



## CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, January 12, 2023 at 7:00 PM

### MINUTES

#### CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Dillingham City Council was held on Thursday, January 12, 2023, at the Dillingham City Council Chambers and via video conferencing, in Dillingham, Alaska. Mayor Ruby called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m.

#### ROLL CALL

Mayor Ruby was present.

Council members present and establishing a quorum (a quorum being four):

Michael Bennett	Kim Johnson	Curt Armstrong
Perry Abrams	Kaleb Westfall	Aksel Buholm

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of December 8, 2022; Regular Council Meeting

Several amendments to the minutes were requested. Approval of minutes will be on the next regular council meeting agenda.

#### APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

There was no consent agenda.

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MOTION to approve the agenda, made by Kaleb Westfall, seconded by Perry Abrams.

VOTING Yea: Council Member Johnson, Council Member Abrams, Council Member Westfall, Council Member Bennett, Council Member Armstrong, Council Member Buholm

#### STAFF REPORTS

2. City Manager and Staff Reports

- Currently working from home, estimated return to the office in the next couple of weeks.
- Squaw Creek Road is a private road. Easements have been acquired over time to allow for maintenance purposes. The road remains a private drive currently.
- The top handler purchase is part of an insurance claim from damage experienced last season. The top handler was damaged beyond repair. Other repairs were made to the forklift, and containers that were damaged in the incident.

#### PUBLIC HEARINGS

There was no public hearing.

**CITIZEN'S COMMENTS** (Prior Notice or Agenda Items)

## 3. Ronald &amp; Elizabeth Johnson, Animal Control Issue - Written Comment

- Clarified the incident in the written comment was one year ago, not a couple months ago.
- Noted incidents with dogs have been an ongoing issue for over four years.
- Request a plan of action to address loose dogs.

Council Member Johnson informed the Council she is Ronald Johnson's sister.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**4. Adopt **Resolution 2023-01**; A Resolution of the Dillingham City Council Adopting an Alternative Allocation Method for the FY23 Shared Fisheries Business Tax Program and Certifying that this Allocation Method Fairly Represents the Distribution of Significant Effects of Fisheries Business Activity in FMA 5 Bristol Bay Area

MOTION: to adopt Resolution 2023-01 made by Kaleb Westfall, seconded by Perry Abrams.

- Noted this is a state program with negotiated levels, the city has participated in the program for many years.

VOTING Yea: Council Member Johnson, Council Member Abrams, Council Member Westfall, Council Member Bennett, Council Member Armstrong, Council Member Buholm

5. Adopt **Resolution 2023-02**; A Resolution of the Dillingham City Council Adopting the 2022 Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (MJHMP)

MOTION: to adopt Resolution 2023-02 made by Kaleb Westfall, seconded by Kim Johnson.

- Previously the City and Tribe had independent plans.
- Joint MJHMP opens additional funding opportunities.
- Council Member Johnson disclosed she serves on the Curyung Tribal Council.

MOTION: to amend, insert after develop and add Memorandum of Agreement made by Kim Johnson, seconded by Kaleb Westfall.

VOTING amendment: Yea: Council Member Johnson, Council Member Abrams, Council Member Westfall, Council Member Bennett, Council Member Armstrong, Council Member Buholm

VOTING main motion: Yea: Council Member Johnson, Council Member Abrams, Council Member Westfall, Council Member Bennett, Council Member Armstrong, Council Member Buholm

6. Adopt **Resolution 2023-03**; A Resolution Of The Dillingham City Council Waiving Section 3.95 Of The City's Personnel Regulations To Authorize Hiring Jacy Olsen As A Corrections Officer While His Sister-In-Law Is The Corrections Sergeant

MOTION: to adopt Resolution 2023-03 made by Kaleb Westfall, seconded by Perry Abrams.

- Noted the jail is open with three full time Corrections Officers.

