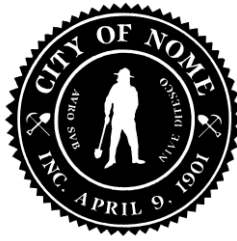


Mayor
John K. Handeland

City Clerk/Treasurer
Dan Grimmer



Nome Common Council
Scot Henderson
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**NOME COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 09, 2024 at 7:00 PM
RICHARD FOSTER ROOM**

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

ROLL CALL

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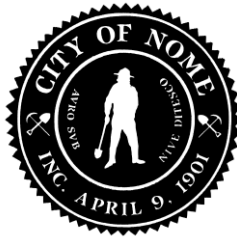
MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND REPORT

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Executive Session on Recruitment of an Interim City Manager and Transition of Old City Manager,

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor
John K. Handeland
Manager
Glenn Steckman
Clerk
Dan Grimmer



Nome Common Council Item A.
Scot Henderson
Mark Johnson
Maggie Miller
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**NOME COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
MONDAY, AUGUST 26, 2024 at 7:00 PM
RICHARD FOSTER ROOM**

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

ROLL CALL AT 07:07PM

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

Also Present: John K. Handeland, Mayor; Glenn Steckman, City Manager; Dan Grimmer, City Clerk;

In the Audience: Diana Haecker, Miranda Musich, Thomas Simonsson, Brad Soske (Zoom), Rachel Lausen (Zoom), Nickie Crowe (Zoom), Anna Lionnas, Diana Haecker, Angie Nguyen, Cheryl Thompson, Bill Culbat, Chris Coffman;

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A Motion to Approve the Agenda was made by C. Henderson and Seconded by C. Martinson.

There was a request for an amendment to the agenda by Mayor Handeland. A request was made to add an executive session for Personnel issues and also to add R-24-08-05 to the end of New Business.

A Motion to Approve the Amended Agenda was made by C. Henderson and seconded by C. Martinson.

At the roll call:

Aye: C. Johnson, C. Martinson, C. Henderson, C. Piscoya, C. Tapqaq, C. Miller

Nay:

The motion **CARRIED**.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. August 12, 2024 Nome Common Council Meeting Minutes,

A Motion to Approve the Meeting Minutes was made by C. Henderson and seconded by C. Martinson.

At the roll call:

Aye: C. Johnson, C. Martinson, C. Henderson, C. Piscoya, C. Tapqaq, C. Miller

Nay:

The motion **CARRIED**.

COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Fall Cleanup Advertisement- FALL HAUL,
- B. September 3, 2024 Ad re: Historic Preservation Workshop at Old Saint Joe's,

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

A Comment was made by the Museum Director Cheryl Thompson about the Workshop and the role of the Historic Preservation Society. She also encouraged community surveys to be filled out by those interested. A Comment was made by C.Miller about the date and time being close to hunting season and that some of the interested members of the community may be out hunting. Mrs. Thompson noted that there may be opportunities to have another workshop in the future.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS**NEW BUSINESS**

- A. A Memo to Common Council from City Clerk re: Tax Determinations on Properties included on the 2024 Foreclosure List,

A Motion to Approve the removal of all taxes, fees and Interest on Properties 190.1.066, 190.1.074 and 198.2.022 and have them removed from the tax rolls was made by C.Henderson and seconded by C. Martinson.

At the roll call:

Aye: C. Johnson, C. Martinson, C. Henderson, C.Piscoya, C.Tapqaq, C.Miller

Nay:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- B. A Memo to Common Council based upon a letter from Gladys West re: Property taxes, penalties and interest owed on parcel 001.242.10,

A Motion to Approve the removal of all taxes, fees and Interest on Property 001.242.10 was made by C.Martinson and seconded by C. Piscoya.

C.Henderson Declared a conflict of interest and it was accepted by Mayor Handeland.

At the roll call:

Aye: C. Johnson, C. Martinson, C.Piscoya, C.Tapqaq, C.Miller

Nay:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- C. R-24-08-02 A Resolution Appointing Election Judges and Clerks for the 2024 Municipal Election and Setting their Compensation,

A Motion to Approve the Resolution was made by C.Henderson and seconded by C. Martinson.

At the roll call:

Aye: C. Johnson, C. Martinson, C. Henderson, C.Piscoya, C.Tapqaq, C.Miller

Nay:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- D. R-24-08-03 A Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Surplus City Owned Equipment and Vehicles to the Public by Means of a Public Auction,

A Motion to Approve the Resolution was made by C.Martinson and seconded by C. Henderson.

At the roll call:

Aye: C. Johnson, C. Martinson, C. Henderson, C.Piscoya, C.Tapqaq, C.Miller

Nay:

The motion **CARRIED**.

- E. R-24-08-04 A Resolution of the City of Nome Authorizing an Agreement Between the City of Nome and Brooks Chandler Appointment Brooks Chandler as Interim City Manager,

A Motion to Approve the Resolution was made by C.Martinson and seconded by C. Henderson.

There was discussion by the Council that this resolution should be accompanied by a contract if we was going to enter into a contract. Mayor Handeland is going to continue negotiating on behalf of the city to secure a contract for an interim City Manager. This resolution will be postponed to a later date.

- F. O-24-08-01 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 17.20.030 Application for Exemption, FIRST READING DISCUSSION,

A Motion to pass the Ordinance on to SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING/FINAL PASSAGE was made by C.Henderson and seconded by C. Piscoya.

At the roll call:

Aye: C. Johnson, C. Martinson, C. Henderson, C.Piscoya, C.Tapqaq, C.Miller

Nay:

The motion **CARRIED**.

UTILITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Thomas Simonsson- NJUS was successful in applying for a grant from the Denali Commission for 300K for the installation of a structure that will cover the new battery system that will support the power plant. There are repairs to underground wiring at the tank farm. The battery system has arrived and there is plans to install mid September. The financial audit of NJUS is updated through July 2024.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- A. City Manager's Report,
- The City of Nome will continue to be the conservator of the artifacts from the sandspit in behalf of NEC.
 - There will be a Fee Schedule change presented next council meeting for the Rec Center fees.
 - The OSJ floor renovation is out to bid.
 - The City Manager recommends that the Common Council consider a Sales tax increase to 6%.
 - There are needs at the Rec Center to update the H/V system.

- The City Hall H/V system is currently undergoing an update along with the Fire Suppression system.
- Accomplishments during the time Glenn Steckman has been City Manager:
 - Radio system upgrade
 - Fire siren is working again
 - Visitor Center Upgrades/Updates
 - There have been updates to the Mini with the AV system and WIFI and moving the serving area. Damage was repaired after Hurricane Merbok.
 - NPD in closer to being fully accredited and has had its dispatch systems updated. There have been updates to resources used by PD.
 - The ice skating rink/area has been successfully moved with the help of the winter sports association.
 - There has been an update to the siding of the morgue.
 - The council has invested in fleet upgrades and other equipment for Public Works.
 - There was an MOA was reached with the alcohol dispensers to limit hours and share information about customers purchasing for minors.
 - There was a 4 Million dollar grant awarded for construction of Teacher/Police housing.
 - The Swimming Pool was updated after damage was done by the salt water system. The new system is commercial based mechanical system and not recreational.
 - The 3D housing project will continue next spring.
 - Funds for the first phase of the Port project was secured.
 - PW moved record amounts of snow this year.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Angie Nguyen gave comments as an employee of Glenn Steckmann. She spoke about his work, sacrifice and dedication to the City of Nome and is sad to see him go.

COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS

- C. Martinson- No comments
- C. Henderson- There was also consideration that he wanted to have given to the possibility of employing someone locally for a PR position. Wishes Sig good luck in her future endeavors. Nice to see KNOM here at the council meeting providing coverage along with the Nugget Newspaper. He gave recognition to City Manager Steckman and the time and dedication given along with his open door policy and his 5 years of service.
- C. Piscoya- Asked about having a work session about the collaboration between the council and the tribes. Mayor Handeland said that C. Piscoya could schedule it for when he would like. Mayor Handeland would continue to reach out to the tribes to get input.
- C. Tapqaq- She is not running for City Council this year. This was a valuable learning experience. She would like to see more collaboration between the tribal governments and the city government.
- C. Miller- She asked who was hosting the historic preservation workshop. This happens during hunting season and there was questions about better scheduling next time. She also asked about the hiring of a PR position for the City.
- Johnson- Noted that as a member of the Chamber of Commerce that he does not support the sales tax change. He gave history of the decision behind the sales tax change.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND REPORT

Thanks to Glenn for the time and dedication given during his tenure in office.

A motion was made to recess into executive session by C.Henderson and seconded by C. Piscoya.

At the roll call:

Aye: C. Johnson, C. Martinson, C. Henderson, C.Piscoya, C.Tapqaq, C.Miller

Nay:

The motion **CARRIED**.

EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 09:12PM**ADJOURNMENT**

The council came out of Executive Session at 10:24PM and Adjourned.

APPROVED and **SIGNED** this 9th Day of September, 2024.

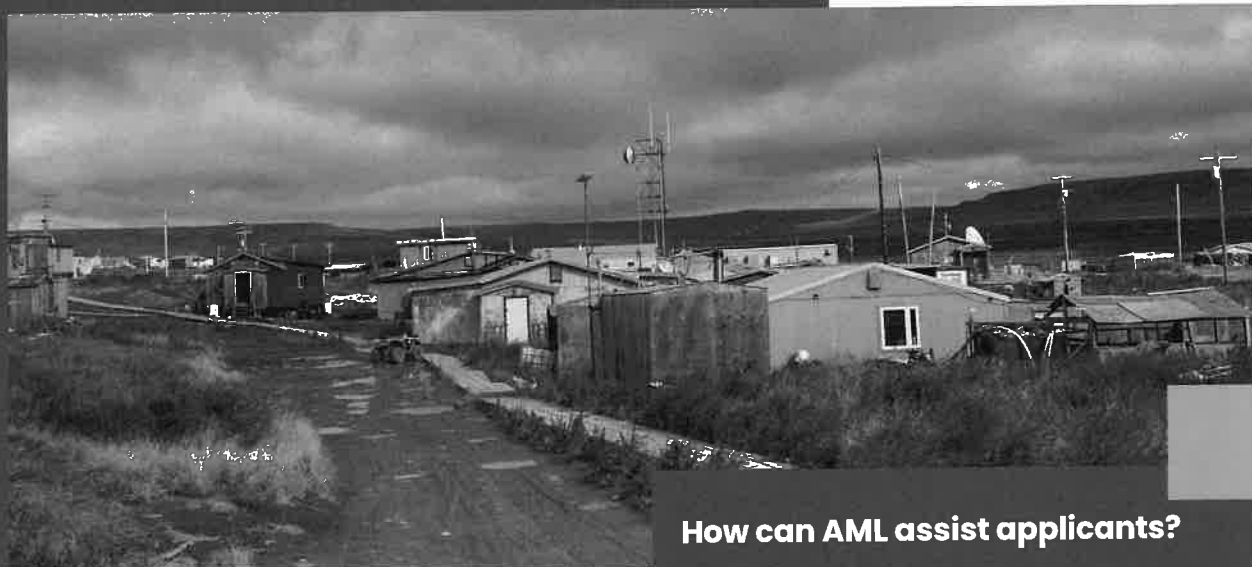
JOHN K. HANDELAND
Mayor

DAN GRIMMER
City Clerk

EPA Environmental and Climate Justice Community Change Grant



ALASKA
MUNICIPAL
LEAGUE



How can AML assist applicants?

