amongst the businesses where many homeless individuals hang out looking for a place to sit, visit and often need a place to wash and use the bathroom.

Nome Ambulance Services: Decreased ambulance responses for public intoxication and unresponsiveness.

Norton Sound Regional Hospital & Health Corporation ER: Reduced visits to Nome's hospital emergency room before being escorted by the local police to the Nome Correctional Center.

Nome Front Street: Relief to Front Street businesses that have incurred unwanted interactions with the day-to-day roaming of the homeless individuals that occupy Nome's main street, sometimes witnessing nuisance behaviors of intoxicated individuals that have nowhere else to go.

Nome Community: Decrease in openly illegal behaviors, trash and human waste on the streets, thereby increasing the overall peace and composure with the general public, local businesses and Front Street.

Using the HF approach, non-mandatory support services such as case management, medical & mental health services and substance abuse treatment options/resources will be offered to tenants. By providing permanent, affordable housing without preconditions, it will naturally promote a sense of home, safety, security, privacy, and thereby a respected community member of Nome. Research shows that by housing an individual, it promotes better choices in many aspects including sobriety, and addressing both medical and mental health needs.

We are evaluating several sites for land selection. While it would be ideal to select a site with already installed water and sewer access, it is proving difficult at this time. We would like to explore funding partnerships with our main stakeholders, including with the City of Nome, Village Corporations and Tribes in the Bering Strait region.

For more information and questions on our Housing First project please contact Liz Johnson, housing resource coordinator by sending an email to housing@nomecc.org or contact us at 443-5259.

Sincerely,

NOME COMMUNITY CENTER

Rhonda Schneider, Executive Director rschneider@nomecc.org

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Nome's Housing First Project Executive Summary

Brief History of the Organization

The origin of the Nome Community Center dates back to 1906, when a reindeer mission was established with money raised by Mrs. R. H. Young, Bureau Secretary for Alaska for the Women's Home Missionary Society. The Young Mission leased the Methodist Church building in 1913 for various programs. From then until 1970 the Mission provided homemaking classes, hot meals for children, used clothing, clubs for boys and girls, recreation, skin sewing, carving classes and berry picking. In 1970 the Young Mission became the Nome Community Center, and incorporated as a local non-profit. The Nome Community Center moved from being a solely church-operated agency to allow the organization access to more funding sources. Today Nome Community Center supports elders, families, and youth with a variety of programs designed to improve the quality of life for the residents of Nome and the Bering Strait region.

Service Programs Provided

Food Bank/Community Garden; Boys/Girls Club; Nome Children's Home; XYZ Senior Center; Family Services; Youth Court; Alcohol Safety Action Program (ASAP); Nome Emergency Shelter Team (NEST); and, Permanent Supportive Housing/Homeless Prevention.

Geographical Area Served

Nome Community Center serves the city of Nome which has a population of nearly 4000 people, and serves as a hub for 15 surrounding villages. The people that we serve are primarily Alaska Natives although our services are available to all.

Description of Project

In an effort to provide a safe place for a portion of Nome's most vulnerable, chronic homeless, the Nome Community Center (NCC) seeks to build a 15-bed housing complex using the Housing First (HF) model. The Housing First is an evidence-based supportive housing initiative aimed at providing permanent housing for homeless who struggle to succeed in traditional housing. This approach serves as the foundation for life improvement without the preconditions of sobriety or treatment compliance. Using the HF approach, non-mandatory support services such as case management, medical and mental health services and substance abuse treatment options and resources will be offered to tenants and available onsite.

Nome's HF project will offer 15 studio-style apartment units and a property manager's living quarters. There will be a common area for residents to gather and visit in a shared space (group room), and a centrally located laundry room. There will be a front desk area as a check in and out for safety and security measures. A clinic room will serve as a health care center for primary and mental health care needs, including a private space for individual mental health counseling. An outdoor visiting space is also included in the plan.

Need for Project

Nome needs safe, livable, affordable housing for those who struggle to live successfully in traditional housing units or apartments. Within Nome's city limits, there is an estimated 30 chronic homeless individuals, over half of which are considered elderly age 55 and older, high-risk with multiple unmet medical and mental health needs, and a history of substance misuse, historical trauma and not enough employment, all of which make them basically hard to house. During the winter months, a majority of them occupy Nome's emergency shelter in operation between November 1 and April 30 each year. The rest of the year, many roam the streets of Nome seeking shelter near the beach, the seawall, Front Street, abandoned vehicles or Nome's small boat harbor parking area, often unprotected from the elements of Nome's somewhat challenging and unpredictable summer and fall weather. To add to it, there is no public restroom facility anywhere accessible in downtown Nome.

The City of Nome is the hub for the Bering Strait region, a population estimate of 10,040 people. In the Bering Strait region 27% of occupied units are estimated to be either overcrowded (14%) or severely overcrowded (13%), according to AHFC's 2018 Housing Assessment. This is more than eight times the national average and the third most overcrowded in the state. NCC's overnight shelter is now seeing residents coming to Nome due to overcrowding in their home villages. Our target for this project is a portion of the homeless population that is considered most vulnerable with chronic substance use, and social and emotional challenges.

Current Status

NCC is working with an architectural firm and is waiting for a financial analysis that will provide solid project cost estimates including construction and soft costs. Once complete, drawings and cost information will be available to discuss with project partners and potential funders.

Timeline for Project Implementation or Completion

Development Activity	Scheduled Completion Date	
Plans and Specifications (final plans complete) Project Site (site and environmental review, zoning) Financing (commitment of partners & funders) Construction (substantial completion) Project Completion	December January May June December	2021 2022 2022 2024 2024

Estimated Project Cost: 5.9 million

How Much has been Raised to Date

We are waiting for confirmation of our request for federal funding through Senator Murkowski's office for community project funds. Our project is on the list and awaits Senate approval before confirmation of the funds could be awarded. Amount of appropriations funding requested: 1.5 million

Future Sustainability

Once built, the project will be funded by a combination of grants, donations and local community agencies. It is expected that residents will pay a small portion of their income for rent.

Nome's Housing First (HF) Project

Principles of Housing First

- Homelessness is first and foremost a housing problem and should be treated as such
- Housing is a right to which all are entitled
- People who are homeless or on the verge of homelessness should be returned to or stabilized as quickly as possible and connected to resources necessary to sustain that housing
- Issues that may have contributed to a household's homelessness can best be addressed once they are housed.

https://endhomelessness.org/wp-content/uploads/2009/08/adopting-a-housing-first-approach.pdf

WHAT IS HOUSING FIRST?

everyone deserves housing and that the only way to end homelessness is to start with housing. Housing First has been implemented across the country, including in Alaska (Juneau, Fairbanks and Anchorage) to help end chronic homelessness. The Nome Community Center firmly believes that housing is the solution to homelessness and we hope that this project is the first step towards ending homelessness in Nome.

WHY DO HOUSING FIRST?

- Evidenced Based Approach (the data shows..)
- Cost Effective (resource savings on Nome's City Government & Local Norton Sound Regional Hospital)
- Reduces length of time someone experiences homelessness! (increase in quality of life)

WHAT DOES THE DATA SHOW?