VOTING Yea: Council Member Johnson, Council Member Abrams, Council Member Westfall, Council Member Bennett, Council Member Armstrong, Council Member Buholm

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

## Citizen Committee Appointments

Library Advisory Board, 1 seat open

Planning Commission, 2 seats open

Senior Advisory Commission, 5 seats open  
Port Advisory Committee, 3 seats open  
Friends of the Landfill, 2 seats open

7. Letter of Interest:

Friends of the Landfill (2)  
Port Advisory Committee (1)  
Planning Commission (2)

Mayor Ruby made the following committee recommendations:

- Tav Ammu to the Port Advisory Committee
- Jared Miller and Tav Ammu to the Friends of the Landfill
- Michael Bennett and Gregg Marxmiller to the Planning Commission

MOTION: Aksel Buholm moved, and Kaleb Westfall seconded the motion to concur with the Mayor's recommendations.

VOTING Yea: Council Member Johnson, Council Member Abrams, Council Member Westfall, Council Member Bennett, Council Member Armstrong, Council Member Buholm

## NEW BUSINESS

8. Adopt **Action Memorandum 2023-01**; Authorize the City Manager to Purchase a Top Handler

MOTION: to adopt Action Memorandum 2023-01 made by Kaleb Westfall, seconded by Perry Abrams.

- Top handler is necessary for next barge season.
- FOB is to Seattle. Shipping to Dillingham still needs to be arranged. Council will be notified of additional shipping charges at that time.

VOTING Yea: Council Member Johnson, Council Member Abrams, Council Member Westfall, Council Member Bennett, Council Member Buholm, Council Member Armstrong

9. Adopt **Action Memorandum 2023-02**; Set Effective Date for Personnel Changes Adopted in Resolution 2022-25

MOTION: to adopt Action Memorandum 2023-02 made by Kaleb Westfall, seconded by Kim Johnson.

VOTING Yea: Council Member Johnson, Council Member Abrams, Council Member Westfall, Council Member Bennett, Council Member Buholm, Council Member Armstrong

10. Adopt **Action Memorandum 2023-03**, Approve Contract Extension with Chris Hladick Consulting LLC for Lobbying Services

MOTION: to adopt Action Memorandum 2023-03 made by Kaleb Westfall, seconded by Perry Abrams.

- Extends services to June 30, 2023.
- Changes to contract going forward may consider going to hourly rate, and changes to federal and state percentages.

VOTING Yea: Council Member Johnson, Council Member Abrams, Council Member Westfall, Council Member Bennett, Council Member Buholm, Council Member Armstrong

**CITIZEN'S DISCUSSION** (Open to the Public)

There were no comments.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**Michael Bennett:

- requested update on status of fish tax. (it was noted this is being addressed in the Finance & Budget Committee)

Aksel Buholm:

- Thanked staff and Robert noting appreciation for all work they do.
- Commented he hopes Robert gets well.

Perry Abrams:

MOTION to direct the City Manager to look into the Ronnie and Liz Johnson dog issue as well as the city-wide dog issue to uphold code, made by Perry Abrams, seconded by Aksel Buholm.

- Council Member Johnson disclosed she is related to Ronnie and Liz Johnson. There is no direct financial interest regarding this issue.
- Noted appreciation for citizens comments.
- Stated an education campaign to emphasize leash laws might be in order.
- Commented the ACO has been observed approaching citizens regarding dog control.

VOTING Yea: Council Member Johnson, Council Member Abrams, Council Member Westfall, Council Member Bennett, Council Member Armstrong, Council Member Buholm

Kaleb Westfall:

- Thanked staff for all the work they do.

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

- Noted it is time for the City Managers evaluation. The form will be sent to council members.
- A Moment of silence was observed for those lost since the last meeting.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

## 11. Acquisition of Real Property

MOTION: Kaleb Westfall moved, and Michael Bennett seconded the motion to move into executive session regarding acquisition of real property. *Matters the immediate knowledge of which could have an adverse effect upon the finances of the City* [8:09 p.m.]

VOTING Yea: Council Member Johnson, Council Member Abrams, Council Member Westfall, Council Member Bennett, Council Member Buholm, Council Member Armstrong

Council Member Johnson requested to be excused for a family matter.

MOTION: Kaleb Westfall moved, and Perry Abrams seconded the motion to exit executive session. [9:08 p.m.]

VOTING Yea: Council Member Abrams, Council Member Westfall, Council Member Bennett, Council Member Buholm, Council Member Armstrong

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Ruby adjourned the meeting at 9:09 p.m.



Mayor Alice Ruby

[SEAL]

ATTEST:



Lori Goodell, City Clerk

Approval Date: Feb. 9, 2023