AML has received funding from Denali Commission to assist eligible Alaska organizations with preparing and submitting applications. AML staff can provide support through grant writing assistance, reviewing and providing feedback on applications, and consulting with interested applicants to develop project ideas.

What is the Community Change Grant program?

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)'s Community Change Grants (CCG) program will award approximately \$2 billion in funding to benefit disadvantaged communities through projects that reduce pollution, increase community climate resilience, and build community capacity to address environmental and climate justice challenges. These place-based investments will be focused on community-driven initiatives.



Contact AML, learn more

akml.org/ccg



**COMMUNITY
CHANGE GRANTS**

Environmental and Climate Justice

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Project Types

Item A.

Category	Track I - Community-Driven Investments for Change	Track II - Meaningful Engagement for Equitable Governance
Funding Available	\$1.96 billion	\$40 million
# of Awards	150	20
Amount Per Award	\$10-20 million each	\$1-3 million
Description	Track I applications must include at least one project aligned with a climate action strategy and at least one project aligned with a pollution reduction strategy.	Track II applications must facilitate engagement of disadvantaged communities in State and Federal advisory groups, workshops, rulemakings, and other public processes
Example Projects	Deploying low- or zero-emission transportation solutions. Energy efficiency upgrades in commercial or residential buildings Microgrid installation Brownfield remediation	Designing and implementing a training program to help members of disadvantaged communities effectively participate in advisory boards or commissions
Set-aside for Alaska?	Yes - \$150 million for projects on Tribal lands in AK	No

Climate Action Strategies

- Green Infrastructure & Nature-Based Solutions
- Mobility & Transportation Options
- Energy-Efficient, Healthy and Resilient Housing & Buildings
- Microgrid Installation
- Community Resilience Hubs
- Brownfield Redevelopment
- Waste Reduction & Management
- Workforce Development

OR Alaska-Specific Climate Action Strategies

- Community Energy Resilience
- Improving Human Health & Climate Resilience
- Permafrost Degradation Management
- Climate Emergency Management & Response
- Nature-Based Resilience Strategies

Project Strategies

Must include 1 from each box

Pollution Reduction Strategies

- Indoor Air Quality & Community Health
- Outdoor Air Quality & Community Health
- Clean Water Infrastructure
- Hazardous Waste Management

See 'Appendix H. Alaska Tribal Lands Target Investment Area' on pages 93-96 of the NOFO for more information about Alaska-Specific Climate Action Strategies.

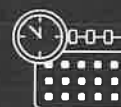
Timeline

Applications Now Open



Applications are now accepted, reviewed and awarded on a rolling basis.

Applications Close



Application packages will be accepted until November 21, 2024.



COMMUNITY CHANGE GRANTS

Environmental and Climate Justice

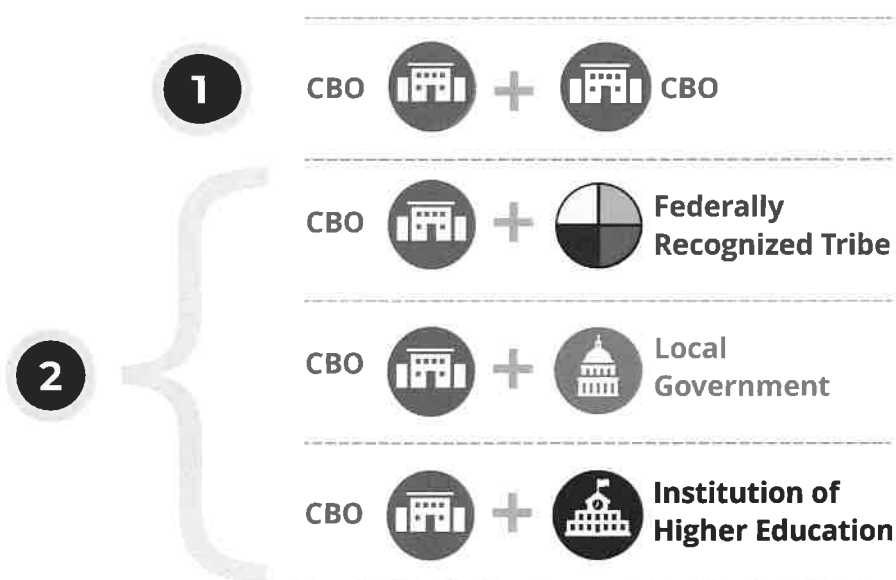
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Community Change Grant Applicant Eligibility

Applicants eligible to apply and receive grants under the Community Change Grants must enter into one of two types of Statutory Partnerships:

1. A partnership between two community-based nonprofit organizations (CBOs).
2. A partnership between a CBO and one of the following: a federally recognized Tribe, a local government, or an institution of higher education.



Community-Based Non-Profit Organization (CBO)



To qualify as a CBO, an organization must demonstrate that they are a "nonprofit organization" in one of two ways:

1. A written determination by the Internal Revenue Service that they are exempt from taxation under Section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code.
2. A written determination by the state, territory, commonwealth, Tribe, or other United States governmental entity in which the organization is located.

An organization must also demonstrate that they are a nonprofit organization that supports and/or represents a community or certain populations within a community through engagement, education, and other related services. The CBO must have a geographic presence in, or relationship with, the specified community that the project is intended to benefit.

Other Eligible Organizations

Alternatively, a CBO can partner with one of the following three organization types:



Local Government

A unit of government within a state (county, borough, municipality, city, town, school district, etc.) as defined by the regulations in 2 CFR 200.1, are eligible to enter a Statutory Partnership with a CBO. A local public authority, such as a public housing agency, is also eligible.



