

11-26-90

1. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:
2. ROLL CALL:
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
4. CONSENT AGENDA:
  - A. Regular Meeting Minutes 11/14/90; Recommend: Approval as presented
  - B. Ordinance Serial No. 90-43; Amending the FY-91 Budget by Appropriating Funds to Purchase Selina Lane Right-of-way; Recommend: Introduction, schedule public hearing and adoption 12/10/90
  - C. CM. No. 90-83; 1991 Council Meeting Schedule; Recommend: Approval
5. PUBLIC HEARING:
  - A. 1992 Public Improvements Plan/FY92 Capital Improvement Priorities
  - B. Ordinance Serial No. 90-15; Annexing certain Land into the Corporate Boundaries of the City of Wasilla (Wasilla Lake)
  - C. Ordinance Serial No. 90-38; Setting forth the Regulations, Procedures, and Penalties pertaining to the collection of a Sales Tax in the City of Wasilla
  - D. Ordinance Serial No. 90-39; Special Assessment Bonds; Knik Road Gas Assessment District 89G2 and Snider Subdivision Gas Assessment District 89G3
  - E. Ordinance Serial No. 90-40; Amending Title 4, Election Code; Prohibition on Run-off Elections; Nominating Petition-Time for Filing and Special Election Time
6. PERSONS TO BE HEARD: (NON AGENDA ITEMS)
7. EXECUTIVE SESSION: (NONE SCHEDULED)
8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
  - A. Ordinance Serial No. 90-36; Amending Section 6.24.030 and 6.24.050 of the Wasilla Municipal Code, Purchasing (Adoption)
  - B. Administrative Policy 90-04; Pre-Employment Drug Testing WMC 3.20.101(F)
  - C. Ordinance Serial No. 90-37; Amending the FY-91 Budget, Drug Testing Appropriation (Adoption)
9. NEW BUSINESS:
  - A. PERS Participation CM. No. 90-81
    1. Ordinance Serial No. 90-41; Establishing Salaries for City Council Members (Introduction)
    2. Ordinance Serial No. 90-42; Clarifying the Meaning of City Council Compensation (Introduction)
  - B. Wasilla Planning & Utilities Commission Resolution No. 90-03; Revised Schedule of Fees
  - C. Wasilla Planning & Utilities Commission Resolution No. 90-04; New Sign Regulations
  - D. Resolution No. WR90-37; GVC Subdivision and Peck Street Paving Survey
    1. CM. No. 90-82
10. COMMUNICATIONS:
11. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS:
12. AUDIENCE COMMENTS:
13. COUNCIL COMMENTS:
14. ADJOURNMENT:



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## WASILLA CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting Minutes DATE: 11/26/90 TIME: 7:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Stein called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL:

COUNCILMEN:

Mr. Carson  
Mrs. Cottle  
Mr. Erickson  
Ms. Hjellen  
Mr. McCarthy  
Mrs. Smith

STAFF:

Mayor Stein  
Mr. Deuser-Attorney  
Mr. Gilfilian-Engineer  
Mr. Harris-Deputy Admin.  
Mrs. Harris-Deputy Clerk  
Mr. Nelson-City Clerk

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The agenda was approved as presented.

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

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Motion/Second: McCarthy/Smith

That the Consent Agenda comprising the foregoing items be and the same are hereby approved as written and that the various Officials of the Corporation are hereby authorized and directed to take such action as may be necessary to give effect to the recommendations as therein contained. Motion passed.

5. PUBLIC HEARING:

- A. 1992 Public Improvements Plan/FY92 Capital Improvement Priorities

Mayor Stein opened the hearing to the public. No comments were made. Mayor Stein closed the hearing to the public.

- B. Ordinance Serial No. 90-15; Annexing certain Land into the Corporate Boundaries of the City of Wasilla (Wasilla Lake)

Mayor Stein opened the hearing to the public.

Larry Heal: Opposed to annexation, this would put the City at their doorstep and the City would then govern their use of Wasilla Lake.

Helen Herrit: Opposed, would like to see if the regulations adopted for Wasilla Lake work.

Mel Husa: Questioned what would happen to private docks in Wasilla Lake and how the City would police Wasilla Lake without funds.

John Tull, Mat-Su Resort Manager: Opposed, could lead to annexation of property adjacent to Wasilla Lake.

Tom Tesenier: Opposed, people would not have representation by annexing Wasilla Lake, feels this will take the public use of Wasilla Lake away.

Mike Michaels: Opposed, concur with previous speakers, annexation will take freedoms away.