Nome Community Center operates the NEST shelter between November 1-April 30. Last year, statistics show that the average of 25.42 nights/month was utilized (HUD defines chronic homeless as sheltered 20 or more nights/month). Number of occupied beds/night at NEST

2020: 5.354 or 29.74 2019: 5,113 or 28.40 2018: 3,571 or 19.83

Within Nome's city limits, there is an estimated 30 chronic homeless individuals, over half of which are considered elderly age 55 and older, high-risk with multiple unmet medical and mental health needs, substance use disorder, likely historical trauma and not enough employment, all of which make them basically hard to house. During the winter months, a majority of them occupy Nome's emergency shelter in operation between November 1 and April 30 each year. The rest of the year, many roam the streets of Nome seeking shelter near the beach, the seawall, Front Street or Nome's small Johnson, Housing Resource Coordinator at Nome boat harbor area, often unprotected from the elements of Nome's somewhat unpredictable weather. To add to it, there is no public restroom facilities in Nome.

To make homelessness even more challenging, Nome is Housing First is a program built around the philosophy that short on housing with a limited housing stock and sky-high rental and utility prices. This makes it even harder to support our homeless individuals, and consequently exposes them to extensive periods of homelessness often utilizing a high volume of Nome's Ambulance and Police departments as a safety net.

AS A COMMUNITY, WHAT CAN WE DO?

Coordination of supportive housing, like HF, requires multiple partners from the community, including local businesses, developers, service providers, local landlords and the Nome and Bering Strait communities to work together to create and operate programs for everyone affected by homelessness. Prevention of homelessness is

JOIN THE NOME HOUSING COALITION

Homelessness is an emotional topic affecting so many in different ways. As a community, we cannot make progress if the assumption is that the issues belong to particular agencies or organizations. Nome Housing Coalition meets every other month (next meet is September 30)

HOMELESS PREVENTION SERVICES AT NCC

In addition to operating the NEST shelter, the Nome Community Center (NCC) manages a Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) program. Currently we have 6 units that houses 8 individuals in Nome. If there were more rentals available, we would be renting at least two more rentals for a total of 8. The goal of the program is to support homeless clients by housing them and they in turn agree to enroll into supportive services eventually advancing to independent living. NCC recognizes that the chronic homeless individuals in Nome do not fit into traditional housing and HF will create that safety net needed.

For more information on this project, please contact Liz Community Center at 443-5259 or send an email to Additional HF information can ba found at https://endhomelessness.org/resource/housir 15 first/



Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development

ALCOHOL & MARIJUANA CONTROL OFFICE

550 West 7th Avenue, Suite 1600 Anchorage, AK 99501 Main: 907.269.0350

October 15, 2021

City of Nome

Attn: Bryant Hammond, City Clerk

VIA Email: <u>bhammond@nomealaska.org</u>

<u>CCacciola@bcfaklaw.com</u> <u>Irasmussen@bcfaklaw.com</u>

License Number:	17077
License Type:	Retail Marijuana Store
Licensee:	The Grass Station, LLC
Doing Business As:	GRASS STATION 49
Physical Address:	223 Front Street, Suite B. Nome, AK 99762
Designated Licensee:	Gary Evans
Phone Number:	907-460-0398
Email Address:	gary@grassstation49.com

AMCO has received a complete renewal application and/or endorsement renewal application for a marijuana establishment within your jurisdiction. This notice is required under 3 AAC 306.035(c)(2). Application documents will be sent to you separately via ZendTo.

To protest the approval of this application pursuant to 3 AAC 306.060, you must furnish the director **and** the applicant with a clear and concise written statement of reasons for the protest within 60 days of the date of this notice, and provide AMCO proof of service of the protest upon the applicant.

3 AAC 306.060 states that the board will uphold a local government protest and deny an application for a marijuana establishment license unless the board finds that a protest by a local government is arbitrary, capricious, and unreasonable. If the protest is a "conditional protest" as defined in 3 AAC 306.060(d)(2) and the application otherwise meets all the criteria set forth by the regulations, the Marijuana Control Board may approve the license renewal, but require the applicant to show to the board's satisfaction that the requirements of the local government have been met before the director issues the license.

At the May 15, 2017, Marijuana Control Board meeting, the board delegated to me the authority to approve renewal applications with no protests, objections, or notices of violation. However, if a timely protest or objection is filed for this application, or if any notices of violation have been issued for this license, the board will consider the application. In those situations, a temporary license will be issued pending board consideration.

If you have any questions, please email amco.localgovernmentonly@alaska.gov.

Sincerely,

Glen Klinkhart, Director

907-269-0350

Presented by:
City Manager
Action Taken:
Yes
No
Abstain

CITY OF NOME, ALASKA ORDINANCE NO. O-21-10-01

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE SALE OF ALCOHOL IN NOME OTHER THAN BY AUTHORIZED LICENSESS HOLDING A PACKAGE STORE LICENSE UNTIL NOVEMBER 14, 2021 IN ORDER TO REDUCE THE IMPACT AND SPREAD OF COVID-19 THROUGHOUT THE CITY OF NOME

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020 the Nome Common Council adopted Emergency Ordinance O-20-07, authorizing the City Manager to take necessary actions to reduce the impact and spread of Covid-19 in the City of Nome; and,

WHEREAS, on May 15, 2020 the Nome Common Council adopted Emergency Ordinance O-20-05-03, extending the previous authorization of the City Manager to take necessary actions to reduce the impact and spread of Covid-19 in the City of Nome; and

WHEREAS, on July 13, 2020 the Nome Common Council adopted Emergency Ordinance O-21-07-01, extending the previous authorization of the City Manager to take necessary actions to reduce the impact and spread of Covid-19 in the City of Nome; and

WHEREAS, on July 27, 2020 the Nome Common Council adopted Ordinance No. O-21-07-02 extending the previous authorization of the City Manager to take necessary actions to reduce the impact and spread of Covid-19 in the City of Nome; and

WHEREAS, on June 26, 2021 the Nome Common Council adopted Ordinance No. O-21-06-08 extending the previous authorization of the City Manager to take necessary actions to reduce the impact and spread of Covid-19 in the City of Nome;

WHEREAS, on September 27, 2021 the Nome Common Council adopted Ordinance No. O-21-09-01 extending the previous authorization of the City Manager to take necessary actions to reduce the impact and spread of Covid-19 in the City of Nome through January 31, 2022;

WHEREAS, on October 21, 2021, the City of Nome had 84 known active cases of COVID-19:

WHEREAS, the Nome Common Council finds the extent of community spread of COVID-19 currently being experienced in Nome is a further exacerbation of what is already a public health emergency;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED by the Nome Common Council as follows:

SECTION 1. Classification. This is a non-Code emergency ordinance.

SECTION 2. Legislative Findings and Declaration of Emergency. The council adopts by reference the Whereas clauses contained in Emergency Ordinances O-20-07, O- 20-05-03, O-21-07-01, O-21-07-02, O-20-10-01, and O-21-06-08, O-21-09-01, and this ordinance, and declares that the coronavirus threat and impact are and remain a public health emergency.

SECTION 3. Sales of Alcohol Prohibited.

- 1. No person may consume, sell, offer for sale, give, or furnish from an authorized licensee of any type of license provided in AS 04.11.080(1) through (6) and (8) through (20), any intoxicating liquor for on-site consumption on any such licensed premises.
 - 2. This prohibition does not apply to any licensed package store.
- 3. This prohibition does not prohibit any person from selling, offering for sale, giving, furnishing or delivering any intoxicating liquor for consumption off-site from any licensed premises to the extent allowed by state law.
 - 4. This ordinance supersedes any conflicting provision in NCO Chapter 3.05.