Federally Recognized Tribe

EPA uses the definition of "Indian Tribe" in §3021 of the Clean Air Act (CAA) which provides that the term "...means any Indian Tribe, band, nation, or other organized group or community, including any Alaska Native village, which is Federally recognized as eligible for the special programs and services provided by the United States to Indians because of their status as Indians." Note that this definition does not include Alaskan Native Corporations or State-recognized Tribes, but these groups may be able to qualify as CBOs.



Institutions of Higher Education (IHEs)

Institutes of higher learning, as defined by 2 CFR 200.1, are eligible to apply for a CCG as a statutory partner. This includes institutes of higher learning which are legally authorized by the state, accredited or pre-accredited, and award degrees. EPA encourages Minority Serving Institutions (MSIs) to participate in the grants, including by partnering with a CBO.

See Section III.A of the NOFO for more detailed information.

Statutory Partnerships

All applicants for the Community Change Grants must enter into a partnership with another organization, known as a Statutory Partnership.

- ✓ Must have 2, and only 2, members
- ✓ Both members must come from the eligible entities list
- ✓ A CBO must be one of the members in the partnership
- ✓ Either entity may be the Lead Applicant or Statutory Partner
- ✓ Must have a legally binding partnership agreement between both members (see Appendix B of the NOFO for detailed guidance)

The Lead Applicant is responsible for the overall management, performance, oversight, and reporting responsibilities under the grant, and for making subawards to Collaborating Entities. Additionally, the Lead Applicant will be responsible for the receipt of federal funds from EPA, and the proper expenditure of these funds, and will bear liability for unallowable costs.



For further questions regarding grant eligibility, please contact EJ_TechAssist@epa.gov or call 1(800) 540-8123.



For questions regarding the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), please contact CCGP@epa.gov.



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Appendix H. Alaska Tribal Lands Target Investment Area

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As noted in Section II.B, this NOFO includes a Target Investment Area for projects benefitting Alaska Tribal lands that are defined as disadvantaged communities in Appendix A. Under this Target Investment Area, EPA is accepting applications that include projects focusing on the clean-up of contaminated lands conveyed through the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA).

Applications submitted by eligible applicants including Alaska Native Villages (ANVs), Alaska Native Nonprofit Organizations, and Alaska Native Nonprofit Associations for the Alaskan Target Investment Area must include, like all other Track I applications, at least one Climate Action Strategy and at least one Pollution Reduction Strategy and meet the other Track I application requirements in Section I.G of the NOFO, to be eligible for funding. Applicants are not limited to a single project activity under a strategy and may select several project activities associated with a strategy. Note that the for-profit Alaska Native Corporations are not eligible to be Lead Applicants or Statutory Partners for this NOFO. The Climate Action and Pollution Reduction Strategies addressed in applications for the Alaskan Target Investment Area can address either the Climate Action and Pollution Reduction Strategies (and project activities referenced in Appendices C and D) in Section I.G, or any specific Alaskan ones described below under paragraphs 1 and 3. EPA strongly encourages applications that include Pollution Reduction strategy projects to clean up contaminated lands conveyed through ANCSA as addressed in Section 1 below. Consistent with this priority, EPA anticipates making a minimum of 5 awards for high-ranking applications that include projects to assess and/or clean up contaminated lands conveyed under ANCSA in furtherance of the federal government's interest in addressing this historic injustice as noted in Sections II.B and V.E.

1. ANCSA-Specific Pollution Reduction Strategy and Associated Project Activities

This section describes project activities specific to the assessment and cleanup of sites covered by the Contaminated ANCSA Lands Assistance Program. The specific requirements that apply to ANCSA cleanup projects are below.

ANCSA was enacted in 1971 to settle aboriginal claims to public lands through the conveyance of 46 million acres of land to Alaska Native regional and village corporations and the transfer of one billion dollars from the state and federal governments as compensation for lands which could not be returned to Alaska Native ownership. Many of the lands promised and conveyed to corporations pursuant to the settlement in ANCSA were contaminated. The contaminants on some of these lands—which include arsenic, asbestos, lead, mercury, pesticides, polychlorinated biphenyls, and petroleum products—pose health and other concerns to Indigenous Alaskans and communities and are present in quantities above state and federal clean-up levels, negatively impacting subsistence resources and hampering cultural, social, and economic activities.

In 2023, EPA initiated a new Contaminated ANCSA Lands Assistance Program (ANCSA Program) to assist with addressing contamination on lands conveyed pursuant to ANCSA and provide funding to (1) characterize, assess, and conduct planning and community involvement activities related to these lands and (2) to carry out cleanup activities at ANCSA sites contaminated at the time of conveyance. The statutory authority for the ANCSA Program (Public Law 117-328) states that recipients of grants awarded under the ANCSA Program may use the funding to “. . . supplement other funds provided by the Environmental Protection Agency through individual media or multi-media grants or cooperative agreements.”

Eligible ANCSA project activities:

