

City Council Minutes
Regular Meeting
December 3, 2019 ~ 5:00PM
City Hall, Delta Junction, Alaska



CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE / ROLL CALL

Mayor Musgrove called the meeting to order at 5:00pm in the large conference room at City Hall. Musgrove led the pledge to the flag. Deputy Mayor Freda Degnan led the prayer.

Council members present: Mayor JW MUSGROVE, Deputy Mayor Freda DEGNAN
Lou HEINBOCKEL, Alan LEVINSON, Charles LESTER, Pete HALLGREN (telephonically)

Council member excused: Audrey BROWN

Staff present: City Administrator Mary LEITH, Library Director Tiki LEVINSON
Finance Officer Stephanie ERICKSON, City Clerk Pat WHITE

Public present: Michael PRESTEGARD monitored radio equipment and microphones and over 50 area residents were present, including presenters Bryce WRIGLEY and Craig CUGINI.

AMENDMENTS ~ APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Heinbockel moved to approve the December 3, 2019 agenda as presented; Degnan seconded.

Musgrove reported *Proposed Aerial Photography* would be removed from *Unfinished Business*. but brought up under *City Administrator Report*.

Motion passed without objections.

AMENDMENTS ~ APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Motion: Levinson moved to approve the November 19, 2019 minutes; Lester seconded.

Motion passed without objections.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Craig Cugini spoke about forecast growth at Fort Greely and his pending retirement.

Twenty-six people spoke about refugee resettlement in Delta Junction with all but three opposing the request from Catholic Social Services to support their program.

REQUEST TO SPEAK

Delta Farm Bureau – Proposal to Operate Visitor Center

Bryce Wrigley presented a short video about farming in the Delta area and a proposal from the Delta Farm Bureau to manage the Visitor Center.

CORRESPONDENCE

Liquor License Renewal – E&G Beverage Cellar, LLC

Motion: Heinbockel moved to show no opposition to E&G Beverage Cellar, LLC's liquor license renewal; Lester seconded.

Motion passed on a roll call vote with six in attendance (Hallgren, Lester, Heinbockel, Degnan, Levinson, Musgrove).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

BOSS Project

Craig Cugini explained revised plans to renovate the milepost next to the Visitor Center.

NEW BUSINESS**Water Testing Contract**

Motion: Degnan moved to pay Pollen Environmental, LLC to test water at City facilities; Heinbockel seconded.

Motion passed on a roll call vote with six in attendance (Levinson, Degnan, Lester, Hallgren, Heinbockel, Musgrove).

Change of vendor from Analytical resulted in a cost savings of approximately \$841 for FY2020.

Refugee Resettlement

Motion: Hallgren moved to approve the refugee resettlement program for the City of Delta Junction.

Motion failed for lack of a second.

City Purchases over \$1,000

Motion: Heinbockel moved to approve checks #220407 through 220410; Levinson seconded.

Motion passed on a roll call vote with six in attendance (Degnan, Heinbockel, Hallgren, Levinson, Lester, Musgrove).

2020 City Holiday Schedule

Motion: Lester moved to adopt the 2020 City Holiday Schedule as presented; Degnan seconded.

Motion passed on a roll call vote with six in attendance (Lester, Levinson, Degnan, Heinbockel, Hallgren, Musgrove).

RFP – City Attorney

Leith questioned staying with Guess & Rudd or advertising for a new legal firm.

Musgrove recommended continuing with Guess & Rudd, but to research other municipal lawyers and rates.

REPORTS

City Administrator – Mary Leith reported Golden Valley Electric partnered with the Fairbanks North Star Borough because they need images of power lines in populated areas. Leith suggested discussing the aerial mapping project during the 2021 budget cycle to confirm commitment by July 1, 2020.

Finance – Stephanie Erickson reported State Farm confirmed liability for the head-on accident that involved Medic II (2011 ambulance) on November 9. It was moved to a salvage yard in Wasilla. The adjuster has yet to determine whether it is considered totaled.

Motion: Hallgren moved to extend the meeting another 15 minutes (at 7:58pm); Heinbockel seconded.

Motion passed by unanimous consent.

REPORTS CONTINUED

Public Works – Charles Lester reported:

- Renovations at the Public Works conference room are coming along well.
- He attended a meeting with Stephen Hammond, M2C1 Engineering, and Mayor Musgrove about injection wells and how to handle the wastewater. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) have yet to agree with the submitted plan.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENTS / ADDITIONAL COUNCIL COMMENTS - none**ADJOURNMENT – 8:01pm**

Pat White, City Clerk


Mayor JW Musgrove

Approved: December 17, 2019