

WASILLA CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

Agenda

DATE: 02/24/92 TIME: 7:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:
2. ROLL CALL:
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
4. CONSENT AGENDA:
  - A. Regular Meeting Minutes 02/10/92; Recommend: Approval as presented
  - B. Ordinance Serial No. 92-11; Amending the FY92 Budget by appropriating funds to Debt Service Fund #10; Recommend: Introduction and schedule for public hearing on 03/09/92
5. PUBLIC HEARING:
  - A. CDBG-REDI Grants;
  - B. Ordinance Serial No. 92-09; Pertaining to the Disposal of Surplus or Obsolete Property (1982 Ford Pickup)
  - C. Ordinance Serial No. 92-10; Amending the FY92 Budget by appropriating funds to the Sewer Utility Account (Septic Tank Pumper Truck)
6. PERSONS TO BE HEARD: (NON AGENDA ITEMS)
  - A. Pat Durand; Alaska Live Steamers
  - B. Dave Pederson; Palmer/Wasilla Highway Extension to Knik-Goose Bay Road
  - C. John Cooper; Frontier Park/Old Town Wasilla
  - D. LuAnn Rank; Alaska Center for the Environment and Harvey Bowers; Alaska Craftsman Project; Appropriate Technology Center for the Valley
  - E. *Harry Budge - Road Projects, Road Contractors*
7. EXECUTIVE SESSION: (NONE SCHEDULED)
8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
  - A. CM. No. 92-20; Proposed Road Projects
    1. CM. No. 92-22
  - B. CM. No. 92-18; Headstart/Old Wasilla School
    1. CM. No. 92-24
  - C. Ordinance Serial No. 92-06; Amending Chapter 2.20.100, Conflict of Interest (Adoption)
  - D. Ordinance Serial No. 92-07; Amending Chapter 2.08, Regular Council Meeting Times (Adoption)
  - E. Ordinance Serial No. 92-08; Amending the FY92 Budget by appropriating additional funds to Debt Service Fund #10 (Southside Water) (Adoption)
    1. CM. No. 92-01; Funds Transfer
  - F. Ordinance Serial No. 91-48; Amending the FY92 Budget by appropriating additional funds to the Sewer Construction Fund (Engineering Consultant Fees for design, contract administration, construction inspection and start-up procedures (Postponed))
    1. CM. No. 92-14; Sewer Treatment Facility Upgrade Recirculating Granular Media Filter (Councilman McCarthy requested Reconsideration)

- G. CM. No. 92-15; Applications to lease Airport Property (Councilman Carson requested Reconsideration)
  - 1. CM. No. 92-23
- H. Resolution No. WR92-07; Requesting revision of the Wasilla Development Code, Salvage Yards
  - 1. Wasilla Planning & Utilities Commission Resolution No. 91-05A; Junk/Junk Yard Definitions

9. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. CM. No. 92-21; AML/JIA (Joint Insurance Association Inc.)
- B. Resolution No. WR92-06; Resolving to solve the sewer issue through immediate construction actions

10. COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. Mary Ellen Emmons, Librarian; Patron Statistics - Library
- B. Gene Wicker; Budget Priorities; Road Maintenance and Parks & Recreation
- C. IM. No. 92-05; Road Maintenance Call-outs
- D. William Harvey, Public Works Deputy Director; Pending Sewer Connections and Interest to Hook-up
- E. Guardian Security; Security Report
- F. IM. No. 92-06; Museum of Alaska Transportation and Industry

11. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS:

12. AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

13. COUNCIL COMMENTS:

14. ADJOURNMENT:



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### WASILLA CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting Minutes DATE: 02/24/92 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. Harris-Deputy Admin.  
Mrs. Harris-Deputy Clerk  
Mr. Nelson-City Clerk

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The agenda was approved with one addition to Persons To Be Heard:  
Item E Larry Bridge; Road Maintenance Report

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Regular Meeting Minutes 02/10/92; Recommend: Approval as presented
- B. Ordinance Serial No. 92-11; Amending the FY92 Budget by appropriating funds to Debt Service Fund #10; Recommend: Introduction and schedule for public hearing on 03/09/92  
Motion/Second: McCarthy/Carson

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. CDBG-REDI Grants;

Mayor Stein opened the hearing to the public.

Bea Adler; Director of the Educational Program for the Museum of Alaska Transportation and Industry stated that the Museum is attempting to obtain a REDI grant again this year. Ms. Adler stated she has been in contact with Juneau and there was a lot of competition for the grant last year and this is why they did not get it last year.