- Conducting Planning and Developing Site Plans:
 - Planning and site plan development for individual contaminated sites.
 - Where multiple sites are connected through location, infrastructure, or economic, social, and environmental conditions, planning and site plan development can take an area-wide approach for multiple sites. Applicants must demonstrate how work conducted at several sites will benefit the primary site selected for investment. Project Area requirements are outlined in I.D of the NOFO but may be waived for purposes of coordinated cleanup.
- Conducting Site Assessments and Related Activities:
 - Conducting site assessment and sampling activities
 - Developing a Health and Safety Plan, Quality Assurance Project Plan and / or Sampling Plan prior to conducting any environmental sampling and analysis (a requirement for any projects conducting sampling).
 - Submitting samples for analysis to an EPA accredited laboratory. Analytical costs from evaluating site samples.
 - Developing a report of the sample results and conclusions based on analysis (i.e., Conceptual Site Model, Assessment report, Site Inspection or Sampling Summary Report).
 - Supporting planning for future cleanup activities such as analysis of cleanup alternatives.
- Conducting Initial Cleanup Activities:
 - Developing a site cleanup approach and documenting the approach in a Site Cleanup Plan to include agreed upon cleanup endpoints, aligned with Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) cleanup process.
 - If necessary, procuring contract services to conduct cleanup activities such as contaminated material removal, sampling, or health and safety monitoring.
 - Conducting environmental confirmation sampling post-cleanup activities to determine if further action is required. If necessary, planning for next phase of site cleanup.
 - Developing a report documenting removal and / or cleanup activities.
- Conducting Community Engagement Activities:
 - As noted in Section I of the NOFO, all applicants are required to develop a Community Engagement Plan. Effective community engagement is vital to working effectively with Alaska Native communities. Therefore, for ANCSA-related cleanup projects, Community Engagement Plans should include community engagement activities and / or development of culturally sensitive protocols for project implementation of cleanup activities.
 - Costs of conducting community engagement activities, including training for workforce development, youth engagement, elder engagement in documentation of Traditional Knowledge, and other costs associated with meaningfully engaging the community in the project can be included in the proposal budget.
- Compiling Information to Use to Comply with NEPA
 - The projects funded under this NOFO do not require Environmental Information Documents (EID) because EPA awards under this NOFO are not subject to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), under Section 7(c) of the Energy Supply and Environmental Coordination Act of 1974 (15 U.S.C. 793(c)(1)). However, applicants may seek funding to prepare EIDs as needed to comply with NEPA in connection with other federal grant-funded projects in Alaska. EPA awards under the ANCSA program, for example, are subject to NEPA, as are programs funded by other federal agencies.

Additional Eligibility Requirements for ANCSA-related projects and activities:

Applicants proposing ANCSA-related cleanup projects must provide the following documentation of eligibility in their application. Failure to do so may render the application ineligible for funding. Specifically, applicants must provide the following site-specific information for where the cleanup activities will be performed, demonstrating that the site:

- was conveyed pursuant to ANCSA;
- was contaminated by hazardous substances, pollutants, contaminants, or petroleum at the time of conveyance; and
- is listed on the interim EPA inventory of Contaminated ANCSA Lands (for more information on EPA's interim inventory and program related to cleaning up contaminated lands conveyed pursuant to ANCSA, visit EPA Region 10's [website](#)).
- If the applicant is not the owner of the contaminated site(s) to be addressed, EPA will require proof that the landowner will provide access to the site and supports taking action to address contamination.

2. General Alaskan Pollution Reduction Strategies

In addition to the ANCSA land contamination projects identified above, applicants for the Alaskan Tribal Lands Target Investment Area may include Pollution Reduction Strategies as identified in Section I.G of the NOFO.

3. Alaska-Specific Climate Action Strategies

Below are examples of additional Alaska-specific Climate Action Strategies and project activities that may be included in applications for the Alaskan Tribal Lands Target Investment Area, which are in addition to the Climate Action Strategies described in Section I.G of the NOFO.

- Community energy resilience, which may include activities such as:
 - Multi-energy systems including renewable (solar, wind, etc.) and traditional (bulk fuel) sources to increase resilience during extreme events and support a clean energy transition.
 - Power system projects, including renewable energy projects, and the construction, repair, and maintenance of fuel storage facilities in rural areas.
- Improving human health and climate resilience, which may include activities such as:
 - Construction of greenhouses that enable sustainable food growth that can promote healthy foods, food accessibility, and food availability.
 - Food storage facilities to enable sustainable access to traditional foods to support places where permafrost degradation is destroying traditional ice cellars. New food storage facilities may be constructed to support the access and availability of traditional foods. Selection of this project component must include a permafrost mitigation strategy.
 - Projects to support new and improved access points to traditional food resources, such as construction of new fishing docks or river / lake boat ramps to allow for improved fishing opportunities in places that have a high reliance on traditional foods, where climate change has degraded access and availability of food sources.
- Permafrost degradation management strategies that may include strategies such as:
 - Source water protection (impacts from landfills, thawing of permafrost, and potential impacts to traditional drinking water sources as well as established drinking water systems).

- Portable micro-water treatment systems applicable to those impacted by emergencies which impact drinking water systems, with the ability to treat water until system repairs are complete or new systems built.
 - Manage and monitor contamination impacting land, food, and water backhaul / removal of waste materials not suitable for disposition in permitted landfills in Alaska.
- Climate emergency management and response strategies that may include activities such as:
 - Purchase of emergency response cargo containers with materials ready to deploy, including four-wheeler, snowmachine, communications, temporary office location, boat, oil spill response materials, smoke management equipment, etc.
 - Development of emergency alert and warning systems for wildfires, flooding and other emergencies stemming from climate change.
- Nature-based resilience strategies that may include activities such as:
 - Restoration of natural systems to help protect coastal communities from the impacts of storms, floods, and other natural hazards.
 - Storm damage prevention and reduction, coastal erosion, and ice and glacial damage stemming from climate change.

FALL HAUL

SEPTEMBER 16 - 20

U-CALL, WE-HAUL

- Call 443-6663 from Wednesday September 11 to Friday, September 20 to schedule a pickup.

YOU NO CALL, WE NO HAUL

- All items must be brought to the curb of the road and away from structures.
- NO: Drums of unknown chemical, flammable products, wet paint, or batteries.
- Refrigerators/Freezers: Each refrigerator/freezer must be empty & the door(s) removed.
- Vehicle pick up available for both Residential and Commercial (with signed release form).
- **The City stops taking requests for U-Call, We-Haul at 12:00pm on Friday, September 20.**

MONOFILL open for **FREE DUMPING**

- Monday September 16 - Friday September 20 from 11am - 7pm

LANDFILL open for **FREE DUMPING**

- Monday, September 16; Wednesday, September 18; Saturday, September 21
- 9am - 3pm

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Workshop

Thank you to community leader's and residents who participated in the historic preservation workshop at Old Saint Joe's on Monday, September 2, 2024.

