

City Council Minutes
Regular Meeting
February 15, 2022 ~ 5:00PM
City Hall, Delta Junction, Alaska



CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / PRAYER

Mayor JW Musgrove called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

Council members present: Mayor JW MUSGROVE, Deputy Mayor Mike PRESTEGARD,
Lou HEINBOCKEL, Alan LEVINSON

Council member present via phone: Emily DOVE

Council members excused: Erin CATTERSON, Pete HALLGREN (attended the Kinross Manh Choh public meeting at the Community Center via zoom as requested by Mayor Musgrove)

Staff present: City Clerk Pat White

Staff present via phone: Administrative Assistant Flower Cole, Library Director Tiki Levinson

One community member was in the audience, one attended by phone, and the meeting was broadcast over KDHS 95.5 FM radio.

AMENDMENTS ~ APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Levinson moved to approve the February 15, 2022 agenda; Heinbockel seconded.

Motion passed on a roll call with five in attendance.

AMENDMENTS ~ APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Motion: Levinson moved to approve the February 1, 2022 minutes; Heinbockel seconded.

White explained minor edits (should instead of would, declined instead of disregarded, etc.).

Motion passed on a roll call with five in attendance.

COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS – none

REQUEST TO SPEAK - none

CORRESPONDENCE

Resignation from City Administrator Mary Leith (Effective April 29, 2022)

Motion: Heinbockel moved to accept City Administrator Mary Leith's resignation with regret; Prestegard and Musgrove seconded.

Heinbockel said Leith was a student in his history class. As a conservative, he thought he could influence his students, but he was "a failure with Mary." He referenced a photo on the wall, dated 1982-1983, and said Leith was on the City Council and expecting her first child when he was Mayor. Leith holds the record for the longest tenure on the Council. [Leith served 10 years as Mayor and 11 as Mayor Pro tem during 27 years on the Council. She has been the City Administrator since her hire date, September 8, 2015.]

Musgrove said he appreciated Leith's historic knowledge.

Motion passed on a roll call with five in attendance (Dove, Prestegard, Heinbockel, Levinson, Musgrove).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – none

NEW BUSINESS

City Purchases over \$1,000

CK# 221737 to Aetna - \$7,875.84 for February group health insurance

CK# 221738 to Stephanie Erickson - \$2,100.00 for finance services

CK# 221739 to Wells Fargo - \$5,877.45 for credit card charges

CK# 221740 to Alliance CPAs LLC - \$3,660.00 for FY21 audit, payment #2 (\$4,876.47 to date)

CK# 221741 to GVEA - \$5,597.53 for electricity

Motion: Levinson moved to approve checks #221737 through 221741; Heinbockel seconded.

Discussion followed regarding not including the first \$25,000 payment to Delta Medical Transport (approved on February 1, 2022 and paid February 2, 2022).

Motion passed on a roll call with five in attendance (Levinson, Heinbockel, Dove, Prestegard, Musgrove).

REPORTS**Mayor/Personnel** – JW Musgrove reported:

- He and Prestegard met with Kinross Manh Choh staff before their public meeting tonight and discussed concerns about shutting down the Richardson Highway, i.e. school bus schedules, freezing rain, other road conditions, or the annual Deltana Fair parade.
- Some applications were received for the secondary landfill position, finance duties are being transitioned to AML Shared Services, and Krista Meeks was hired as a subcontractor to manage other finance responsibilities.

Airport – JW Musgrove reported a dozer may be rented to push snow into ditch lines at the airport subdivision.

Library – Emily Dove reported:

- Library staff are assisting patrons with 2021 federal tax forms.
- The newest program, Library Lions, courtesy of a state library grant, is up and running. Twenty-four students, ages 8-10, are dropped off by their parents on Thursdays or they ride the bus from the elementary school.
- Problems that have been dogging the Wi-Fi signal for months were finally sorted out with ACS. The culprit was a defective switch that is part of the library network. The Wi-Fi speed has since doubled.
- Tiki Levinson has been moderating the annual State Battle of the Books in which kids from all over the state compete in memory meltdown. Levinson has been a part of this unique Alaskan program since 1988.

Health & Safety – Emily Dove reported:

- COVID-19 is still on high alert throughout Alaska. Information is available online (coronavirus.alaska.gov and covid19.alaska.gov). People are encouraged to wash hands, social distance, and stay home when sick.
- Local clinics, Family Medical Center (895-5100) and Interior Alaska Medical (895-6233), offer testing. The Delta Public Health Center has free home test kits and masks. Those who have been exposed to COVID can call (895-4292) to arrange delivery of test kits.
- Vaccines are available at local clinics or the PHC. Information is available online (covidvax.alaska.gov).
- Monoclonal antibody treatments are available at IAMC.

Schools – no report**Emergency Services** – no report

Emergency Preparedness – Mike Prestegard reported individuals and families who experienced damage to primary residences or essential personal property during the 2021-2022 winter storms are encouraged to apply for relief funds at the Community Center, February 23/24, 9:00-5:00. Otherwise, the deadline to file for Individual Assistance is March 4, 2022.

Park & Recreation – Mike Prestegard reported at least 100 people attended last night's Valentine's Day Community Skate at the Liewer-Olmstead Ice Arena.

Public Works – Lou Heinbockel reported the Public Works crew are still moving snow. He does not recall this much snow in over 50 years.

Landfill – Lou Heinbockel reported Steve McCombs resigned as backup scale house operator. The on-call position has been advertised.

Musgrove reported track pads on the D6 dozer are being replaced. Because the dozer is an older model, some fabrication work was farmed out to Dave Webber, Delta Fuel Industries.

Cemetery – no report**At Large** – no report**City Administrator** – no report**City Clerk** – no report**Finance** – no report**Additional Reports** – none**ADDITIONAL PUBLIC AND COUNCIL COMMENTS** - none**ADJOURNMENT** – 5:39pm

Pat White, City ClerkCITY
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JW Musgrove, Mayor

Approved: March 1, 2022