Mike Slezak; Director of the Wasilla Area Senior's Inc., stated they intend to file for the community development block grant under community development in relation to the latch key facility that is currently under design engineering and to be constructed this

summer, feel this will fill a major void in the community with relation to the children

Bea Adler; Stated that the 2 projects are not in competition this year so there would be no problem for the Council and community to approve both.

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

B. Ordinance Serial No. 92-09; Pertaining to the Disposal of Surplus or Obsolete Property (1982 Ford Pickup)

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

C. Ordinance Serial No. 92-10; Amending the FY92 Budget by appropriating funds to the Sewer Utility Account (Septic Tank Pumper Truck)

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

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

A. Pat Durand; Alaska Live Steamers

Pat Durand; President, Alaska Live Steamers, Proposed building a railroad on the wooded hillside between the new Airport and the Transportation Museum at 1/8 actual size. Mr. Durand stated that the Alaska Live Steamers is a 20 year old not for profit group dedicated to preserving the art and science of steamers. Mr. Durand handed out a packet to Council and showed a brief film on what the trains will look like. Mr. Durand stated they would like to negotiate a permit agreement with the City to operate a facility on this site when the City gains control of the property. Mr. Durand stated that the Alaska Live Steamers are a hobby group, self maintained and self supported and they are not requesting any funding.

B. Dave Pederson; Palmer/Wasilla Highway Extension to Knik-Goose Bay Road

Not present.

C. John Cooper; Frontier Park/Old Town Wasilla

John Cooper; Director of the Wasilla-Knik-Willow Creek Historical Society, wished to express the Historical Society's gratitude of the support that they have received from the City of Wasilla. Mr. Cooper spoke of the draft revision of the Comprehensive Plan under way which calls for the move of the Page Museum, Teelands and the Historical Park to the Old Airport site. Request Council stay behind the Historical Society and not move the Museum and all its structures. Mr. Cooper stated that parking is a problem but suggested that there are other alternatives such as the corner lot at Boundary and Swanson is up for sale for about \$5,000 below Borough appraisal, Ed and Carol Carney have 9.5 acres across the street and DeArmonds have a lot across Herning Avenue from Teelands building. Mr. Cooper requested that Council authorize the Mayor to

help negotiate the purchase of lots and authorize the Mayor to work with the Historical Society to begin dealing with the parking needs.

D. LuAnn Rank; Alaska Center for the Environment and Harvey Bowers; Alaska Craftsman Project; Appropriate Technology Center for the Valley

LuAnn Rank; Director of the Alaska Center for the Environment, Mat-Su Area Office are currently looking to establish an Appropriate Technology Center in the Mat-Su Valley, hopefully in Wasilla and are looking for possible sites. Ms. Rank then introduced Mr. Bower to speak about the project.

Harvey Bower; Executive Director of the Alaska Craftsman Project stated they are working with the Alaska Center for the Environment to find sites for an appropriate technology center. Mr. Bower stated they have had preliminary talks with the Fair to do a prototype village, but they are not interested at this time. Mr. Bower stated that primarily they deal with housing authorities and currently ASHA has a \$140,000 grant for a prototype house. Mr. Bower stated that the appropriate technology center in England is in Wales and it receives 80,000 visitors a year. The concept is to address energy, housing, transportation, recycling, gardening, land use and basically anything that pertains to appropriate technology.

E. Larry Bridge; Road Maintenance Report;  
Mr. Bridge recapped IM. No. 92-05 to Council outlining snow fall, removal and grading between November and January of 1990-1991 and 1991-1992.

Councilman Cottle requested an update through February when completed.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION: (NONE SCHEDULED)

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was no objection from Council to move Item B CM. No. 92-18 regarding Headstart to the beginning of Unfinished Business.

B. CM. No. 92-18; Headstart/Old Wasilla School

1. CM. No. 92-24

Mr. C.J. Horner, Director of Operations and Maintenance for the Mat-Su Borough School District stated that the School District is currently advertising for office space and classroom space and that the School Board is currently looking at 5 different options. Mr. Horner stated he felt the facility renovation to the Old Elementary School Building would cost approximately \$50,000.00 and that he is not aware of any code violations which would become a major expense. Mr. Horner stated he was asked to see if the Old Elementary School building would even be an option with Council.

Motion/Second: Smith/McCarthy

To continue the lease agreement with Headstart in the Old Wasilla Elementary School. Motion passed.

INTERMISSION: 8:07--8:20 PM

A. CM. No. 92-20; Proposed Road Projects  
1. CM. No. 92-22  
No action at this time.

C. Ordinance Serial No. 92-06; Amending Chapter 2.20.100,  
Conflict of Interest (Adoption)  
Motion/Second: Smith/Hjellen

To adopt Ordinance Serial No. 92-06.

