

City Council Minutes
Regular Meeting
October 1, 2019 ~ 5:00PM
City Hall, Delta Junction, Alaska



The regular meeting of the Delta Junction City Council was held on Tuesday, October 1, 2019 at City Hall. Mayor JW Musgrove called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

City Council members present: Mayor JW Musgrove, Lou Heinbockel, Alan Levinson
Audrey Brown, Pete Hallgren (telephonically)

City Council members excused: Charles Lester, Deputy Mayor Freda Degnan

City staff present: Library Director Tiki Levinson, Finance Officer Stephanie Erickson, City Clerk Pat White

Three community members were present and Michael Prestegard monitored equipment while the meeting was broadcast over KDHS 95.5 radio.

AMENDMENTS ~ APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Musgrove reported checks #2200318 and 2200319 were added to *City Purchases over \$1,000*.

Brown moved to approve the October 1, 2019 agenda as amended; Hallgren seconded.

Heinbockel questioned whether the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) payment was time sensitive. He would not support paying it because it was not budgeted.

Motion passed on a roll call vote with four in favor (Brown, Hallgren, Levinson, Musgrove) and one opposed (Heinbockel).

AMENDMENTS ~ APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Heinbockel moved to approve the September 17, 2019 minutes as presented; Brown seconded.

Brown asked to give credit to Stephanie Erickson and Pat White for providing information about the House Identification Project under her *LEPC Report* (pages 3/4 of the September 17 draft minutes).

Motion passed on a roll call vote (to approve the amended minutes) with five in attendance.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE – none

REQUEST TO SPEAK - none

CORRESPONDENCE - none

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS

City Purchases over \$1,000

CK# 220311 to Construction Machinery - \$1,982.52 for landfill Volvo parts

CK# 220312 to Delta Medical Transport - \$12,500.00 for ambulance contract, FY20 payment 2 of 4

CK# 220313 to Charles Lester - \$1,273.96 for landfill tools

CK# 220314 to Buffalo Center Service - \$1,019.24 for vehicle and equipment fuel

CK# 220315 to Delta Transport Services - \$3,975.68 for heating and equipment fuel

CK# 220316 to Airport Equipment Rentals - \$3,365.00 to rent roller for roads and backhoe to dig cemetery grave

CK# 220317 to Alaska Farmer Co-op - \$4,372.00 for grass seed at Airport II Subdivision and fertilizer at park and cemetery

CK# 220318 to Interior Hardware - \$5,049.55 for Public Works lift station shelter

CK# 220319 to EPA - \$22,000.00 for Safe Water Drinking Act violation

Brown moved to approve checks #220311 through 220319; Hallgren seconded.

Discussion followed regarding using unexpected PILT to pay the EPA fine and sending the check by certified mail, locating the lift station shelter between the Public Works building and the fire station to alleviate freezing problems with the Public Works septic system, heating it with electric heat or connecting it to the Public Works boiler, and constructing it in-house with remaining grant funds for the Public Works building.

Motion passed on a roll call vote with four in favor (Levinson, Brown, Hallgren, Musgrove) and one opposed (Heinbockel).

Status of Visitor Center / Chamber of Commerce

Musgrove referenced City Administrator Mary Leith's memo, dated September 26, and said the Chamber will pay electricity at the Visitor Center through the end of the year as well as top off the fuel tank. The Visitor Center is being added to the City's insurance policy (Chamber policy ended September 30).

Brown stated non-profits must file dissolution paperwork with the State of Alaska; a non-profit cannot disband.

Discussion followed regarding the State of Alaska leasing the Sullivan Roadhouse to the Chamber, researching who

actually owns the building, history of the Sullivan and how it came to be located near the Visitor Center, regulations pertaining to the swans on display, and the State of Alaska wanting to raise the annual lease of the Sullivan property from \$50 to \$1,000 (2011).

Brown said volunteers maintain the gardens and flowerbeds, greet visitors, and organize events at the Sullivan, not the Chamber. She suggested someone forming a non-profit, i.e. Friends for Preservation of the Sullivan Roadhouse.

Resolution 2020-02, A Resolution Amending Resolution 2020-01

Musgrove reported Resolution 2020-02 replaces Resolution 2020-01 that was adopted September 17, 2019. The resolution process will be redone annually.

Hallgren said, "The expected sustainable annual distribution rate based upon this allocation is 2.7%" impressed him the most, along with the equity (47%) and fixed income (45%).

Heinbockel moved to adopt Resolution 2020-02, replacing Resolution 2020-01; Hallgren seconded.

Motion passed on a roll call vote with five in attendance (Hallgren, Heinbockel, Levinson, Brown, Musgrove).

REPORTS

Mayor – JW Musgrove reported he is researching the City's obligation to provide work for people who are court-ordered to perform community service.

City Administrator – no report

City Clerk – no report

Finance – Stephanie Erickson reported she is setting up an appointment with the auditors.

LEPC – Audrey Brown reported:

- The next LEPC meeting will be in November.
- House Identification Project signs are being posted until the ground freezes.

Emergency Preparedness – no report

Public Health – Audrey Brown reported the Community Health Fair will be held at the elementary school on October 5. Screenings are free. Lab tests are offered at reduced rates and sent directly to the client's mailing address. People will be advised to seek care from a medical provider should lab results indicate abnormalities. Drinking plenty of water is recommended and fasting 8-12 hours is required for some tests.

Library – Tiki Levinson reported:

- Her transition as the new library director has gone well.
- 125 to 150 people attended Joyce McCombs' retirement party on September 27, which was a testament to how much the community values the library and Joyce building a library that has served multiple generations.
- Two sessions of reading programs for older children are at full capacity. There is room in Baby Laptime.

Schools – no report

Airport – Mike Prestegard reported electric poles and wires have been installed at the airport subdivision.

Heinbockel reported the Army expanded electricity past the landfill on Windy Ridge Road.

Public Works – JW Musgrove reported Construction Machinery did some repairs to the landfill loader.

Discussion followed regarding periodically accommodating commercial haulers on days when the landfill is not open to the public, the poorly designed landfill scales, and commercial trucks typically weighing only on their way in.

Park / Recreation – Lou Heinbockel reported the Memorandum of Agreement was signed between the City, school district, and the Delta Skating Association for the 2019-2021 seasons. Volunteers put in a lot of effort to clean up and repair the Liewer-Olmstead Ice Arena (as discussed during the June 10, 2019 budget work session).

Cemetery – no report

At Large – no report

Additional Reports – Pete Hallgren urged everyone to vote early and often.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Musgrove called for additional public and Council comments with none being offered.

ADJOURNMENT

Brown and Musgrove move to adjourn at 6:09pm.