SECTION 4. Enforcement. Violation of this ordinance shall be a minor offense subject to a penalty of five hundred dollars per offense plus the state surcharge required by AS 12.55.039 and 29.25.074. Each sale shall be considered a separate offense.

SECTION 5. Effective Date. This ordinance is effective upon adoption and expires on midnight November 14, 2021 unless otherwise rescinded or extended by the Nome Common Council.

APPROVED and **SIGNED** the 25th day of October, 2021.

	John Handeland, Mayor	
ATTEST:		
Bryant Hammond , City Clerk		

Item B.

Presented by:

Assistant Utility Manager

Action Taken:

Yes_	
No	
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CITY OF NOME, ALASKA RESOLUTION NO. R-21-10-03

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION, APPROVAL & ACCEPTANCE OF A LOAN FROM THE ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION ALASKA CLEAN WATER FUND TO PROVIDE LOAN FINANCING FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO COMMUNITY WASTEWATER SYSTEM INFRASTRUCTURE

WHEREAS, the Utility Board determined application should be submitted to the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) Alaska Clean Water Fund (ACWF) Program to finance various infrastructure improvements to the waste-water system, including replacements, adjustments, extensions, and enhancements; and

WHEREAS, the ADEC's ACWF program currently offers terms up to 20 years with no prepayment penalties to provide low interest (approximately 1.5%) financing to communities for waste-water system projects; and

WHEREAS, NJUS requested through ADEC's questionnaire process that the NJUS' ACWF loan for the Bering Street project be amended to include like work on the pending Seppala Drive project; and

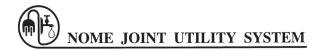
WHEREAS, The amendment request scored favorably and ADEC's clean water project priority list now reflects that the Bering Street ACWF loan includes the Seppala Drive scope (with no additional funds as funding already authorized for the Bering Street ACWF is expected to be sufficient to also cover the additional Seppala Drive scope); and

WHEREAS, The Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities (ADOT&PF) plans to reconstruct Seppala Drive (currently indicated for funding in 2022 with physical construction in 2023) and has agreed to include the Seppala Drive Water & Sewer Utility work within the roadway project provided NJUS obtains the necessary funding and can match the road project schedule.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Nome City Council authorizes the application, approval and acceptance of an amended ADEC Alaska Clean Water Fund Loan for the design and construction of waste-water related improvements located along the Seppala Drive corridor using loan funds previously authorized for the Bering Street project,

APPROVED and **SIGNED** this 25th day of October, 2021.

	JOHN K. HANDELAND, Mayor
ATTEST:	
BRYANT HAMMOND, Clerk	



ADEC LOAN AMENDMENT REQUESTS:

Early this year, NJUS requested that ADEC allow the water / sewer (ADWF / ACWF) loans for the just competed Bering Street project be expanded to include similar work on the pending Seppala Drive project.

Loan Program & Number	Previously Authorized Amount	R Su	ditional Funds equested to pplement for Seppala Dr	Proposed Revised Loan Amounts
ADWF 627241	\$ 2,433,988	\$	1,051,012	\$ 3,485,000
ACWF 627251	\$ 2,086,937	\$	-	\$ 2,086,937
TOTALS:	\$ 4,520,925	\$	1,051,012	\$ 5,571,937

Remarks: The ACWF (sanitary sewer) work was rescoped from system replacement to the less expensive re-leveling of sections (based on sewer-cam information obtained during the design phase). Current estimates are that the funds previously authorized for the Bering Street sewer work will be sufficient to also accommodate the Seppala Drive sewer work.

In May 2021, ADEC provided their initial concurrence to the request (letter attached) – and late last month, the Nome Joint Utility Board formalized their request to the Nome Common Council to amend the Bering Street water / sewer loans to include the like-work on the near-term Seppala Drive project.

Requested Action: Approve R-21-10-02 and R-21-10-03.



Department of Environmental Conservation

DIVISION OF WATER Technical Assistance and Financing

555 Cordova Street Anchorage, Alaska 99501 Main: 907.269.7502 Fax 907.269.7509 dec.alaska.gov

May 21, 2021

Kenneth M. Morton, Assistant Manager/Utility Engineer Nome Joint Utility System PO Box 70 Nome, AK 99762

Dear Mr. Morton:

The Alaska State Revolving Fund Program's State Fiscal Year 2022 (SFY22) Intended Use Plans for the Alaska Clean Water Fund (ACWF) and the Alaska Drinking Water Fund have been finalized. Loan applications can be submitted for the projects listed below that are included in the SFY22 Project Priority Lists. The complete Project Priority Lists and the Intended Use Plans can be found online at: https://dec.alaska.gov/water/technical-assistance-and-financing/state-revolving-fund/intended-use-plans/.

Program	Amendments to Existing Loans	Loan Amendment Request
CW	Bering Street Sewer Improvements	No increase in loan request – scope change only
DW	Bering Street Water Main Replacement	\$1,051,012 increase to existing loan

As mentioned in the Intended Use Plan, projects may remain on the Project Priority List for a maximum of two years. If an application has not been submitted for these amendments within two years from the date that the project questionnaires were submitted, the project will be removed from the list and a new questionnaire will be required to relist the amendments. The proposed amendments to the Bering Street projects may remain on the list until February 28, 2023.

If you have questions about how to complete the loan application process, please contact me or Susan Start.

Sincerely,

Peggy Ulman

SRF Program Coordinator

Peggy Ulman

907-334-2681



NOME JOINT UTILITY BOARD

RESOLUTION 21-03

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE NOME COMMON COUNCIL APPROVE & ACCEPT A LOAN FROM THE ALASKA DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION ALASKA DRINKING WATER FUND (ADWF) TO PROVIDE LOAN FINANCING FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO COMMUNITY WATER INFRASTRUCTURE

WHEREAS, The Utility Board determined application should be submitted to the Alaska Department of

Environmental Conservation's Revolving Loan Fund Programs to finance various infrastructure improvements constructed to the water and sewer systems, including replacements,

extensions and enhancements; and,

WHEREAS, The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation Alaska Clean Water & Alaska Drinking

Water Fund loan programs offers terms up to 20 years with no prepayment penalties to

provide low interest (1.5%) financing to communities for water and sewer systems; and

WHEREAS, NJUS requested through ADEC's questionnaire process that the NJUS' ADWF loan for the

Bering Street project be amended to include like work on the pending Seppala Drive project;

and

WHEREAS, The amendment request scored favorably and ADEC's drinking water project priority list now

reflects that the Bering Street ADWF loan includes the Seppala Drive scope and lists an

additional \$1,051,012 of funding for design and construction costs; and

WHEREAS, The Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities (ADOT&PF) plans to reconstruct

Seppala Drive (currently indicated for funding in 2022 with physical construction in 2023) and has agreed to include the Seppala Drive Water & Sewer Utility work within the roadway project

provided NJUS obtains the necessary funding and can match the road project schedule.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Nome Joint Utility Board requests the Nome Common Council approve and authorize acceptance of an additional \$1,051,012 (beyond the \$2,433,988 already authorized for the Bering Street project) through the ADEC Drinking Water Fund Loan Program for construction of water system improvements with a 20 year payback at 1.5% interest, and authorize the Utility Manager as Chief Operating Officer of the Utility to execute any and all documents that may be required by the Department to reflect the indebtedness, the terms of its repayment, and an security thereof, including but not limited to an agreement for the loan and a promissory note.

SIGNED THIS BY DAY OF SEPTEM DE1, 2021 AT NOME, ALASKA.

