



MAYOR
Verne E. Rupright

COUNCIL
Taffina Katkus, Seat A
Douglas W. Holler, Deputy Mayor, Seat B
Leone Harris, Seat C
Colleen Sullivan-Leonard, Seat D
Dianne Woodruff, Seat E
Steve Menard, Seat F

**WASILLA CITY COUNCIL
MEETING AGENDA**

WASILLA CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Wasilla City Hall, 290 E. Herning Avenue, Wasilla, AK 99654 (907) 373-9090

REGULAR MEETING

6 P.M.

JANUARY 24, 2011

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. ROLL CALL**
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- V. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY**
- VI. COMMISSION AND AGENCY REPORTS**

- A. Matanuska-Susitna Borough
- B. Parks and Recreation Commission
- C. Alaska Municipal League – Ms. Kathy Wasserman

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- A. Public Hearings

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- 1. **Ordinance Serial No. 11-04:** Amending the FY11 Police Department budget by accepting and appropriating funds from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant in the amount of \$14,735 for the purchase of protective vests for police officers.

- p. 7 2. **Ordinance Serial No. 11-06:** Amending WMC 2.04.035, Compensation and reimbursement, to establish a rate of pay for attendance at special meetings for city council members. *(Sponsored by Council Member Menard)*
- p. 9 3. **Ordinance Serial No. 11-07:** Accepting and appropriating \$228,992 in Federal Transit Administration grant funding through the Alaska Railroad Corporation for the Wasilla Intermodal Facility.
- p. 17 4. **Ordinance Serial No. 11-08:** Amending WMC 16.32.030, Definitions; and amending WMC 16.32.050, Signs Prohibited; to provide clarification regarding electronic message center signs

B. Persons to be Heard

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes of Preceding Meetings:

- p. 25 1. Regular Meeting: January 10, 2011
- p. 33 2. Special Meeting: January 3, 2011
- p. 35 3. Joint City Council and Planning Commission Special Meeting: January 11, 2011

B. Introduction of Ordinances: Recommended for Public Hearing on February 14, 2011:

- p. 39 1. **Ordinance Serial No. 11-10:** Adopting WMC 5.04.005, Definitions, and amending WMC 5.04.025, Stabilization of Funds, to coincide the policy of fund balance with the new Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement 54. *(Clerk's note: Ordinance Serial Nos. 11-09 and 11-10 must be acted upon together.)*
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C. Resolutions

D. Action Memorandums

- p. 53 1. **AM No. 11-03:** Confirmation of Steven DeHart to the Planning Commission; L. C. Billingsley, Jr., William Bruu, and Joseph Bond to the Airport Advisory Commission; and Mary Shampine and Henry Hartman to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

X. NEW BUSINESS

XI. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Informational Memorandums

- p. 73 1. **IM No. 11-01:** Monthly financial report for the period ending October 2010 to include the month-to-date expenditure report, and expenditures greater than \$5,000.

- p. 81 2. **IM No. 11-02:** Monthly financial reports for the period ending November 2010 to include the month-to-date expenditure report, and expenditures greater than \$5,000.

B. Commission Minutes

- p. 89 1. Parks and Recreation Commission: December 8, 2010

XII. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

XIII. MAYOR, CLERK AND ATTORNEY COMMENTS

XIV. COUNCIL COMMENTS

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Wasilla City Council was held on Monday, January 24, 2011, at the Wasilla City Council Chambers, Wasilla, Alaska. Mayor Verne E. Rupright called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

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. Colleen Sullivan-Leonard, Seat D
- Ms. Dianne Woodruff, Seat E
- Mr. Steve Menard, Seat F

Staff in attendance were:

- Ms. Amanda E. Charles, Deputy City Clerk
- Mr. Troy Tankersley, Finance Director
- Mr. Archie Giddings, Public Works Director
- Mr. Michael Hughes, Police Chief
- Mr. James Hastings, Recreation and Cultural Services Manager
- Mr. Marvin Yoder, Interim Deputy Administrator
- Mr. Richard Payne, City Attorney
- Ms. Tammy Ostrom, Secretary II

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Rupright asked Deputy Mayor Holler to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Rupright asked if there were any changes to the agenda.