Thank you for your interest in preserving Nome's rich history and culture.



1st Reading: 08/26/2024
 2nd Reading: 09/09/2024

Presented By:
 City Manager

Action Taken:
 Yes____
 No____
 Abstain____

**CITY OF NOME
 ORDINANCE NO. O-24-08-01**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 17.20.030 APPLICATION FOR
 EXEMPTION**

WHEREAS, there has been interest by the public to no be required to fill out an application for exemption on an annual basis; and

WHEREAS, the exemptions are designed to be of assistance to the citizens that qualify for them; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to eliminate any barriers to helping these citizens;

IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NOME:

Section 1. Classification. This is a Code ordinance.

Section 2. Amendment of Section 17.20.030. Section 17.20.030 of the Code of Ordinances of Nome, Alaska is hereby amended to read as follows [deletions are ~~overstruck~~ and new language is underlined]:

(a) No exemption may be granted except upon written application for the exemption on a form supplied by the assessor. The claimant must file the application no later than February 1st of the assessment year for which the exemption is sought. The city council for good cause shown and as demonstrated in a sworn statement of the claimant may waive the claimant's failure to make timely application for the exemption and authorize the assessor to accept the application as if timely filed. The claimant must file a separate application for each assessment year in which the exemption is sought. If an application is filed within the required time and is approved by the assessor, the assessor shall allow an exemption in accordance with the provisions of Section 17.20.020 of this chapter. If a claimant whose failure to timely file for exemption has been waived by the city council as provided in this subsection, and the application for exemption is approved, the amount of tax which the claimant may have already paid for the assessment year with respect to the property exempt shall be refunded to the claimant.

(b) The assessor may at any time require proof, in the form he or she considers necessary, of the grounds for the claimed exemption and the amount of the exemption claimed. The claimant has the burden of establishing their qualifications and/or entitlement for an exemption. The exemption ordinance and statutes shall be strictly construed in favor of taxation. (Ord. O-06-10-03 § 3, 2006; Ord. O-93-6-6 § 1 (part), 1994

(c) Applications for Senior and Disabled Veteran Exemption are only required to be submitted for the first year in which the exemption is sought. All other exemptions will be applied for on a yearly basis. The claimant for Senior and Disabled Veteran Exemptions must file the application no later than February 1st of the assessment year for which the exemption is sought. The city council for good cause shown and as demonstrated in a sworn statement of the claimant may waive the claimant's failure to make timely application for the exemption and authorize the assessor to accept the application as if timely filed. If an application is filed within the required time and is approved by the assessor, the assessor shall allow an exemption in accordance with the provisions of Section 17.20.020 of this chapter. If a claimant whose failure to timely file for exemption has been waived by the city council as provided in this subsection, and the application for exemption is approved, the amount of tax which the claimant may have already paid for the assessment year with respect to the property exempt shall be refunded to the claimant. For ever subsequent year after the initial year for which these exemptions are approved; the assessor will review qualifications of all previous years exemptions previously submitted along with any new applications for exemption.

Section 3. Effective Date. This ordinance is effective upon passage.

APPROVED and **SIGNED** the 9th day of September, 2024

JOHN K. HANDELAND
Mayor

ATTEST:

DAN GRIMMER
City Clerk



Memo

Date: September 9, 2024

From: Dan Grimmer, City Clerk

To: Nome Common Council

Subject: Determination of City Council re: Real Property Taxes, Penalties and Interest

On August 5th, 2024 Donald Olson came into the City Clerks office in response to his property being listed on the Foreclosure list (AIRPORT.04).

On August 30th, 2024 Mr. Olson brought in a check for the Principal Tax amounts owed against his account. He wrote a letter to the Common Council giving an explanation as to why he didn't pay taxes on his account for the last six years.

Please see attached Letter by Donald Olson (Olson Ventures LLC) regarding his explanation of why he feels the remaining balance of his account should be written off/forgiven.

We ask the Common Council to make a determination per Mr. Olson's request to waive the remaining balance of \$10,344.96 which represents the delinquent penalties and interest from the previous unpaid taxes from 2018-2024.

Dan Grimmer
City Clerk

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Nome city council members;

On a recent trip to Nome I was made aware (via a phone call from a friend and not by the city of Nome) of a Foreclosure Notice to one of my corporations, Olson Ventures, for delinquent property taxes that date back to 2018. This revelation was quite alarming since I pride myself in paying my bills promptly, on time.

We immediately called the City of Nome office and set up a meeting for an explanation and drove to the temporary offices in the Public Safety building. Indeed, there was a sizable property tax bill of about \$43,000, roughly \$33,000 in property taxes and \$10,000 in penalties and interest.

When we got there it was explained to us that the property taxes on the lease lot at the airport had not been paid since 2018. We had given our new corporate address of Golovin to the City of Nome and have been getting other correspondence from the City of Nome related to other matters as is evidenced by the latest Official 2024 Tax Bill (copy provided) that we received in June 2024. No apparent effort was made by the City of Nome to correct this wrongful address situation, since we had gotten other postings by mail at the current Golovin address.

As the state senator from the region almost everyone knows how to get in contact with me, if something is not right or out of character. In fact I have been quite visible having attended several city council meetings related to the proposed aircraft on the ground tax, that would hit the most air taxis operating out of Nome and the issues related to the Nome Port project and the infrastructure needed to facilitate the expansion, such as Housing.