Carl Emmons, Chairman
NOME JOINT UTILITY BOARD

ATTEST:

David Barron, Secretary
NOME JOINT UTILITY BOARD

Item C.

Presented by:

Assistant Utility Manager

Action Taken:

Yes	
No	
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CITY OF NOME, ALASKA RESOLUTION NO. R-21-10-04

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION, APPROVAL & ACCEPTANCE OF A LOAN FROM THE ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION ALASKA DRINKING WATER FUND TO PROVIDE LOAN FINANCING FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO COMMUNITY WATER SYSTEM INFRASTRUCTURE

WHEREAS, the Utility Board determined application should be submitted to the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) Alaska Drinking Water Fund (ADWF) Program to finance various infrastructure improvements to the water system, including replacements, extensions and enhancements; and

WHEREAS, the ADEC's ADWF program currently offers terms up to 20 years with no prepayment penalties to provide low interest (approximately 1.5%) financing to communities for water system projects; and

WHEREAS, NJUS requested through ADEC's questionnaire process that the NJUS' ADWF loan for the Bering Street project be amended to include like work on the pending Seppala Drive project; and

WHEREAS, The amendment request scored favorably and ADEC's drinking water project priority list now reflects that the Bering Street ADWF loan includes the Seppala Drive scope and lists an additional \$1,051,012 of funding for design and construction costs; and

WHEREAS, The Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities (ADOT&PF) plans to reconstruct Seppala Drive (currently indicated for funding in 2022 with physical construction in 2023) and has agreed to include the Seppala Drive Water & Sewer Utility work within the roadway project provided NJUS obtains the necessary funding and can match the road project schedule.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Nome City Council authorizes the application, approval and acceptance of an amended ADEC Alaska Drinking Water Fund Loan for the design and construction of drinking water related improvements located along the Seppala Drive corridor, with the additional loan amount of\$1,051,012, with a 20 year payback at approximately 1.5% interest, and authorizes the Utility Manager as Chief Operating Officer of the Utility to execute any and all documents that may be required by ADEC to reflect the indebtedness, the terms of its repayment, and any security thereof, including but not limited to an agreement for the loan and a promissory note.

APPROVED and **SIGNED** this 25th day of October, 2021.

ATTEST:	JOHN K. HANDELAND, Mayor
BRYANT HAMMOND, Clerk	



NOME JOINT UTILITY BOARD

RESOLUTION 21-04

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE NOME COMMON COUNCIL APPROVE & ACCEPT A LOAN FROM THE ALASKA DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION ALASKA CLEAN WATER FUND (ACWF) TO PROVIDE LOAN FINANCING FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO COMMUNITY SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE

WHEREAS, The Utility Board determined applications should be submitted to the Alaska Department of

> Environmental Conservation's Revolving Loan Fund Programs to finance various infrastructure improvements constructed to the water and sewer systems, including replacements,

extensions and enhancements; and,

WHEREAS, The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation Alaska Clean Water & Alaska Drinking

Water Fund loan programs offers terms up to 20 years with no prepayment penalties to

provide low interest (1.5%) financing to communities for water and sewer systems; and

WHEREAS, NJUS requested through ADEC's questionnaire process that the NJUS' ACWF loan for the

Bering Street project be amended to include like work on the pending Seppala Drive project;

and

WHEREAS, The amendment request scored favorably and ADEC's clean water project priority list now

> reflects that the Bering Street ACWF loan includes the Seppala Drive scope (with no additional funds as funding already authorized for the Bering Street ACWF is expected to be sufficient to

also cover the additional Seppala Drive scope); and

WHEREAS, The Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities (ADOT&PF) plans to reconstruct

Seppala Drive (currently indicated for funding in 2022 with physical construction in 2023) and has agreed to include the Seppala Drive Water & Sewer Utility work within the roadway project

provided NJUS obtains the necessary funding and can match the road project schedule.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Nome Joint Utility Board requests the Nome Common Council approve that the incremental Seppala Drive sewer work scope be included with the already authorized Bering Street, and authorize the Utility Manager as Chief Operating Officer of the Utility to execute any and all documents that may be required by the Department to reflect the indebtedness, the terms of its repayment, and an security thereof, including but not limited to an agreement for the loan and a promissory note.

3 DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2021 AT NOME, ALASKA.

Carl Emmons, Chairman

NOME JOINT UTILITY BOARD

ATTEST:

David Barron, Secretary NOME JOINT UTILITY BOARD TO: Mayor and Common Council

FROM: Glenn Steckman

RE: City Manager's Report

October 22, 2021

New Emergency Order:

A new Emergency Order has been issued limiting occupancy on bars to 25%. The city now has 87 active cases. The highest number of cases that we have ever had. Approximately 30% of cases are break through cases and 70% of cases are non-vaccinated individuals. I have also extended the facemask requirement until November 14th.

Rec Center Boiler:

The new boiler has arrived in Nome. The electric wiring has been moved to allow for the installation of the boiler. A new door is being installed to allow the installation and Carl Emmons will be managing the necessary re-piping. A concrete floor pan is also part of the installation.

Building Inspector:

Cliff McHenry has been hired as the new part-time building inspector. He is an exempt employee and will work an average of 15-24 hours per week, Tuesday through Thursday.

Building Maintenance:

The city staff has interviewed several applicants for the Building Maintenance position. All were experienced. An offer letter will extended on Monday to the person that is the best match for the city.

Joe Horton:

Joe has submitted his resignation letter effective November 5th. HR will be advertising first internally to fill the position.

Floating Docks:

Lucas and the staff have been removing the floating docks to wrap the season. Port staff will be reduced as of November 1 as employees conclude their seasonal positions.

Arctic Access 2022:

From February 22 to March 6, 2022 the city will be hosting Arctic Access 2022. To facilitate the event, the city will be providing housing for about 40-60 National Guardsmen at the Rec Center. Others National Guardsman will be located in other non-city facilities. The Guardsman field kitchen will also be

sited at the Rec Center. The soldiers will be encouraged to spend money in all retail establishments, restaurants and bars.

CITY OF NOME EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 2021- 04

Issued Pursuant to Ordinance No. 21-09-01

The City Manager of the City of Nome orders as follows:

1. Findings and Basis for Order.

- A. The Findings and Basis for Emergency Order No. 2020-06, Emergency Order No. 2020-07, Emergency Order 2020-08, Emergency Order 2020-09, Emergency Order 2020-10, Emergency Order 2020-11, Emergency Order 2020-12 and Emergency Order 2020-13, and Emergency Order 2021-01 are incorporated by reference and as modified below.
- B. As of the date of this Order there have been 87 active confirmed cases of Covid-19 in Nome and 130 active confirmed cases of Covid-19 in communities in the Nome Census Area other than Nome.
- C. As of the date of this Order there are at least 128,084 confirmed cases of Covid-19 that have been reported in Alaska; 54,828 of which were reported in Anchorage. At least 673 people have died in Alaska of Covid-19.
- D. As of the date of this Order there are at least 70 Alaskan communities in which the Covid-19 virus has been confirmed to be present. All communities in the Nome Census Area have reported a confirmed case of Covid-19.
- E. As of the date of this Order there are 117 active COVID-19 cases in the Nome Census Area and community spread cases are increasing rapidly in Nome.
- F. On February 14, 2021 Adam Crum, Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services and Dr. Anne Zink Chief Medical Officer of the State of Alaska issued Health Advisory No. 1 strongly recommending all Alaskans two years of age and older other than those with breathing problems and those who cannot remove the covering without assistance wear a cloth face covering mask.
- G. On July 27, 2021 the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued updated information recommending that fully vaccinated people wear a mask in public indoor settings in areas of substantial or high transmission of COVID-19.
- H. The entire State of Alaska including the City of Nome and the Nome Census Area are categorized as areas of high transmission of COVID-19 based upon current case counts as a percentage of the total population.
- I. Emergency Ordinance No. O-20-05-03 extended the authority delegated to the City Manager by Emergency Ordinance No, O-20-07 subject to City Council ratification through July