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

V. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY

There were no Special Orders of the Day.

VI. COMMISSION AND AGENCY REPORTS

A. Matanuska-Susitna Borough

1. District 4, Mark Ewing

Mr. Mark Ewing, Assemblymember:

- advised that the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly would be adopting the results of the January 11, 2011, Special Election regarding the election of the Borough Mayor;
- reported that the Bogard Road Extension will be named the Mat-Su Veterans Way; and
- advised that on the next Vacancy Report Mr. John Klapperich is being moved forward to fill the currently vacant seat for District 3 on the Borough Planning Commission.

B. Parks and Recreation Commission

Ms. Randi Robinson, Commissioner, spoke briefly regarding several upcoming events.

C. Alaska Municipal League – Ms. Kathy Wasserman

Ms. Kathy Wasserman, Executive Director:

- provided a comparison of the Alaska Municipal League(AML) dues that the City pays to the funding that they receive through AML's efforts;
- covered the services that AML provides for municipalities;
- commented on the changes that the Alaska Public Offices Commission will be proposing; and
- stated that she would try to have the answers on the proposed changes ready by the spring AML meeting in February.

D. Alaska Crystal Glacier Water – Mr. John Klapperich

Mr. John Klapperich:

- spoke regarding a new business in Wasilla, Alaska Crystal Glacier Water; and
- presented Mayor Rupright with a personalized bottle of Alaska Crystal Glacier Water.

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A. Public Hearings

1. **Ordinance Serial No. 11-04:** Amending the FY11 Police Department budget by accepting and appropriating funds from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant in the amount of \$14,735 for the purchase of protective vests for police officers.

Mayor Rupright opened the public hearing. There being no persons present who wished to speak the public hearing closed and discussion moved to the Council.

MOTION: Council Member Sullivan-Leonard moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 11-04.

VOTE: The motion to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 11-04 passed unanimously.

2. **Ordinance Serial No. 11-06:** Amending WMC 2.04.035, Compensation and reimbursement, to establish a rate of pay for attendance at special meetings for city council members. *(Sponsored by Council Member Menard)*

Mayor Rupright opened the public hearing. There being no persons present who wished to speak the public hearing closed and discussion moved to the Council.

MOTION: Council Member Menard moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 11-06.

Discussion ensued.

VOTE: The motion to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 11-06 failed with Council Members Harris, Holler, Katkus, Sullivan-Leonard and Woodruff in opposition and Council Member Menard in favor.

3. **Ordinance Serial No. 11-07:** Accepting and appropriating \$228,992 in Federal Transit Administration grant funding through the Alaska Railroad Corporation for the Wasilla Intermodal Facility.

Mayor Rupright opened the public hearing. There being no persons present who wished to speak the public hearing closed and discussion moved to the Council.

MOTION: Council Member Sullivan-Leonard moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 11-07.

Discussion ensued.

VOTE: The motion to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 11-07 passed unanimously.

4. **Ordinance Serial No. 11-08:** Amending WMC 16.32.030, Definitions; and amending WMC 16.32.050, Signs Prohibited; to provide clarification regarding electronic message center signs

Mayor Rupright opened the public hearing.

Mr. John Klapperich queried if the adoption of this ordinance would change the regulations on signs.

Mr. Payne stated that Ordinance Serial No. 11-08 is simply a way to help the public to more easily interpret and apply the current regulations and would not be changing the code in any way beyond clarification.

Mr. John Dewar:

- spoke regarding his attendance at the Planning Commission where this ordinance was first proposed; and
- opined his preference for the current technologically advanced signs.

There being no others present who wished to speak the public hearing closed and discussion moved to the Council.

MOTION: Council Member Woodruff moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 11-08.

Discussion ensued.

VOTE: The motion to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 11-08 passed unanimously.

B. Persons to be Heard

There was no one present who wished to speak.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

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B. Introduction of Ordinances: Recommended for Public Hearing on February 14, 2011:

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C. Resolutions

There were no resolutions presented.