The question I have is why I was not personally contacted earlier to make me aware of the delinquent property tax bill? My personal cell and office phone are public information. I even have an office in Nome at the LIO, and the phone has an answering device and the LIO has staff that keeps it open during business hours of the day.

As a businessman, if someone does not pay their bill I go to whatever effort it takes to make them aware of the issue.

I am now very aware that I owe the \$33,000 in taxes and have paid (see copy of check) that is not the issue. But the penalties and interest of \$10,000 is uncalled for since -due to no fault of my own- that I was not made aware of the past due nature of the tax bill despite the City of Nome having my correct address and despite being present at various Nome City functions in the last 6 years.

In conclusion, I am asking that the penalties and interest portion of the bill be reversed due to this error on the City of Nome's part.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Donald Olson
Olson Ventures LLC
907-240-3795



CITY OF NOME
 102 Division Street / PO Box 281
 Nome, Alaska 99762
 Phone: 907-443-6663
 Fax: 907-443-5345

Official 2024 Tax Bill

OLSON VENTURES LLC
 P.O. BOX 241248
 ANCHORAGE AK 99524-1248

*wrong
address*

Payment may be made online at: www.nomealaska.org.
 Follow the link "Online Payments" from the homepage.

If you pay a monthly mortgage, CHECK WITH YOUR LENDER to ensure correct payment is made on your behalf.

The City of Nome makes every reasonable attempt to assure that property owners receive their assessment notices and tax bills timely. It is however, the responsibility of the property owner to make sure the City has the most current information available.

FAILURE TO RECEIVE A TAX NOTICE DOES NOT RELIEVE THE TAXPAYER FROM PAYING THEIR TAXES ON TIME.

The first half payment is due at City Hall by 7/31/24 and the second half payment is due at City Hall by 10/31/24. Attached below are "COUPONS" for your use.

NO FURTHER BILLS WILL BE SENT UNLESS YOUR TAX ACCOUNT BECOMES DELINQUENT.

If an installment is not paid in full by the due date, the unpaid balance of that installment becomes delinquent. Penalty of 8% and interest of 8% per annum shall accrue on the unpaid balance of the delinquent taxes from the due date until paid in full.

Property Information		Property Value Assessments	
Tax Lot#:	AIRPORT.04	Land Value:	\$ 155,000.00
Location:	221 AIRPORT DR.	Improvements:	\$ 360,700.00
Legal Description	LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENT &	Assessed Value:	\$ 515,700.00
Block:	30	Exemption:	\$ 116,500.00
Lot:	5 & 6	Taxable Value:	\$ 399,200.00
NOME TOWNSITE			
Description	Mill Rate	Amount Due	
Previous Tax Balance		\$ 38,143.07	
12/31/2024 Real Property Taxes	7/31/2024 11.5	\$ 2,295.40	
12/31/2024 Real Property Taxes	10/31/2024 11.5	\$ 2,295.40	
2024 Tax Amount Due:		\$ 4,590.80	
Total Amount Due:		\$ 42,945.95	

Please detach coupon and return this portion with your payment

Make Checks Payable to: **CITY OF NOME**

1st HALF OLSON VENTURES LLC
 COUPON P.O. BOX 241248
 ANCHORAGE AK 99524-1248

TAX ID #: AIRPORT.04

Please check for address corrections and indicate change(s) above.

1st Half Tax Due 7/31/2024
 \$ 2,295.40

Payment must be received by 5:00 p.m. at city hall to avoid penalty and interest.

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Make Checks Payable to: **CITY OF NOME**

2nd HALF OLSON VENTURES LLC
 COUPON P.O. BOX 241248
 ANCHORAGE AK 99524-1248

TAX ID #: AIRPORT.04

Please check for address corrections and indicate change(s) above.

2nd Half Tax Due 10/31/2024
 \$ 2,295.40

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CITY OF NOME

102 Division Street
Nome, Alaska 99762
Phone: 907-443-6663
Fax: 907-443-5345

OLSON VENTURES LLC
P.O. BOX 62119
GOLOVIN AK 99762

*Correct
address*

Payment may be made online at: www.nomealaska.org.
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Official 2024 Tax Bill

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Property Information		Property Value Assessments	
FURNITURE/FIXTURES		100.00	
INVENTORY		500.00	
Grand Total		\$ 600.00	
Description	Mill Rate	Amount Due	
12/31/2024 Personal Property Taxes	7/31/2024	11.5	\$ 3.45
12/31/2024 Personal Property Taxes	10/31/2024	11.5	\$ 3.45
Total Amount Due		\$ 6.90	

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Make Checks Payable to: **CITY OF NOME**

1st HALF COUPON OLSON VENTURES LLC
P.O. BOX 62119
GOLOVIN AK 99762

ACCOUNT # 50212
Please check for address corrections and indicate change(s) above.

1st Half Tax Due 7/31/2024
\$ 3.45

Payment must be received by 5:00 p.m. at city hall to avoid penalty and interest.

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Make Checks Payable to: **CITY OF NOME**

2nd HALF COUPON OLSON VENTURES LLC
P.O. BOX 62119
GOLOVIN AK 99762

ACCOUNT # 50212
Please check for address corrections and indicate change(s) above.

2nd Half Tax Due 10/31/2024
\$ 3.45

Payment must be received by 5:00 p.m. at city hall to avoid penalty and interest.

WELLS FARGO BANK

1128

109 FRONT ST NOME, AK 99762

89-5/1252

DATE August 20, 2024

PAY TO THE ORDER OF

City of Nome\$ 32,648.60Thirty Two Thousand Six Hundred Forty Eight and 60/100 DOLLARSOLSON VENTURES LLC
PO BOX 62119
GOLOVIN AK 99762-6119

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Memo

Date: September 9, 2024

From: Dan Grimmer, City Clerk

To: Nome Common Council

Subject: Determination of City Council re: Real Property Tax Penalties and Interest

Please see the attached letter from The Northwest Company which represents the Alaska Commercial Company. Although NWCO claims to have made the payment before the due date. In actuality they only dated the check before the due date and before mailing the payment to the City. All payments have to be received before July 31st at 5:00PM for the 1st half of property taxes due; in order to prevent penalties and interest. This payment was not received until August 12, 2024 as they also stated in their letter.