- 14, 2020. Emergency Ordinance No. O-21-07-01 extended the authority delegated to the City Manager by Emergency Ordinance Nos. O-20-07 and O-20-05-03 through September 11, 2020; Ordinance O-21-07-02 extended the authority delegated to the City Manager by previous emergency ordinances through December 31, 2020, Ordinance O-20-10-01 extended the authority delegated to the City Manager by previous emergency ordinances through June 30, 2021, Ordinance O-21-06-08 extended the authority delegated to the City Manager by previous ordinances through September 30, 2021, Ordinance 21-09-01 extended the authority delegated to the City Manager by previous ordinances through January 31, 2022.
- J. The CDC and Norton Sound Health Corporation have both indicated that persons who have received both doses of either the Moderna or Pfizer COVID-19 vaccination and a single dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine may still be able to transmit COVID-19 to other persons they contact.
- 2. Authority for Order. This Order is issued pursuant to the City of Nome's general police powers including, but not limited to the authority set forth in Section 18.10.040 of the Nome Code of Ordinances to regulate the use of real property to "Provide protection from flood, and fire hazards and other dangers" and to "Promote the health, safety and general welfare of city residents", and pursuant to the authority delegated to me by Ordinance No. 0-20-07 and Ordinance No. 0-20-05-03 and Ordinance No. 0-20-10-01 and Ordinance No. 21-06-08 and Ordinance 21-09-01 subject to City Council ratification to exercise discretion to regulate public accommodations in order to reduce or limit the spread of corona virus all as allowed by Alaska Statutes in order to implement the public health recommendations of NSHC, the President of the United States, the CDC, the Governor of the State of Alaska and staff of Norton Sound Regional Health Corporation to reduce or limit the spread of the corona virus within and from Nome.
- 3. <u>Mask Requirement for Persons in Public Places.</u> All persons must wear well-fitting masks or cloth coverings over their noses and mouths when they are indoors in public settings around people who don't live in your household or communal spaces outside the home where physical distancing is not possible and in all places of business. This includes all customers and visitors of businesses that are open and operating. This order is subject to the following conditions and exceptions:
- a) Face coverings should not be placed on children under age 2, or young children who are unable to wear one without assistance.
- b) Face coverings should not be worn by anyone who has a valid medical reason that causes trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance.
- c) A person may decline to wear a face covering because of a valid medical condition or disability. The person must avoid all public locations. The person shall make other arrangements to have someone buy groceries, pick-up their mail, and any location where close proximity to others is possible.
- d) Brief removal of face covering, such as necessary to eat, drink, or scratch an itch does not constitute a violation of this order.
- e) A business owner or operator of a building open to the public may refuse admission or service to any individual who fails to wear face coverings as required by this ordinance.

- f) This Order does not apply to the Nome City School District (NSD) facilities. NSD will have oversight of and will implement mitigations and face covering requirements within NSD facilities.
- 4. Bars: Effective Saturday, October 23 at midnight, occupancy for bars is limited to 25% until midnight, Saturday, November 14, 2021
- 5. <u>Effective Period</u>. This order shall be effective as of 12:01 am October 21 and remain in effect until midnight, November 14, 2021 unless modified or extended by a subsequent emergency order that is ratified by the Nome Common Council or unless modified by the Nome Common Council.
- 6. <u>Inconsistent Provisions Superseded.</u> As set forth in Section 3 of Ordinance No. O-21-09-01, this Order supersedes any inconsistent ordinances, rules or regulations of the City of Nome.

ENTERED THIS 14th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2021

Sleven Steckmen

City Manager City of Nome



City of Nome Police Department

Michael Heintzelman Chief of Police

3rd Quarter Statistical Report July – September, 2021

General patrol statistics

Total Calls for Service counting keep check patrols: 3457

Of which Alcohol Related: 763 (22%)

Total Arrests: 140

Alcohol Related: 117 (83%)

Total Charges: 357

Total Citations: 63

- Includes all, such as MCA, traffic, NCO, etc.

Total Incidents (Reports): 264

Total Intoxicated Person's calls: 137

Total Ambulance Requests: 148

Total Fire Department Response: 15

Total Sexual Assaults: 14

Dispatch Statistics

911 calls - 324 Non-emergency calls 1,303

Personnel

CO I Madeline Koweluk resigned June, 2021.

CO II Angelina Mendez resigned October, 2021.

CO II Taelor Rivas promoted to Acting Communications Supervisor May, 2021.

Officer Brandon Murphy resigned July, 2021.

Officer Vincent Nguyen rehired September, 2021 as a Police Officer II.

Cordell Murray reclassified from Acting Sergeant to Police Officer II, September 2021.

CSO Bryan Piercy set to retire, end of September 2021.

Vacancies

- (2) Police Officer Spots
- (1) Investigator
- (3) Dispatch positions.

Vehicles

302 – Old CSO Van Good condition, no 4wd.

679 – New Ford Expedition Good condition

318 – Ford Expedition

Took engine from vehicle 482, and is back in service.

321 - Silver unmarked Explorer

Good condition just installed new lighting equipment and siren. (Some lights still not working due to installation.) New tires.

322 - Black Explorer

Good condition, rear wiper not working. New tires.

323 - White Explorer

Fair condition, TPMS sensor bad, engine light on. New tires.

329 - Dodge CSO Van

Wrecked out of service, waiting on estimates from NMW.

482 – Ford Expedition

Out of service, parts went to 318.

481 – Ford Expedition

Fair Condition. Higher miles.

885 - F-150

New condition.

887 - F-150

New condition.

New F-150 (October, 2021)

New condition. New tires.

Blue Chevy Silverado

Fair condition, driven by Chief

Can Am Side by Side ATV 800

Brand new, excellent condition.

EQUIPMENT

Axon Body 3's were implemented and distributed to the patrol team, every sworn member is assigned one and the CSO.

Some members transitioned to the Glock 17, 9mm was authorized by Chief Heintzelman to improve accuracy and gun proficiency. Investigator 9mm, Glock 43X was also purchased due to non-uniform attire.

New vests and ballistic panels are continued to be purchased upon new hires. Rebate program with AML/JIA.

New phone project is in the planning stages from the City of Nome IT to replace IP phones with newer models to be consistent with the rest of the City.

Additional laptop is being configured by GCSiT and awaiting final shipment to Nome Police Department.

INVESTIGATIONS

Investigations have been working diligently to close cases. All of the cold cases have been reviewed and worked. Current cases for the year are at 44. 34 closed, with 10 open. The 10 open are pending investigation work, DNA results, or other state crime lab results. DV/SA Advocate Sharon Sparks has been doing an excellent job with follow up and advocating for victims of crime.

RADIO PROJECT

The radio system is a top priority of the department. Much work has been done and submitted to the city manager's office in an effort to replace a failing system. It is imperative that this project is completed in a timely manner.

