



**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Special Meeting of the Wasilla City Council was held on Monday, May 5, 2008, at the Wasilla City Council Chambers, Wasilla, Alaska. Mayor Dianne M. Keller called the meeting to order at 5:42 p.m. The purpose of the meeting was to enter into a Committee of the Whole to discuss Ordinance Serial No. 08-19.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Council Members present and establishing a quorum were:

- Mr. Stephanie Massie, Seat A
- Mr. Doug Holler, Seat B
- Mr. Steve Menard, Seat C
- Mr. Marty Metiva, Seat D
- Ms. Dianne Woodruff, Seat E
- Mr. Kristofer Larson, Deputy Mayor, Seat F (arrived at 5:45 p.m.)

Staff in attendance were:

- Kristie Smithers, City Clerk
- Jamie Newman, Deputy Clerk
- Cheryl Deariso, Chief Financial Officer
- Archie Giddings, Public Works Director (exited at 7:34 p.m.)
- Craig Robinson, Acting Police Chief (arrived at 7:04 p.m.)
- Troy Tanserskey, Controller
- Bruce Urban, Recreation and Cultural Svcs. Manager (exited at 7:24 p.m.)
- Marvin Yoder, Deputy Administrator

**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Keller invited Mr. Tedman Allen, Recreation Coordinator, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

**IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor Keller requested to amend the agenda by adding Special Orders of the Day, as representatives from Wal-Mart are in attendance to present a monetary donation for Clean-Up Days.

Mayor Keller asked if there were further adjustments to the agenda, hearing none, the agenda was approved as presented by Deputy Mayor Larson and Council Members Holler, Massie, Menard, Metiva, and Woodruff.

## V. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY

### A. Wal-Mart Donation

Mr. Tim Holbrook, Manager and Ms. Stacey Cooper, Assistant Manager, presented \$1,000 to the City of Wasilla, as a sponsorship, towards the Wasilla Clean Up Days event.

## VI. NEW BUSINESS

### A. Committee of the Whole

1. **Ordinance Serial No. 08-19:** Providing For The Adoption Of The Annual Budget For The Fiscal Year 2009 And Appropriating Funds To Carry Out Said Budget.

**MOTION:** Council Member Metiva moved to enter into a Committee of the Whole at 5:44 p.m. to discuss Ordinance Serial No. 08-19.

**GENERAL CONSENT:** The motion passed without objection by Deputy Mayor Larson and Council Members Holler, Massie, Menard, Metiva, and Woodruff.

The Chief Financial Officer spoke about how the budget was developed by department heads and noted inflationary increases in the upcoming fiscal year.

The Public Works Director talked about the proposed Public Works budget and answered questions from the Council. *(Clerk note: the Public Works budget includes: public works administration, recreation facilities maintenance, water department, sewer department, and airport.)*

The Recreation and Cultural Services Manager talked about the proposed budget for Recreation and Cultural Services and answered questions from the Council. *(Clerk note: the Recreation and Cultural Services budget includes: museum, recreation services, library, and the multi-use sports complex.)*

Deputy Mayor Larson requested an at-ease to present a Good Character Certificate to State Spelling Bee winner Seth Keller.

No objection was noted.

## **GOOD CHARACTER CERTIFICATE**

Deputy Mayor Larson presented a Good Character Certificate to Seth Keller, an eighth-grader at Midnight Sun Family Learning Center, for winning the Alaska Spelling Bee. Seth will represent Alaska at the National Spelling Bee in Washington DC in May 2008.

The Council requested a recess. No objection was noted.

The Council recessed at 7:11 p.m. and reconvened at 7:31 p.m.

The Chief Financial Officer spoke about the Non-Departmental budget. No questions were asked by the Council.

The City Clerk spoke about the Council/Clerk budgets and answered questions from the Council.

Mayor Keller spoke about the Administration budget (Mayor's Office) and answered questions from the Council.

The Deputy Administrator spoke about the General Administrative Services budget and answered questions from the Council.

The Chief Financial Officer spoke about the Finance Department budget and the Management Information Systems budget, and answered questions from the Council.

The Deputy Administrator spoke about the Community and Economic Development budget and answered questions from the Council.

**MOTION:** Council Member Menard moved to exit the Committee of the Whole at 8:32 p.m.

**GENERAL CONSENT:** The motion passed without objection by Deputy Mayor Larson and Council Members Holler, Massie, Menard, Metiva, and Woodruff.

## **VII. AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

No comments were made.

## **VIII. MAYOR, COUNCIL AND CLERK COMMENTS**

Ms. Kristie Smithers, City Clerk:

- reviewed the upcoming council meeting schedule.

Mayor Keller:

- invited council members to contact department heads with budget questions;
- talked about her budget philosophy;
- thanked staff for their work on the budget;
- praised community volunteers and businesses that donate to community events;
- commended a veterans group for supporting the armed services; and
- thanked the council for recognizing her son Seth, who recently won the State Spelling Bee.

Council Member Massie:

- thanked the audience for attending the meeting.

Council Member Holler:

- thanked staff for preparing a user friendly budget document.

Council Member Menard:

- thanked staff preparing the budget document; and
- noted he looks forward to working with the Chief Financial Officer and staff to refine the budget process.

Council Member Metiva:

- thanked staff for their work on the budget;
- expressed support for carefully adopting the budget;
- talked about the need to fund 1.24 million in capital projects in FY09; and
- congratulated Seth Keller on winning the State Spelling Bee.

Council Member Woodruff:

- thanked staff for their work on the budget; and
- reported on the success of the family promise fundraiser.

Deputy Mayor Larson:

- thanked staff for preparing the budget document.

Mayor Keller (comments continued):

- spoke about the success of the volunteer appreciation award ceremony.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business at hand, Mayor Keller adjourned the meeting at 8:58 p.m.

  
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DIANNE M. KELLER, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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KRISTIE SMITHERS, MMC  
City Clerk

Adopted by the Wasilla City Council on June 9, 2008.