The payment that NWCO made was for the full year. The AC Store manager came in on Sept 4, 2024 to pay all penalties and interest to prevent further accrual of penalties and interest going forward.

The Northwest Company asks to waive the penalties and interest that accrued due to their late payment and to apply the credit to next years taxes.

Therefore, the Office of the City Clerk asks the Common Council to make a determination per the request of NWCO on whether or not to waive the penalties and interest on the accounts indicated in NWCO's letter and to apply any balances to next years taxes.

Dan Grimmer
City Clerk



Gibraltar House
77 Main Street
Winnipeg, Manitoba
R3C 1A3
Phone: (204) 943-0881
www.northwest.ca

September 5, 2024

City of Nome
PO Box 281
Nome, AK 99762

Attention: Common Council

Re: Request waiver fees, The North West Company International

We are writing to respectfully request the penalty and interest charges on the 1st installment payment due July 31st for The North West Company International to be waived. The payment was made July 23rd when we received the invoice however the payment wasn't received until August 12th 2024. The North West Company International also paid the 2nd half of the installment due October 31, 2024 therefore City of Nome received our full payments on August 12, 2024. We are requesting the penalty charges of \$2,094.22 to be waived and apply the credit towards our 2025 tax bills as we made the payments on September 4th to avoid the additional 8% extra charges on top of the current amount.

TOWN	TAX ID	1st Installment due July 31, 2024	2ND Installment due October 31, 2024	PAYMENT	Penalty (8%) as of Sept 03/24 Total Amount Due
Nome	02-086-525 Tax Lot #190.1.061	18737.53	18737.53	37475.05	\$1,718.19
Nome	001.152.03B	776.83	776.83	1553.65	\$71.24
Nome	001.152.03A	36.8	36.8	73.6	\$3.38
Nome	001.251.21	2124.63	2124.63	4249.25	\$194.82
Nome	001-281.70	1156.33	1156.33	2312.65	\$106.57
				TOTAL	\$2,094.20

Respectfully,

Cherrelyn Papineau
Manager Real Estate
204-934-1561
cpapineau@northwest.ca

TOWN	LEGAL DESCRIPTION/ADDR ESS	TAX ID	1st Installment due July 31, 2024
Nome	L1 Chicken Hill Subdivision (Sect. 25) 908 Nome Teller Hwy	02-086-525 Tax Lot #190.1.061	18737.53
Nome	(13.95feet only)Lot 40, All Lot 41, (11.90feet only)Lot 42, Block 6 - 205 Front Street	001.152.03B	776.83
Nome	Lot 42B, Block 6 - 207 Front Street	001.152.03A	36.8
Nome	Lot 1, Block G - 303A & B Front Street	001.251.21	2124.63
Nome	Lot 20A Blk A - 202 Bering St	001-281.70	1156.33

2ND Installment due October 31, 2024	PAYMENT	Penalty (8%) as of Sept 03/24 To
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776.83	1553.65	\$71.24
36.8	73.6	\$3.38
2124.63	4249.25	\$194.82
1156.33	2312.65	\$106.57

otal Amount Due

TO: Mayor and Common Council

From: Glenn Steckman

RE: Final Manager's Report

9/1/2024

Historic Preservation Plan:

After an update by Bryant Hammond and myself, I requested a review by Council member Sig Tapqaq of the plan. I recognize this plan has become controversial, but the plan is only about preservation of buildings and historic sites. This plan is not about the proper historical role of indigenous peoples of the Sitnausuk region. I am not sure at this point how to address the perspectives. Sig has requested help from UAF graduate students.

Emergency Operation Plan:

After not being satisfied that the EOP did not address issues that I thought were important for Nome, I reached out to Katmai Solutions for a review of the updated plan done for free by Tom Vaden. I requested that Chief West, FF Hunter Bellamy, Kevin Knowlton, Paul Kosto and LEPC Chair Tom Vaden meet with me and representatives from Katmai. After further discussion by the group outside of the meeting, they have recommended hiring Katmai to update the plan and include cyber-security and pandemic protocols. The cost to update the is \$19,295.00. If grant funding is sought, it could increase the costs because the new vendor would want to go through the original review which cost around \$3,500.00.

Hazard Mitigation Plan:

This update has been the most frustrating with mixed signals from the State of Alaska Homeland Security. AHS has said that they will find a vendor to update the plan. Then it became AHS will provide the grant funding for Nome to hire a vendor. Then it became AHS will find the vendor. I will try to find where the State of Alaska is on this issue.

Ambulances:

NSHC, under the terms of the MOA, was to return Medic One by July 1 and Medic Two by the summer 2025. As of 9/1/24, Medic One has not been returned and NSHC wants to give back Medic Two. While this is not a big issue, I wanted to keep you informed.

Dates to remember:

Fall Clean-Up: September 16-20

Christmas Extravaganza Thursday, December 5th

AML Conference December 8-12th.

Vehicles:

The Rec Center vehicle (vintage 2001) caught fire and has been replaced by a late model former police truck. Two new vehicles arrived, a NPD Expedition and an Admin Expedition budgeted in the 2023/2024 year. The new Explorer for the port, budgeted for 2024/2025, may arrive on the last barge of the season. Next spring a new NPD Expedition and Public Works Ranger are due.

Grader:

Nickie was working very hard to get last minute paperwork done for the new grader to be shipped to Nome.