Deputy Chief Pruckner

Nome Police Department PO BOX 1230 Nome AK 99762 907-443-2266 fax 907-443-5262 dispatch



phone 907.443.6663 fax 907.443.5345

October 22, 2021 Date:

To: Glenn Steckman, City Manager

Chip Leeper, Director of Parks and Recreation From:

CC: Bryant Hammond, City Clerk

Cheryl Thompson, Administrative Assistant

Parks and Recreation Department Quarterly Report (July-September '21) Subject:

Nome Recreation Center

As has been the case for the past 20 years the quarter started with the resumption of Summercise. The 6-week long program (broken up into two 3-week sessions) took up the last three weeks of the month.

However unlike in years past when the entire program was hosted within the facility, this season we were only used when there was inclement weather outside. This change was predicated on trying to minimize the risk of Covid-19 transmission.

The program wrapped up on July 29th, 2021. The following week saw the return of another kid favorite- The Challenge for Life Basketball Camp. Sponsored by Nome Eskimo Community and instructed by former UAF Head Basketball Coach Al Sokitis and Nome-Beltz Nanook alumni Christian Leckband, the event drew around 30 local youth.

On Thursday evening, August 3rd the Nome Police Department grilled up some hot dogs and hosted a public barbeque for the local residents as part of the National Night Out. The nationwide event is typically held on the first Tuesday in August with community focused activities aimed at increasing awareness about police programs in their area.

After Labor Day we reverted back to our original, pre-Covid-19 winter hours. Now through next May the Nome Recreation Center will be open seven days a week. In addition we returned to a 10PM closing time from Monday-Friday.

Mid-September saw the return on our first adult sport's league. In all 4 teams registered for play in a co-ed volleyball league- Breaker's iiluks, The Blocking Dead, Morgan's Sets & Service and Ban2, 3, 4's. The league will last for 6 weeks and wrap up with a small postseason tournament.

On a somber note, on September 16th the gymnasium hosted a Celebration of Life for Judy Martinson. A longtime resident of the community she was known for being a successful gold miner and business owner.



phone 907.443.6663 fax 907.443.5345

Nome Swimming Pool

Unlike previous years when the pool was closed in July for maintenance, cleaning and an opportunity for lifeguards to get a short break this year was different. The pool stayed open during the month for Sumercise and some additional programming.

Golden Strike Bowling Alley

For the majority of the quarter the bowling alley was shuttered. The alley's opening took place On Thursday, September 23rd. Moving forward hours of operation on Thursdays and Fridays are 6PM-9PM on Saturdays from 4PM-9PM.

Nome Parks

Even though the weather was putrid all summer our local parks saw plenty of activity. With all the activity came mountains of litter and a decent amount of vandalism as well.

To assist with managing the parks Clinton Johnson was hired as a seasonal laborer with the task of cleaning and maintaining the parks and playgrounds.



Kegoayah Kozga Library

DATE:

October 12, 2021

TO:

W. Glenn Steckman III

FROM:

Marguerite La Riviere, Library Director,

SUBJECT: FY2022 First Quarter Report

Budget Overview:

The year to date unaudited budget spent through September 30, 2021 was approximately 30.0%.

Library Grants:

Alaska State Library Public Library Assistance Grant (\$7,000):

The Library Director applied for the FY2022 Public Library Assistance grant and the Kegoayah Kozga Public Library was awarded a grant in the amount of \$7,000 to purchase library materials. The funds have been received for this grant.

IMLS Grant (The Institute of Museum and Library Services) (\$10,000):

The Kegoayah Kozga Public Library partnered with the Nome Eskimo Community to apply for the Native American Library Services Basic Grant. The grant application was approved and the library is The grant supports a partnership with Nome Eskimo waiting for the funds to be disbursed. Community and the library to support youth literacy including the summer reading program.

CARES ACT Grant offered through the Alaska State Library (\$7,509):

The Library Director applied for a technology grant under the CARES ACT grant offered through the Alaska State Library to purchase a new Public Access Printer (our old printer was 7 years old and starting to fail) and 13 public access ipads (our current wired public access computers do not allow for social distancing requirements due to Covid-19). Therefore, we have had to reduce the number of public access computers available to the public and the new ipads allow patrons to use an ipad within the library and maintain social distance requirements. The grant was awarded and all funds have been received and all items have been purchased and are available to the public.

Alaska State Library Interlibrary Cooperation Grant for Equipment for Youth Virtual

Programming (\$2,600):

The Library Director applied through the Alaska State Library for a technology grant to purchase equipment to provide virtual programming. When closed to public foot traffic, the library was using the circulation computer to offer virtual programming. Once the library opened to public foot traffic, the library needed the circulation computer to check in and out library materials. The grant was awarded in the amount of \$2,600 and all funds have been received and all equipment has been purchased for library virtual programming.

Alaska State Library OWL Internet Award (\$2,040):

The Library Director applied for a grant in the amount of \$2,040 to help offset the cost of public internet access at the library. 38 DHSS COVID-19 Community Funding (up to \$171,049.82):

During the fourth quarter of FY2021, the Library Director prepared and submitted a grant to support community COVID-19 activities and received reimbursable award of up to \$171,049.82 for the Community of Nome. The Library Director continued during the first quarter of FY2022 to support the efforts under this grant including arranging for the purchase of kid size disposable facemasks and distributing them to City of Nome departments for use by young children.

Reopening the Library to foot traffic:

The library reopened to foot traffic on July 1, 2021. The library continues to have covid-19 safety measures. We spoke with Dr. Mark Peterson and determined that with facemasks, social distancing and capacity limits, the library could reopen safely. The library staff continues to sanitize high touch areas throughout the open hours.

Library Events and Programming:

Summer Reading Program Wrap up:

A very important program provided by the Kegoayah Kozga Public Library is the summer reading program. In response to the pandemic, the Alaska State Library bought licenses for all Alaska Public Libraries to use an online program called Bean Stack to track the summer reading this year. We had 148 patrons register for the Summer Reading Program this year. The library continued "No Contact Curbside Pick-Up" of craft kits and library materials for summer reading program this year. The library prepared almost 500 craft kits for our youth patrons this summer and we have prepared over 1,600 youth craft kits since the pandemic began. The reading portion of our summer reading program ended July 31st and we continued through the end of August with distribution of craft kits and party bags and certificates for those that had met their reading goals for the summer.

Anvil City Science Academy ("ACSA") Start of the School Year Kick-off Craft:

The Anvil City Science Academy normally asks the library to help them kick-off their school year at Camp Dexter. Due to the continued high count of covid cases, the library dropped off the craft supplies with the teachers and planned a live Zoom program with the school. We were able to use the new technology under the Alaska State Grant to accomplish this important program with ACSA.

Alaska Digital Library:

Registered library patrons may receive a username and password from the library staff and have access to digital books and audiobooks through this online program for their reading and listening pleasure. Since January of 2020, there have been over 2,200 digital check outs of digital books or audiobooks by Nome patrons.

Deputy Public Information Officer:

The Library Director was tasked with Deputy Public Information Officer duties relating to the Nome Unified Command in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Library Staff:

Janet Bloodgood has completed 12 years with the library and is currently the Library Assistant. Pam Cushman has been with the library for 6 years as the Library Clerk. The library is very lucky to have these amazing staff members.