Bill Herrit: Opposed, have already set forth regulations on lake uses, am totally against making Wasilla Lake a part of Wasilla

Ken DeCamp: Opposed to annexation, what is the real agenda?

Tim Brett: Opposed.

Dean Beaulieu: Opposed to annexing the Lake, if annexed the City Council should approach and allow all homeowners to vote on the issue.

Helen Herrit: Asked why this has come up?

Mayor Stein explained that this had begun prior to the Lake ordinance and the reasoning behind the idea.

Carroll Christensen: Opposed, object to added cost City would have, feels that the entire chain of lakes should be looked at as a whole and not just Wasilla Lake, eventually the entire chain of lakes should be placed under one governing body.

Mel Husa: Offer advantages of annexing people rather than annexing the lake.

No further public comments were made. Mayor Stein closed the hearing to the public.

C. Ordinance Serial No. 90-38; Setting forth the Regulations, Procedures, and Penalties pertaining to the collection of a Sales Tax in the City of Wasilla

Mayor Stein opened the hearing to the public.

Jim Palin: Favors a sales tax because it is derived by the people using the facilities and is a good, fair source of revenue. Oil revenues are declining and the City needs to get in a position to pay its own way and by keeping the sales tax in the City the monies would be governed locally and benefits the City.

Tom Tesenier: Opposed to sales tax, does not want to support the City, lives from payday to payday and feels the City should also.

Rod Cottle: Stated he is speaking for himself and not his wife who is on the Council. Would vote for a sales tax, but not one exempting senior citizens. Hope the Council would support a reduction in property tax. Tourism is a big revenue in Wasilla and many of these are senior citizens.

Dean Beaulieu: Is a property owner and businessman in Wasilla and favors sales tax, as a former Planning Commissioner, know there are many Capital Projects needed such as a new Library which benefits all people. Also the sales tax is not that much, it has a \$10.00 ceiling on large item purchases.

Tom Smith: Opposed, lives outside City but is effected by what the City does. Came to the Valley for freedom and am starting to loose freedom. Sales tax is a cancer, don't let it get started it wont stop with 2%.

Richard Hart: Opposed, recently moved from a town in Nebraska where a sales tax was started, business revenues dropped 50% in the first two years. Sales tax is there forever, it never decreases.

Sam Grimes: Opposed, would probably get support if Council specified what it would be used for.

Chuck Steelstra: Opposed to sales tax, recognizes the City needs to pay its way but feels sales tax is wrong way to do that. Would be willing to pay more in property tax and suggested making higher user fees and let the users pay their own way. Favors higher business license fees and possibility of a two tier property tax.

Ken DeCamp: Opposed, agrees with other comments made, feels its important to consider the impact on everyone and is not sure people are getting the level of service for what is currently being paid in property tax. Suggested there are other ways of gaining more revenue such as selling the public land the City owns and getting that in to the tax base.

June DeArmun: Opposed to sales tax, businesses are just starting to come out of recession, business is looking up but not with additional 2% sales tax. Raise property tax if you must. Feels that as non-resident property owners they are being taxed without representation.

Stan Hintzman: Opposed, agree with most of the comments made.

Bill Byers: Opposed, don't want any more taxes, feels the City is heading in the wrong direction.

Rocky Spear: Opposed to sales tax, feels there are a lot of things that Palmer doesn't get that Wasilla does because of the sales tax. Stated he would spend his last dime fighting this sales tax.

Morris Matthews: Favors sales tax, State revenue sharing is non existent, favors help in relief of property tax. Feels the City needs to get information out to the public so people understand.

Gary Weber: Opposed, will not raise prices to cover added expense of sales tax.

INTERMISSION: 8:20--8:38 PM

No further comments were made. Mayor Stein closed the hearing to the public.

D. Ordinance Serial No. 90-39; Special Assessment Bonds; Knik Road Gas Assessment District 89G2 and Snider Subdivision Gas Assessment District 89G3

Mayor Stein opened the hearing to the public. No comments were made. Mayor Stein closed the hearing to the public.

E. Ordinance Serial No. 90-40; Amending Title 4, Election Code; Prohibition on Run-off Elections; Nominating Petition-Time for Filing and Special Election Time

Mayor Stein opened the hearing to the public.

Ken DeCamp: Favors except for the Mayor's election feels the 40% requirement should remain, feels its important that the person elected mayor have the general support of the Community.

Rod Cottle: Favors the ordinance as its presented, feels that a simple majority vote for all offices is enough.

No other comments were made. Mayor Stein closed the hearing to the public.

