



CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

Thursday, June 29, 2023 at 5:30 PM

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

A special meeting of the Dillingham City Council was held on Thursday, June 29, 2023, at the Dillingham City Council Chambers and via video conferencing, in Dillingham, Alaska. Mayor Ruby called the meeting to order at 5:38 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Ruby was present.

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

Michael Bennett Kim Johnson Curt Armstrong
Aksel Buholm

Council members excused:

Perry Abrams Kaleb Westfall

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

CITIZEN'S DISCUSSION (Prior Notice or Agenda Items) None.

SPECIAL BUSINESS

1. Adopt **Action Memorandum 2023-15**; Authorize an Increase to the FY2024 Dillingham City School District Appropriation

MOTION: to adopt Action Memorandum 2023-15 made by Michael Bennett, seconded by Kim Johnson.

VOTING Yea: Council Member Johnson, Council Member Bennett, Council Member Armstrong, Council Member Buholm motion carried.

2. Adopt **Action Memorandum 2023-16**; Authorize the City Manager to enter into a renewal contract with APEI for 2024 Liability Insurance Coverage for the City of Dillingham

MOTION: to adopt Action Memorandum 2023-16 made by Kim Johnson, seconded by Curt Armstrong. Discussion by the Council was to clarify that this resolution complies with Dillingham Municipal Code 4.06.010 to 020. The staff reported that we will get back to the Council and that this insurance coverage is what the City has renewed every year

VOTING Yea: Council Member Johnson, Council Member Bennett, Council Member Armstrong, Council Member Buholm.

3. Adopt **Action Memorandum 2023-17**; Approve Contract for Hyster Forklifts Maintenance and Repair

MOTION: to adopt Action Memorandum 2023-17 made by Curt Armstrong, seconded by Kim Johnson. Under Council discussion was about the public bid opening and the evaluation of points awarded on experience and how did the staff evaluate the experience. A question was raised about the reference to Lobbying and what did that mean in the RFP? Additional concerns was raised about the experience and who is the qualified city employee to do safety checks, to verify that the contractor completes the safety check work, when the maintenance is completed. Since the City Attorney was online, he needed to some time to research and address the concerns raised by the Council.

MOTION by Kim Johnson to table to the end of the meeting, after item 7, seconded by Michael Bennet.

VOTING Yea: Council Member Johnson, Council Member Bennett, Council Member Armstrong, Council Member Buholm.

4. Adopt **Action Memorandum 2023-18**; Authorize the purchase of a pickup truck for use by the landfill staff

MOTION: to adopt Action Memorandum 2023-18 made by Kim Johnson, seconded by Michael Bennett. Discussion by the Council included the need to add funds to purchase a plow for this vehicle and to add an existing 2 yard sander to back of the truck. Both the first, Kim Johnson considered a friendly amendment to add to the purchase price an additional \$25,000 for the purchase of the plow with the second, Michael Bennett, concurrence.

VOTING Yea: Council Member Johnson, Council Member Bennett, Council Member Armstrong, Council Member Buholm motion carried.

5. Adopt **Action Memorandum 2023-19**; Approve the City Manager's appointment of Tracy O'Malley to the position of Interim Chief of Police

MOTION: to adopt Action Memorandum 2023-19 made by Curt Armstrong, seconded by Kim Johnson. Concern by council members is that the appointment is a rotational officer and will this appointment to Acting be rotational? Acting City Manager Goodell confirmed to the Council that the move into the Acting Police Chief would be rotational. Council members expressed the need to have the position in town full time. Council member Bennett stated that in his conversations with the current Acting Chief that who is willing to continue with the position of Acting Chief.

VOTING Yea: Council Member Armstrong, Nae: Council Member Johnson, Council Member Bennett, Council Member Buholm, motion fails.

6. Adopt **Action Memorandum 2023-20**; Approve FY2024 Contract for Lobbying Services with Chris Hladick Consulting LLC

MOTION: to adopt Action Memorandum 2023-20 made by Kim Johnson, seconded by Aksel Buholm.

VOTING Yea: Council Member Johnson, Council Member Bennett, Council Member Buholm, Council Member Armstrong motion carried.