We thank all of our patrons for their patience as we continue to provide services with our commitment to the safety and health of our staff and community

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Summer Reading Program Curbside Craft Kits

"We like the summer reading program bags and the shirts. Thanks too. :) :) :) we like the fishes and those pencil bags.

Miss you at the library." -Summer Reading Program Patron Quote







Memo

To: Glenn Steckman - City Manager

Lucas Stotts – Harbormaster (25) From:

CC: Joy Baker – Port Director; Nome Port Commission

Date: October 13, 2021

1st Quarter Report F2022 Re:

Office/Accounting:

Office Manager Joelene Kacena had her last day of work for the season on 8/20/21 when she transitioned back to the school library. Susan Hite started training as a temporary in that position on 8/16/21, and will be staffing the front office to provide billing and clerical services for port customers for the remainder of the season. The port hired Morgan Davis for the position of Dock Watch on 6/23/21 who will assist with field work, tracking of billing and assisting with large vessel needs for the remainder of the season. Staff continues to work through the accounts receivable list, setting up payment plans for past due accounts. There remains an impoundment list from the fall and winter of 2020, and an additional round of impoundment notices will go out this fall with those items slated to go to public auction at a joint surplus sale with other City departments in the spring.

Operations:

The Small Boat harbor continues to see vessel traffic congestion and additional moorage space is one of the most pressing needs for vessels in the 12ft to 45ft length category, which would also allow more space for the larger users to operate safely as well. This would then open the sheet-pile walls up to all the larger mining vessels that are becoming more popular with our users. The need for additional floating docks is apparent and port staff have identified both the Snake River as well as other locations in the Small Boat Harbor as prime locations for additional docks in the future. The Nome Small Boat Harbor also continues to have many commercial cargo tug/barge combos, as well as landing crafts that request to tie up to weather through storms or wait for other commercial traffic in protected waters. This commercial traffic further compounds the crowding issues the Small Boat Harbor is currently experiencing. The need for commercial vessels to call for this use only grows greater as more vessels operate in the region and storm systems increase in intensity and duration for this region due to warming climate and waters.

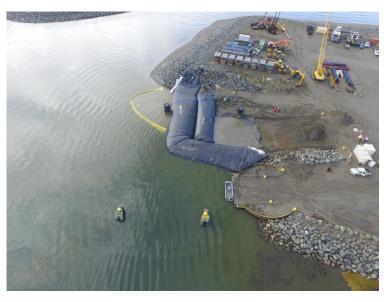
Item F.

Cargo operations throughout the 2021 summer season have been going well and port staff are kextremely busy managing operations and coordinating facility use amongst user groups. Assistant Harbormaster Chris Schuneman is immersed in commercial freight storage locations both on the Causeway and Industrial Pad and has been coordinating with local freight companies on lay down areas for their operations, and tracking use of that space. The 2021 season has been our best season on record for gravel exports to date. One carrier for one project alone moved 265,992 tons of gravel material out of the Port facility to Kotzebue for the Cape Blossom Road project. There were also several other smaller quantity gravel operations that took place at the same time throughout the summer, so close coordination was needed to ensure no delays to any operations due to lack of stockpile and laydown space on the Causeway docks.



(Right to left: SITKA/KLINKWAN, BILLIE H/DIOSQUORI, DIANE H/KUMTUX during gravel and cargo operations)

July 22nd STG started demo on the Launch Ramp Replacement Project after a slight start delay due to barge shipping schedules. The demo went smooth but the contractor STG ran into some slight issues setting grade and getting compaction underwater, so they chose to rethink their means and methods and look for an option to dewater the area. STG paused on the project through the month of August, shipping in and setting up an AquaDam to dewater the project site. STG is working overtime to get the ramp project completed and closed out this fall.



(STG AquaDam installed around the Launch Ramp Replacement Project)

Maintenance:

Port staff have been busy with facility clean up and maintenance projects, such as:

- New backflow preventer installed on potable water trailer.
- Full facility trash cleanup with special focus on the Boat Yard and vessel storage locations.
- Maintain surfacing for cargo laydown areas for village freight on Lower IP.
- Prepare an alternate haul out location on the Snake River for vessels to utilize for haul outs.
- Service and perform condition survey on Causeway High Mast Lighting poles, lowering devices and lighting units. Inspection shows the need for full replacement of lights and halo mounting brackets in the 2022 season before fall when lighting will be needed again.
- Service and launch the old Boston Whaler skiff with 9hp outboard to use for boom deployment on oil spills in the Small Boat Harbor. Install new bilge pump and float switch.
- Construct tide gauge boards to be installed in the spring to give staff and users a visual indicator to the current water levels in the facility.
- Weld and service hand rails on South Wall ladders.
- Replace ring buoy lines with line bags to provide further reach and protection room UV rays.
- -Perform annual maintenance on port vehicles and install new radios and lighting.
- -Ordered new drip pans for Causeway fuel header containment.
- GARCO cleanup after leasing to customers in preparation for PWR and Port winter storage needs.
- Surface grading and washout repair from heavy commercial equipment traffic.
- Construct new VHF radio bank at Port Office with inventory and maintenance spreadsheet to track long term issues and servicing needs.
- Set up new channel markers and river navigation aids for use to mark channel and shallow areas in the facility to avoid.

Vehicle Status:

2014 FORD F250 4X4 (Good)

2012 GMC Sierra Crew Cab 4X4 (Good, need to order new rear bumper and hitch receiver)

2002 FORD F350 Flatbed (Fair – new fuel tank installed)

2005 CHEVY Trailblazer (Fair)

2010 Guardian Trailer (Good)

2010 Guardian SAR/Workboat (Good)

2020 TuffBoat Work Skiff (Good)

2020 TuffBoat Work Skiff Trailer (Good)



NOME CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

NOME CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

cc: Paul G. Kosto, Nome Chamber of Commerce Executive Director

TO: Glenn Steckman, City Manager DATE: October, 2021

City Council Members Mayor John Handeland

FROM: Drew McCann, Director SUBJECT: 1st Quarter

Nome Convention & Visitors Bureau FY 2021/22

INTRODUCTION

The following lists the highlights of the goals and accomplishments for the Nome Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) during The City of Nome 1st Quarter FY 2021-22 July, August, September 2021. The purpose of this memo is to inform the City of Nome on the progress of the CVB operations and to provide a historical record of activities for CVB staff as reference for future planning. The COVID-19 pandemic has continued to have major impacts on CVB operations.

STAFFING

The Visitor Center (VC) did not hire seasonal staff this year due to the shortened tourist season and cancellation of all planned cruise vessels. Visitor Center staff maintained hours of operation 7 days per week until labor day weekend. Effective September 7th, the Visitor Center is operating off season hours of 9-5 weekdays only.

INQUIRIES AND TRAFFIC COUNT

Visitors in the VC: **650 (above average)**

Phone Inquiries: **160 (average)** Email Requests: **158 (average)**

Website Visitors: **39,557 (above average)**Webpage views: **70,946 (above average)**Visitor Countries: **98 (above average)**

Our webcam continues to be the focal point for information request. We have also added an Iditarod housing contact form to aid with connecting those seeking housing and those providing it during that time.

We were pleasantly surprised with the continuation of visitors throughout the end of summer and into fall. We had a shift of visitors from in the spring being mostly Alaskans, to summer and fall having a mix of Alaskans and folks from all over the lower 48. Among the mix of visitors this season, we had bicycling groups, photographers, historians, gold seekers, campers, and fall birders to name a few. The museum and cultural center at the Foster Building were key in-town attractions that many visitors bragged about. We received feedback of the difficulty of finding accommodations or that accommodations were all booked throughout the season as well.

