



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, June 15, 2023 at 7:00 PM

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Dillingham City Council was held on Thursday, June 15, 2023, at the Dillingham City Council Chambers and via video conferencing, in Dillingham, Alaska. Mayor Ruby called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was preceded by a council workshop on the FY2024 Budget.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE The Mayor, Council, staff and public cited the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There were no minutes.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

There was no consent agenda.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: To approve the agenda made by Council Member Kim Johnson, seconded by Council Member Michael Bennett.

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

STAFF REPORTS

PUBLIC HEARINGS The Mayor opened the public hearing at 7:03 p.m. and with no questions, she closed the public hearing on:

1. Ordinance 2023-03(A); An Ordinance of The Dillingham City Council Amending the Budget by Adopting Budget Amendment No. 1 and Appropriating Funds for the FY2023 City of Dillingham Budget
2. Ordinance 2023-04; An Ordinance of The Dillingham City Council Adopting the Budget and Appropriating Funds for the FY2024 City of Dillingham Budget.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS (Prior Notice or Agenda Items)

3. Representative Bryce Edgmon. Mayor Ruby recognized and thanked Bryce for his efforts to assist the community with funding. Representative Edgmon gave a legislative overview of the past legislative and Special sessions. The Base Student Allocation was not increased but the one time funding will assist school districts with their budgets. The Capital Budget included 5

million for the Board Harbor and he mentioned the 5 million in federal funding for Snag Point erosion.

4. DCSD Budget

The Mayor recognized Dillingham School District Business Manager, Phil Hulett, who stated that the Legislator gave one time funding and there was no movement to increase the Base Student Allocation. While the District will see an increase based on the one time funding, the district will not see the funds until the October student count is submitted and all districts are waiting to see if the funds will be vetoed by the Governor.

The Mayor recognized Jackir Wilson who stated she lives on Squaw Creek Road and is attending the meeting to hear the report on the agenda.

The Mayor recognized Dillon Braund who stated that he thanks the Public Works Department for grading Squaw Creek road and thanks Patty Buholm, City Planner, for talking to the residents who reside on Squaw Creek Road and making efforts to work with the residents to remove trees last fall. There still is a need for a chipper to because of the downed trees and the road still needs drainage and more frequent grading.

The Mayor recognized Frank Woods who stated that in the past he worked for Jakes and he is very concerned with the recent fentanyl drug overdoses in our community. The community lost venues for the youth and we need prevention programs for our kids. We need to be proactive to address the issue.

The Mayor recognized Amy Brower, DCSD Superintendent who was online and happy to answer any questions from the Council regarding the District budget.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

5. Adopt **Ordinance 2023-03(A)**; An Ordinance of The Dillingham City Council Amending the Budget by Adopting Budget Amendment No. 1 and Appropriating Funds for the FY2023 City of Dillingham Budget

MOTION: to adopt Ordinance 2023-03(A) made by Kim Johnson, seconded by Kaleb Westfall.

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

6. Adopt **Ordinance 2023-04**; An Ordinance of The Dillingham City Council Adopting the Budget and Appropriating Funds for the FY2024 City of Dillingham Budget

MOTION: to adopt Ordinance 2023-04 made by Kim Johnson, seconded by Perry Abrams.

AMENDMENT, Aksel Buholm moved to amend Ordinance 2023-04 to include the City of Dillingham contribution is 1.7 million and to amend the resolution to appropriate from 1.4 million to 1.7 million, seconded by Michael Bennett.

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

VOTING No: Council Member Abrams.

AMENDMENT, Kim Johnson moves to amend salaries and COLA on the salary schedule to 8.27%, seconded by Kaleb Westfall.

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

VOTING No: Council Member Abrams.

MOTION: Michael Bennett moved to adopt Ordinance 2023-04 as amended, seconded by Aksel Buholm.

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

7. Adopt **Resolution 2023-21**; A Resolution of the Dillingham City Council Establishing the Rate of Levy of Tax, The Date Taxes Are Due, and The Delinquent Dates For Calendar Year 2023, and Accepting the Certification of the Tax Roll

MOTION: to adopt Resolution 2023-21 made by Kim Johnson, seconded by Michael Bennett.

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

8. Adopt **Resolution 2023-22**; A Resolution of the Dillingham City Council Commending Ida Noonkesser for Her Years of Service to the City of Dillingham

MOTION: to adopt Resolution 2023-22 made by Kim Johnson, seconded by Kaleb Westfall.

VOTING Yea: Council Member Johnson, Council Member Abrams, Council Member Westfall, Council Member Bennett, Council Member Buholm, Council Member Armstrong and Council Member asked that the motion reflect unanimous consent.

The Council took a short break at 7:53 p.m. and reconvened at 7:59 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS none.

NEW BUSINESS

9. Report on Squaw Creek Road and Yako Road, Planner Patty Buholm presented the report on both Squaw Creek Road, Yako Road and Dagnet Road. The issue highlighted by the planner is the lack of an easement on the entire Squaw Creek road. Additionally, the high snow fall this past winter and the poor drainage caused the deterioration of the all of these roads in the spring.
10. Compactor Status, Acting City Manager Lori Goodell reported to the Council that the City lacks a mechanic on staff. The compactor roller was last used 2 years ago and the Hyster forklift had to be used to compact the yard. The roller has multiple hydraulic leaks. The City needs to put together an RFP for the city's vehicle fleet and heavy equipment. The Landfill Compactor has been assessed for repair and we do have the parts in stock. The City is waiting for the local vendor to schedule time for this project.
11. ADEC Update on Landfill Status, Acting City Manager Lori Goodell reported that work continues to address the violation letter received November 14, 2022. Progress is affected by staffing, equipment and funding.