6. PERSONS TO BE HEARD: (NON AGENDA ITEMS)

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION: (NONE SCHEDULED)

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Ordinance Serial No. 90-36; Amending Section 6.24.030 and 6.24.050 of the Wasilla Municipal Code, Purchasing (Adoption)

Motion/Second: Smith/McCarthy

To adopt Ordinance Serial No. 90-36.

Motion/Second: Cottle/Hjellen

To amend Ordinance Serial No. 90-36 by changing the limit in 6.24.030(A) to \$1,000.00. Amendment passed with Mr. Carson and Mrs. Smith dissenting. The main motion passed with Mr. Carson and Mr. Erickson dissenting.

B. Administrative Policy 90-04; Pre-Employment Drug Testing WMC 3.20.101(F)

Mr. Deuser gave an explanation of pros and cons of drug testing for public employees verses private employees. Mr. Deuser stated that the public sector is relatively untested and so has little Alaska Case Law upon which to base a opinion.

C. Ordinance Serial No. 90-37; Amending the FY-91 Budget, Drug Testing Appropriation (Adoption)  
Motion/Second: Cottle/Carson

To adopt Ordinance Serial No. 90-37.

Mayor Stein stated that part of the estimated figure for the Library was for JTPA workers and since they are not paid by the City they are not considered employees, so it would not be out of place to reduce that figure by \$300.00. There was no objection from Council to reduce the Library amount to \$100.00, changing the Total to \$1,000.00 and reducing the Source of Funds, General Fund Fund Balance to \$800.00.

Motion passed with Mrs. Hjellen dissenting.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

A. PERS Participation CM. No. 90-81  
1. Ordinance Serial No. 90-41; Establishing Salaries for City Council Members (Introduction)

Motion/Second: Carson/Cottle

To introduce Ordinance Serial No. 90-41 and set for public hearing at the next regular meeting, 12/10/90. Motion tied with Mrs. Hjellen, Mr. McCarthy and Mrs. Smith dissenting. Mayor Stein voted yes, breaking the tie and introducing the Ordinance

2. Ordinance Serial No. 90-42; Clarifying the Meaning of City Council Compensation (Introduction)

Motion/Second: McCarthy/Smith

To introduce Ordinance Serial No. 90-42 and set for public hearing at the next regular meeting, 12/10/90. Motion tied with Mr. Carson, Mrs. Cottle and Mr. Erickson dissenting. Mayor Stein voted yes, breaking the tie and introducing the Ordinance.

B. Wasilla Planning & Utilities Commission Resolution No. 90-03; Revised Schedule of Fees

Mayor Stein stated he would have a Council Memorandum on this item at the next meeting.

C. Wasilla Planning & Utilities Commission Resolution No. 90-04; New Sign Regulations

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D. Resolution No. WR90-37; GVC Subdivision and Peck Street Paving Survey

Motion/Second: Carson/McCarthy

To adopt Resolution No. WR90-37. Motion passed.

1. CM. No. 90-82

Motion/Second: Carson/McCarthy

To approve CM. No. 90-82, appointing Mr. Carson, Mr. Erickson and Mr. McCarthy to an engineer selection committee and directing Administration to prepare an appropriation ordinance. Motion passed.

10. COMMUNICATIONS:

11. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS:

Mr. Deuser: stated that he would be absent from the next meeting.

Mr. Gilfilian: updated Council on the Lucille Lake Study and the EPA Grant application for Modification of the Sewer Treatment Plant.

Mr. Harris: stated he received word that the \$90,000 grant applied for two years ago to hook up the schools to the sewer has finally been approved and since the schools have already been hooked up Council may want to consider using it to hook up Iditarod Elementary or repay the grants that were used to hook up the schools and use the repaid grant funds for the sewer treatment plant.

Mayor Stein: reported on the Christmas parade being held December 15, the tree lighting activities on December 7, the discussions Administration is currently having with School Administration regarding a new School Administration Office Headquarters site and the Meeting with Railroad officials regarding crossings.

12. AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

13. COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilman Smith: Asked about the status of the School Public Safety Office, drug testing of new school employees and if the Council will be meeting with the Legislature before they go to Juneau.

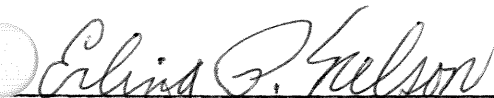
14. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

APPROVED:

  
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JOHN C. STEIN, Mayor

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

  
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ERLING P. NELSON, CMC  
City Clerk