COMPLETED VISITOR PROMOTION ACTIVITIES

Our "Visit Nome" Campaign aired on digital streaming, television, and social media networks over July and August. We had significant increases to traffic to our website, which was a main goal of the campaign. Below are a few of the increases we were able to track.

- 38% increase in users
- 33% increase in new users
- 73% increase in referrals to website
- 76% increase in our "Visit Nome" (homepage) views
- 11% increase in user engagement
- 20% increase in our "Getting to Nome" page views
- 14% increase in our "Lodging" page views
- 30% increase in webpage visits from the USA
- 42% increase in our downloads from the website

We touched base with several tourist in person and uncovered the commercials and advertising were a key driver in their decision to visit Nome this summer. All in all, we were happy with the results of the campaign and look forward to continuing this type of advertising regularly in the

future. With this opportunity there were grant funds utilized, and we are thankful for the partnership with Kawerak to have been able to secure the funding for this tourism promotion.

We have worked diligently on updating our website, most of the changes have not gone live yet. We are also adding more links to be able to provide visitors quick access to visitor resources in the region. We have also continued to post COVID-19 related PSAs for the City of Nome on our website and in the physical location.

PLANNED VISITOR PROMOTION ACTIVITIES

Our visitor guide for 2022 is nearing completion, but editorials are still being finalized. We are still on track to have distribution by January of 2022. We are working with a publishing company on developing a centerfold map that will be available for visitors as well as in the guide. We have built up our distribution network to include Visit Anchorage as well as Visit Fairbanks and look forward to partnering with these key Alaska destinations more.

We are working on advertising placement in both Travel Guide and The Alaska Map. These two advertising avenues alone provide access to hundreds of thousands of visitors geared towards what Nome has to offer. We are currently working on revamping our existing media library as well as editorials using local writers and photographers.

Our website will go through significant changes in the coming months. We will be adding a photo gallery, providing more direct transfers to tourism related businesses, and changing up the navigation. We will continue to analyze the data and trends from the website and make changes as needed.

The 50th running of the Iditarod is coming up and we have been working to establish a new Iditarod Overflow Housing List. We also have been aiding Iditarod in finding host housing for volunteers and trail support. As we near the start, we will be working with Iditarod to advertise Nome as a key destination for the race.



Memo

To: Glenn Steckman – City Manager

From: Joy L. Baker – Port Director

CC: Mayor Handeland & Common Council; Port Commission

Date: October 22, 2021

Re: Monthly PD Report/Capital Projects Update – October 2021

Administrative:

Office staff have been busy closing out invoicing for the end of season commercial activity, along with winter storage. Today, 22 Oct, was the last day for our temporary office manager, so payments will now be pushed to City Hall, while Harbormaster (HM) Stotts and his staff continue to monitor and finalize user needs in the field and close up the facility for winter. Assistant HM, Chris Schuneman, will again shift to Public Works for the snow removal season, and HM Stotts will remain on site to clean up all pending items such as; inventory, tracking, compliance, maintenance needs, planning, purchasing, training and scheduling for 2022. (He will also be assisting Public Works with snow removal when needed.)

The 2021 Alaska Association of Harbormaster's & Port Administrator's Annual Conference is being held in Anchorage from 25-29 October 2021. Nome has a primary role in the conference this year, in that we are spotlighting the Arctic Deep Draft Port Project, as well as serving as the primary sponsor to encourage membership participation in the annual conference being held in Nome in 2022. These events are well attended so I anticipate reaching a large audience to entice them to come enjoy the Nome experience.

I am happy to say that Mayor Handeland, Manager Steckman and I will be attending the conference. Also, Doug Johnson, Mark Johnson and Shane Smithhisler will be joining the opening reception or closing banquet based on their scheduled travels in Anchorage, and we have several of our consultants and project partners planning to join as well. Nome will be well represented.

Causeway:

Arctic Deep Draft Port – Nome Modifications Pre-Construction Engineering & Design (PED):

Bi-weekly meetings are occurring between the Corps and City Project Managers, with project team meetings once a month to discuss timelines, cost-share updates, and budget change. Work-in-kind efforts by the City are currently being outlined and justified for review by the Corps – which will finalize the PED budget.

Local Service Facilities (LSF) Design Integration:

Design is underway, with virtual project team meetings occurring bi-weekly to coordinate how CAD file drawing layers will mesh between design teams to minimize conflicts down the road. Some questions are still be answered, like the LSF docks in the deep-water basin standing individually or being connected, and capacity for utilities under the existing Causeway Bridge. Discussion will be held with the Port Commission during the week of 1 Nov 2021.

Anyone with questions on this project can call 907-304-1905 or email jbaker@nomealaska.org, and

further info on the project study is located on the Port of Nome page at www.nomealaska.org.

Sediment at Causeway Bridge:

The Corps is still working through the process of obtaining an official waiver from HQ to secure permission to partner with the City to use real estate owned by SNC/BSNC adjacent to the project to stockpile sediment during excavation. Once granted the waiver, the Alaska District will offer this option to the contractor that holds the annual dredging contract. If accepted, the contractor may elect to do the work or sub-out.

Anode Replacement Project:

This project is complete.

Harbor:

Inner Harbor CAP 107 Study (Deepen/Widen the Inner Basin):

District personnel have been working with their Pacific Ocean Division (POD) office to address concerns surrounding the congressional authorities that control the federal dredge footprint in the Nome Harbor. These authorities routinely cause complications when efforts are made to modify the federal footprint, which changes the local sponsor footprint - both of which are necessary here to improve navigation and maneuverability.

An additional hurdle with the South Dock is the need to increase loading capacity so the dock can be used as a commercial loading dock into the future. The costs associated with these improvements seems to coincide with the Corps' seeking to de-authorize the South (& East) Dock, making them local.

Concrete Launch Ramp Replacement Project:

The launch ramp project finally achieved a level of completion on 19 Oct that allowed vessels weighing less than 30 ton to schedule for haul out that evening and the following day. Vessels that exceed 30 tons were given the green light to schedule their haul out beginning on 21 Oct and beyond. As of this report date, there remained approximately 4 fishing vessels, 4 dredges, and 2 larger mining barges in the water, all of which will be scheduling to haul out soon. Project design engineer, Garth Howlett, and the City Engineer, John Blees, will both be in Nome on Monday 25 Oct to inspect the project and identify a punch list for tasks that remain to be completed before project closeout.

Snake River Moorage & Vessel Haulout Facility:

City personnel continue to search for applicable grant programs that will serve as a suitable funding vehicle to develop this project. This project becomes increasingly important as the growing inner harbor fleet puts more demand on the infrastructure, essentially interfering with efficient cargo/fuel shipments, as well as limiting vessel refueling opportunities which continue to drive operating costs.

Port Industrial Pad:

West Nome Tank Farm (Property Conveyance):

The City continues to have little success in working with the USAF's Real Estate unit, even with a new project coordinator being assigned to the project. NJUS and the City continue to collaborate on a development plan for the site, with CRW Engineering in an effort to be further prepared for the transfer.

Port Rd. Improvements (ADOT Project cost-shared with City/Port):

City Engineer Blees has been working with ADOT to address the remaining ROW issues required for construction. ADOT expects the project solicitation period to be during winter 2021/2022, with construction in summer 2022.

Italics reflects no change in project information from previous report.

Additional details available upon request.