7. Adopt **Action Memorandum 2023-21**; Approve Contract with Pearson Consulting to Assist with City Manager Search

MOTION: to adopt Action Memorandum 2023-21 made by Kim Johnson, seconded by Aksel Buholm.

The Council requested a copy of the completed contract be placed in the next meeting packet.

VOTING Yea: Council Member Johnson, Council Member Bennett, Council Member Buholm, Council Member Armstrong, motion carried.

3. MOTION by Kim Johnson to bring back to the table, **Action Memorandum 2023-17**; Approve Contract for Hyster Forklifts Maintenance and Repair, seconded by Michael Bennett.

The attorney provided clarification that to council concerns regarding who on the staff is responsible to ensure that the safety measures are complete and that it was ultimately the City Manager and in the contract itself that it was the responsibility of the contractor who is hired to complete these items.

VOTING to bring back to the table Yea: Council Member Johnson, Council Member Bennett, Council Member Buholm, Council Member Armstrong

VOTING on **Action Memorandum 2023-17**, Yea: Council Member Johnson, Council Member Armstrong, Nae: Council Member Buholm and Council Member Bennett, motion fails.

8. Adopt **Resolution 2023-23**; A Resolution of the Dillingham City Council Accepting the Resignation of City Clerk and Acting City Manager Lori Goodell and Accepting Kim Johnson's Resignation from City Council and Appointing Kim Johnson as Acting City Manager

MOTION: to adopt Resolution 2023-23 made by Aksel Buholm, seconded by Michael Bennett. Under Dillingham Municipal Code requires four votes for a resolution.

The Mayor called for a 15 minute recess at 6:31 p.m. The Mayor called the Council back to order at 6:46 p.m. and roll called was established with the following members:

Michael Bennett	Kim Johnson	Curt Armstrong
Aksel Buholm	Perry Abrams	

Council member noted the her conflict with Resolution 2023-23.

MOTION: Aksel Buholm moves to appoint effective June 30, 2023 Kim Johnson to Acting City Manager and Lori Goodell back to the City Clerk, Michael Bennett seconds. Under discussion the Council requested that there needs to be time for transition and the contract presented shows are start date of July 5th with Kim Johnson title of Acting City Manager on July 10th. Council raised concern was this enough time and after discussion with the current Acting City Manager who believed this was adequate, the motion was withdrawn.

VOTING Council Member Johnson (abstained), Yea: Council Member Abrams, Council Member Bennett, Council Member Armstrong; Council Member Buholm, motion carried.

9. Adopt **Resolution 2023-16**; A Resolution of the Dillingham City Council Accepting the Resignation of Perry Abrams and Offer Thanks and Commendation for His Service on the Dillingham City Council

MOTION: to adopt Resolution 2023-16 made by Aksel Buholm, seconded by Michael Bennett.

The attorney's clarified to the Council that Council Member Perry Abrams does not have a financial interest and can vote on the resolution. The Council members thanked Perry for running for the Council, taking the time to volunteer, and it was a pleasure to serve with him,

he was thoughtful in raising issues and appreciated his time on the Finance and Budget committee.

VOTING Yea: Council Member Bennett, Council Member Armstrong, Council Member Buholm; Council Member Abrams, motions carried.

COUNCIL COMMENTS none.


MAYOR'S COMMENTS The Mayor thanked Lori and thanked Perry. She asked the Clerk to begin the process to announce that the City is seeking letters of interest for the 2 vacant council seats. She was approached by a citizen with interest in the City's seat on the Wood-Tikchik State Park Board and asked that we announce letters of interest to be nominated to the Governor for the City's appointed seat. The last 2 letters of interest received by Mark Lisac and Mark Schwantes the Governor declined to make that appointment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION Due to a lack of a quorum to hear this matter, the item was removed from the agenda and will be taken up in August.

10. Personnel Matter - Ethics Complaint

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Ruby adjourned the meeting at 7:01 p.m.


Mayor Alice Ruby
[SEAL]

ATTEST: 

City Clerk

Approval Date: 8/10/23