

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Special Meeting of the Wasilla City Council was held on Monday, April 19, 2010, at the Wasilla City Council Chambers, Wasilla, Alaska. Mayor Verne E. Rupright called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the Fiscal Year 2011 and 2012 Proposed Operating and Capital Budgets.

II. ROLL CALL

Council Members present and establishing a quorum were:

Ms. Taffina Katkus, Seat A
Deputy Mayor Doug Holler, Seat B
Ms. Leone Harris, Seat C
Ms. Nancy R. Hall, Seat D
Ms. Dianne Woodruff, Seat E
Mr. Kristofer Larson, Seat F

Staff in attendance were:

Ms. Amanda E. Charles, Deputy Clerk
Mr. Troy Tankersley, Finance Director
Mr. Archie Giddings, Public Works Director
Mr. James Hastings, Recreation and Cultural Services Manager
Ms. Kathy Martin-Albright, Library Director
Mr. Larry Dickerson, Interim Police Chief
Mr. Jean Achee, Sergeant
Mr. Kelly Swihart, Sergeant
Mr. Dan Stearns, Records and Communication Manager

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Rupright led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Rupright:

- added an agency report to the agenda;
- stated that Mr. Jim Palin of the Iditarod Trail Committee would be present to speak this evening; and
- asked if there were any further changes to the agenda.

GENERAL CONSENT: The agenda was approved as amended without objection.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Committee of the Whole

1. Overview of Fiscal Year 2011 and 2012 Proposed Operating and Capital Budgets by Departments.

MOTION: Council Member Hall moved to enter into a Committee of the Whole at 5:35 p.m. for the purpose of discussing Fiscal Year 2011 and 2012 Proposed Operating and Capital Budgets.

VOTE: The motion to enter Committee of the Whole passed without objection.

Discussion ensued regarding the Fiscal Year 2011 and 2012 Proposed Operating and Capital Budgets starting with a general overview and then by department (Police Department and general government departments).

(The special meeting recessed at 6:47 p.m. and reconvened at 7:02 p.m.)

Discussion resumed

MOTION: Council Member Larson moved to exit the Committee of the Whole at 7:34 p.m.

VOTE: The motion to exit of the Committee of the Whole passed without objection.

VII. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

There were no comments provided.

VI. MAYOR, CLERK AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Rupright:

- reported on his trip to Juneau and the conclusion of the 2010 legislative session;
- noted that the City received money for the Swanson Road and Nelson Road improvements, the waste water treatment plant and for Lake Lucille improvements; and
- stated that he has been continuing communication with Borough Manager John Duffy on the City resuming control of the fire hall on Main Street in Wasilla.

Council Member Larson:

- noted his disfavor for imposing a property tax and added that he'd rather see an increase in the sales tax if absolutely necessary;
- spoke to vandals occurring within the City limits;

- spoke to current events at the Curtis D. Menard Memorial Sports Center; and
- commented on the development of the airport.

Council Member Harris commented on a recent burglary which occurred on her property.

Council Member Katkus:

- extended her appreciation towards staff for meeting the Mayor's request to drop the operational budgets by 2 percent; and
- commented on the possibilities for diversified revenue.

Council Member Woodruff asked the Council if they would like to invite the Iditarod Trails Committee to make a formal presentation to the Council on their financial situation and request for funding.

Council Member Larson stated that he would rather that the Iditarod Trails Committee approach the Council.

There was no support for the request noted.

Council Member Woodruff:

- spoke against a flat property tax and stated that she would entertain the idea of an increased sales tax if absolutely needed;
- entertained the idea of a property tax with an exemption of \$500,000; and
- emphasized that the City does need to find an additional source of revenue.

Deputy Mayor Holler:

- spoke to traffic problems on Main Street as it approaches the Parks Highway;
- suggested removing the stop signs on Swanson Street to divert some of the traffic to Lucille Street; and
- stated that he may not be present at the April 26, 2010, Regular City Council Meeting.

Council Member Hall informed the Council that the Gordon Taylor's American Red Cross Duck Tape Regatta would be held at Wasilla Lake on June 12, 2010.

Ms. Charles informed the Council on the formation of an 8-Ball Committee and explained their duties and ideas.

Mr. Hastings stated that City would be working with KAYO 100.9 FM throughout the next year on advertising and highlighting different events throughout the community in cooperation with the 8-Ball Committee.

Council Member Hall informed all that roses were available for purchase through the Rotary for Administrative Professionals Day.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business at hand, Mayor Rupright, adjourned the meeting at 7:57 p.m.



VERNE E. RUPRIGHT, Mayor

ATTEST:



KRISTIE SMITHERS, MMC, City Clerk

Minutes approved: April 26, 2010