D. Action Memorandums

1. **AM No. 11-03:** Confirmation of Steven DeHart to the Planning Commission; L. C. Billingsley, Jr., William Bruu, and Joseph Bond to the Airport Advisory Commission; and Mary Shampine and Henry Hartman to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

The Deputy Clerk read the Consent Agenda into the record.

MOTION: Council Member Woodruff moved to adopt the Consent Agenda as read into the record by the Deputy Clerk.

GENERAL CONSENT: There was no objection noted and the Consent Agenda was approved as read into the record.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

X. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

XI. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Informational Memorandums

There were no informational memorandums.

A. Commission Minutes

1. Parks and Recreation Commission: December 8, 2010

There was no action taken on the communication items.

XII. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Mr. John Dewar:

- spoke to lighting issues in the City of Wasilla;
- commented on off site advertising; and
- spoke to the need to rewrite WMC Title 16.

XIII. MAYOR, CLERK AND ATTORNEY COMMENTS

Ms. Charles stated that there had been a request for a special meeting with Wasilla Area Seniors, Inc. (WASI), regarding funding suggested for February 14, 2011, at 5:30 p.m.

MOTION: Council Member Sullivan-Leonard moved to have a special meeting on February 14, 2011, at 5:30 p.m. to speak with WASI regarding funding.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION: Council Member Harris moved a primary amendment to change the time of the special meeting to 4:30 p.m.

Discussion resumed.

VOTE: The primary amendment failed with Council Members Holler, Katkus, Menard and Woodruff in opposition and Council Members Harris and Sullivan-Leonard in favor.

Discussion continued.

VOTE: The main motion failed with Council Members Holler, Katkus, Menard and Woodruff in opposition and Council Members Harris and Sullivan-Leonard in favor.

Mr. Payne:

- spoke to his current business practices as it relates to meeting with constituents of the City; and
- stated that he hoped to have the decision on the firing range appeals back from the hearing officer by the next regular meeting.

XIV. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Katkus:

- thanked the attorney for his willingness to meet with the citizens;
- noted her support for WASI and qualified that the City needs to have a process in place before providing funding for non-City entities;
- commented on the need for consistency in elected officials;

- spoke to the talented entrepreneurs in the City; and
- encouraged everyone to dream big.

Council Member Woodruff:

- thanked Ms. Wasserman for reporting the City Council; and
- queried if the Mayor had considered supporting the request for a Jones Act Waiver to move Escopeta's Spartan 151 Rig from the Gulf of Mexico to the Cook Inlet.

Mayor Rupright stated that he did support the request.

Council Member Woodruff requested that the Office of the City Clerk prepare a resolution regarding support for the request for a Jones Act Waiver.

GENERAL CONSENT: There was no objection noted.

Council Member Woodruff:

- requested that the Planning Commission continue to review and amend WMC 16.32, Signs;
- stated that she is open to meeting with WASI at a later date;
- spoke to her concerns with WASI; and
- noted that she would forward her comments and concerns regarding WASI to the Office of the City Clerk and asked that they be sent to WASI.

Council Member Harris thanked Mr. Klapperich for bringing the new business to Wasilla.

Council Member Sullivan-Leonard:

- extended her thanks to Mr. Klapperich and Ms. Wasserman;
- thanked everyone who attended the Governor's Inaugural Reception; and
- directed everyone to www.akredistricting.org if they would like stay current with the redistricting of the legislative seats.

Council Member Menard spoke to current events occurring in Juneau.

Deputy Mayor Holler:

- spoke regarding the time when funding stopped from the City to Iron Dog, Iditarod Trail Committee and the Junior Hockey Association; and
- opined that the City Council members ultimately answer to their constituents.

Mr. Hastings spoke regarding the return of Iditarod Days to Wasilla and the associated events through Winterfest 2011.

Mayor Rupright spoke the Mat-Su Homeless Connect that will be taking place on Wednesday, January 26, 2011, at 11 a.m.

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session held.


XVI. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business at hand, Mayor Rupright adjourned the meeting at 7:43 p.m.



VERNE E. RUPRIGHT, Mayor

ATTEST:



KRISTIE SMITHERS, MMC, City Clerk

Minutes approved: February 14, 2011