

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

A special meeting of the Dillingham City Council was held on Friday, August 3, 2020, via conference call, in Dillingham, Alaska. Mayor Ruby called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Mayor Ruby was present.

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

Andy Anderson	Gregg Marxmiller	Kaleb Westfall
Chris Napoli	Bill Rodawalt	Curt Armstrong

Staff in attendance:

Tod Larson	Lori Goodell
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**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Kaleb Westfall moved and Gregg Marxmiller seconded the motion to approve the agenda.

**VOTE:** The motion to approve the agenda passed unanimously by roll call vote.

**4. CITIZEN’S DISCUSSION (Prior Notice or Agenda Items)**

Gorden Isaacs: Spoke regarding disappointment in the July 31<sup>st</sup> meeting, and urged that discussion be encouraged and decisions not be rushed.

Shireen Glosser: Thanked councilmember for taking the necessary time to fully explore the issues around the proposed ordinance on the agenda. Spoke regarding the letter she sent to council for consideration. Noted negative consequences of requirements imposed on citizens by the emergency ordinances.

Perry Abrams: Expressed public safety concerns surrounding travel restrictions with the travel permit system.

Robin Samuelson: Relayed a historical perspective regarding the region and pandemic situations. Commended the City and expressed the critical need for protection to be in place.

Dan Dunaway: Commented regarding an email he sent to council with ideas that may be useful. Noted the need to incorporate recent data, to renew emergency ordinances with fresh justification.

Dr. Bendixon: Spoke regarding medical recommendation for hygiene and the effectiveness of quarantine. Noted testing and the travel permit were helpful in stopping spread of the virus. Encouraged continued vigilance, the need for maintaining CDC recommendations, and partnering with regional counterparts.

Diane Folsom: Voiced the need to stay vigilant, citing the effectiveness of the protective measures ordinance.

Robert Heyano: Extended support for keeping protective measures in place. Noted communities that have relaxed measures are experiencing an increase in positive cases.

Jack Savo Jr.: Stated the need for all to quarantine, stating an essential worker is just as likely to be exposed to the virus. Noted the need to address the upcoming hunting season.

Dan Boyd: Spoke to the science of protective measures and the need to not let our guard down. Commented the testing operations is in need of a facility at the airport.

Amy Ruby: Recognized the strong local leadership. Noted allowing individual choice is not working, as proven by the increased positive cases nationwide. Commented the start of school will have big congregations and the need for leaders to consider that what happens in the community will have consequences to school children so making safety decisions is essential.

Josh Bulloch: Noted the need to adjust the testing requirement if rapid testing is no longer available. Stated the 14 day quarantine might suffice if rapid testing is not readily available.

Norm Van Vector: Stated the need to continue the policies in place. Noted the rising numbers of positive cases in the country. Stated the worst could still be in front of us.

Rachel Muir: Spoke in support of the protective measures in place. Noting she recently traveled to Dillingham and the process was easy to follow, and important for protection of public health.

Theodore Olson: Noted the importance of protecting the community, citing the 1918 pandemic. Stated we need to be cautious not paranoid.

Gayla Hoseth: Spoke regarding the need to expand the area defined in the requirements from the Dillingham Census Area to the Bristol Bay Region, allows Elders better access to medical care. Also requested subsistence activities and car rides be allowed while in quarantine. Spoke regarding the CDC no fly list and requested efforts be made to add COVID-19 to that list.

Theresa Capo: Noted the need for increased access to travel from the villages. Stated there has been an increase in abusive behavior because of the effects of safety measures including travel restrictions. Commented not everyone has internet and other means of entertainment while in quarantine which creates tension.

Dagen Nelson: Indicated Dillingham is a good, clean, safe place to live. Asserted the need for continued vigilance as the virus continues to spread nationwide.

Alannah Hurley: Noted the importance of not letting this ordinance lapse. Reiterated the quarantine and testing work to curb the virus spread. Commented on the need to strengthen testing requirements. Questioned the essential worker being able to work while on quarantine and the potential negative impact that could have.

Tom Tilden: Commented emergency ordinances help keep us safe. Noted the need to keep protection in place.

Mike LaRussa: Appreciates all that has been done to keep Dillingham safe. Commented communities that have relaxed safeguards are experiencing increased positive COVID cases.

## 5. SPECIAL BUSINESS

- a. Adopt **Ordinance No. 2020-20**; An Emergency Ordinance of the Dillingham City Council Mandating Quarantine, Protective Measures, Testing, Insolation, and Restricting the Use of City Facilities and Property for Health and Safety of all Users and To Facilitate Opening Up of the Local Economy

MOTION: Kaleb Westfall moved and Bill Rodawalt seconded the motion to adopt Emergency Ordinance 2020-20.

- Protective measures work. Increased cases show what results from relaxation of measures.
- Sec. 5 Mandatory Quarantine could use some updating.
- There is a need to keep measures in place, and then work on a more comprehensive plan going forward.
- Prefer to discuss the ordinance in a workshop setting. A workshop will allow citizen and council comments to be considered to refine the sections that need to be updated.  
City Attorney to participate and verify that all language is legal.
- Council can revisit / revise the emergency ordinance at any time.

MOTION: Bill Rodawalt moved to call the question Chris Napoli seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion to call the question carries: 5 in favor, 1 opposed:

Andy – Y      Chris – Y      Bill – Y      Gregg – Y      Kaleb – N      Curt – Y

Clerk Note: The motion call the question is not debatable and requires a 2/3 vote.

VOTE: The motion to adopt Emergency Ordinance 2020-20 passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Clerk Note: DMC 2.15.020 Emergency ordinances. The affirmative vote of all members present, or the affirmative vote of three-fourths of the total membership, whichever is less, is required for adoption.

Council Member Armstrong was excused from the remainder of the meeting.

b. City Manager COVID-19 Update

- Mr. Larson reviewed the submitted report.
- Alternate testing sites, and rapid test information were discussed.

## 6. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Bill Rodawalt:

- Thanked staff for incredible job they are doing, and all who spoke to council.
- Noted citizen and council comments are taken into consideration.
- Commented the need to be unified until a vaccine is available.

Gregg Marxmiller:

- Stated the economy is an important factor but the primary focus is the safety of people.
- Thanked staff, and all those that made comments.
- Expressed appreciation for those who adhere to the emergency ordinances.

Kaleb Westfall:

- Noted the importance of doing the work of the people.
- Spoke regarding the miscommunication experienced during the July 31<sup>st</sup> meeting and misunderstanding that led to his vote.
- Stated he is not opposed to the emergency ordinance.
- Commented the need to move forward with purpose, in a clear manner, and with a straight forward plan.
- Expressed concern for the impact on the schools, and business affected by the pandemic.

## 7. MAYOR'S COMMENTS


Alice Ruby:

- Noted the diligence and commitment of the council.
- Spoke regarding preparing a COVID plan to assess risk and associated mitigation for differing levels of threat.

- Stated appreciation for public participation and the willingness of council to listen and consider comments.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Ruby adjourned the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

  
Mayor Alice Ruby [SEAL]

ATTEST:   
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Lori Goodell, City Clerk

Approval Date: Sept 3, 2020