Currently the water monitoring is in compliance at the landfill. The gas monitoring requirement, we have reached out to the State of Alaska for assistance and guidance. The

required daily over of 6 inches of soil has been slowed by the lack of equipment and reduced access to fill has had an impact on this item. Currently the dozer is leaking oil and at the Public Works shop for assessment. The wood burning pile area has been cleaned and controlled burning has resumed. The monthly visual monitoring and record, form has been digitized, and with Starlink installed at the landfill will make this task much easier. The Council's adoption to participate in the Green Star Community Program will provide the City with technical assistance and the development of environmental goals.

12. Partners Committee and/or Working Group, Acting City Manager Lori Goodell reported that the City continues to seek partners and working with community groups on behalf of the City. She highlighted the proactive efforts with Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation, the tribe, Bristol Bay Native Association, and SAFE.

CITIZEN'S DISCUSSION (Open to the Public)

Mayor Ruby recognized Danny Miller who thanked Lori Goodell for everything she has done for the City. She didn't need to step up to the place but she did and she did so he recognized her efforts.

Mayor Ruby recognized Amy Brower who thanked the Council for amending the contribution to the School District to 1.7 million to the school.

Mayor Ruby recognized Gordon Issacs, who thanked Kaleb for raising the concerns regarding improvements to infrastructure. He mentioned the hockey rink as an example of the members of the community to get the rink usable. The new roofs on the buildings by the hockey rink, both him and his wife donated materials and time to fix the roofs. The buildings have all of the equipment for a public hockey team, its ready to go, but it does need someone to organize.

Mayor Ruby recognized Marilyn Rosene who attended the townhall meeting at the school after the recent drug overdose death in the community. Over 100 people attended the townhall meeting and what we need are smaller conversations within the community to keep moving forward to address the drug problems. Our community has a nice ball field and we have a wonderful community but we do need people to step up to the plate.

Mayor Ruby recognized Phil Hulett who thanked the Council for changing the contribution to the School District to 1.7 million.

Mayor Ruby recognized Bryce Edgmon who attended the townhall meeting and there is a working group and the City should tap into this group. He mentioned the need to invite the DOT Commissioner out to Dillingham and that the City should send a letter of invite. He will make efforts to push for a more defined funding next year that addresses the Base Student Allocation.

Mayor Ruby recognized Lindsey Henry who is the Human Resources staff for the School District and she wanted to thank the Council for the 1.7 million. She mentioned that Megan McCambly organized the forum and wanted to let the Council know what Stephanie Holton oversees the School Community Grant and that there are funds to address these issues as it affects our community.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Ruby recognized Council Member Kaleb Westfall who thanked the School District for its efforts in planning and drug prevention.

Mayor Ruby recognized Council Member Michael Bennett who thanked all those who came to the meeting; he thanked Bryce for funding the Harbor improvements and efforts to support the Bank stabilization. He thanked Perry for his time dedicated to the Council.

Mayor Ruby recognized Council Member Aksel Buholm. Council Member Buholm moved to appoint Kim Johnson to Acting City Manager, and under Dillingham Municipal Code 2.21.080 last sentence that she must first resign from the Council and give her resignation by noon, Friday and that Lori Goodell goes back to the City Clerk position, seconded by Michael Bennett. In discussion the Council discussed that we have an existing City Manager on FMLA leave until July and the Council has on the agenda a status report. The Mayor cautioned the Council that she has heard from members of the public that the Council is making motions during Council comments that are not on the agenda. Council Member Aksel Buholm withdraws the motion and second, Michael Bennett concurred. Motion withdrawn.

Mayor Ruby recognized Council Member Curt Armstrong who thanked the Finance Department for the work on the getting the budget through and thanked the Council for support of the budget. He thanked Kaleb and Michael for attending the Budget and Finance Committee meetings. He thanked Lori for her work.

Mayor Ruby recognized Council Member Kim Johnson who thanked the public for coming out to the Council meetings and raising issues. It helps the Council understand where the public concerns are. She thanked Lori for stepping in and taking the time to visit with the Departments. She didn't just stay in the office and lots have been done under her leadership.

Mayor Ruby recognized Council Member Kaleb Westfall, who thanked the public for coming and it helps us get a better vision for our community. He thanked the Finance Department for their work, it was a lot of work. He thanked Lori for her time and appreciate all that she has done for the City.

Mayor Ruby recognized Council Member Perry Abrams who thanked the Council, he appreciates the learning the experience being on the Council. He thanked the public for speaking speaking face to face. He thanked Lori for her role to take on Acting City Manager and thanked the Finance for getting everything ready.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

The Mayor thanked Lori and appreciates her stepping up the Acting City Manager role. She thanked Anita and all of our staff who continue to work at the City. The Mayor looks forward to staff and stability. She thanked Representative Edgmon for his efforts on the Capital Improvement project, Boat Harbor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

13. Personnel Matter - City Manager

Matters which by law are required to be confidential

Kim Johnson moves to go into Executive Session at 9:25 p.m. for matters which by law are required to be confidential, seconded by Perry Abrams.

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

Kaleb Westfall moves to come out of Executive Session at 10:06 p.m., seconded by Perry Abrams.

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

The Mayor mentioned for the record that the City Attorneys will work with Lori Goodell on a transition beginning on her departure.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Ruby adjourned the meeting at 10:06 p.m.


Mayor Alice Ruby [SEAL]

ATTEST.

City Clerk

Approval Date: 8/10/23