There was no objection from Council to correct the Purpose Clause to read "The purpose of this ordinance is to amend Wasilla Municipal Code 2.20.100 to require Councilmembers with a conflict of interest to become members of the City being offered the same rights and privileges."

To motion to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 92-06 passed as amended.

D. Ordinance Serial No. 92-07; Amending Chapter 2.08, Regular  
Council Meeting Times (Adoption)  
Motion/Second: McCarthy/Carson

To adopt Ordinance Serial No. 92-07.

Motion/Second: Cottle/Hjellen

To amend by changing "super majority (five)" to "simple majority (four). Council had no objection to the amendment. The motion passed as amended.

E. Ordinance Serial No. 92-08; Amending the FY92 Budget by  
appropriating additional funds to Debt Service Fund #10  
(Southside Water) (Adoption)  
1. CM. No. 92-01; Funds Transfer  
Motion/Second: McCarthy/Carson

To adopt Ordinance Serial No. 92-08. Motion passed.

F. Ordinance Serial No. 91-48; Amending the FY92 Budget by  
appropriating additional funds to the Sewer Construction Fund  
(Engineering Consultant Fees for design, contract  
administration, construction inspection and start-up procedures  
(Postponed))  
1. CM. No. 92-14; Sewer Treatment Facility Upgrade  
Recirculating Granular Media Filter (Councilman McCarthy  
requested Reconsideration)

Mayor Stein stated that CM. No. 92-14 has been asked to be brought back for reconsideration and that since then Mr. Gilfilian has withdrawn his proposal. Mayor Stein stated he has advertised for letters of interest from Engineering firms and asked Council volunteers to serve on the review committee.

Councilman McCarthy and Councilman Erickson volunteered to serve on the review committee along with Mr. Harris and Mayor Stein.

Mayor Stein suggested that Ordinance Serial No. 91-48 continue to be postponed until Council has a dollar amount to put in the ordinance.

G. CM. No. 92-15; Applications to lease Airport Property (Councilman Carson requested Reconsideration)

1. CM. No. 92-23

Motion/Second: Carson/McCarthy

To reconsider CM. No. 92-15. Motion passed

The motion to approve CM. No. 92-15, Option A passed with Ms. Hjellen dissenting.

H. Resolution No. WR92-07; Requesting revision of the Wasilla Development Code, Salvage Yards

1. Wasilla Planning & Utilities Commission Resolution No. 91-05A; Junk/Junk Yard Definitions

Motion/Second: Erickson/Cottle

To postpone Resolution No. WR92-07 to public hearing at the next regular meeting, 03/09/92, with action to follow at that time. Motion passed with Mrs. Smith dissenting.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

A. CM. No. 92-21; AML/JIA (Joint Insurance Association Inc.)

CM. No. 92-21 was approved by way of no action taken by Council.

B. Resolution No. WR92-06; Resolving to solve the sewer issue through immediate construction actions

Mr. Carson stepped down to the lectern and read proposed Resolution No. WR92-06 (copy attached) into the record, resolving to go into immediate construction to solve the sewer problem by building another leach bed of 2 acres and eliminating leach bed #9 because of the problems it has caused.

Motion/Second: Erickson/Cottle

To postpone Resolution No. WR92-06. Motion failed with Mrs. Cottle, Mr. Erickson and Mr. McCarthy assenting and Mr. Carson abstaining.

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B. Gene Wicker; Budget Priorities; Road Maintenance and Parks & Recreation

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E. Guardian Security; Security Report

F. IM. No. 92-06; Museum of Alaska Transportation and Industry

11. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS:

Mr. Cooper; Stated that the Page Museum is held together with 2 wires through the center of the building, 4 buildings are on the National Register and the possibility of moving these could not only damage these buildings but there is a potential of losing their standing on the National Register if they are moved.

Mr. Deuser; Stated the City has filed foreclosures today, most of these will be taken care of by the owners before the year is up.

Mr. Harris; Spoke of the concerns of the Iditarod Re-start and no snow at the airport, feels we could move the re-start to the new airport and cut a trail through the woods to connect with the other trail.

Mayor Stein; Stated the Comprehensive Plan Proposals are available and the Planning Commission will be working on this tomorrow evening at their meeting. Mayor Stein also stated that the Iditarod Re-start is next week-end.

12. AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

13. COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilman McCarthy; Suggested that Council and Administration consider a resolution opposing doubleshifting at the schools.

Councilman Smith; Stated she would like to see Council support the railroad and also the Alaska Craftsman building prototype, they both sound like positive things.

Councilman Cottle; Stated for the record "I am not pleased with the performance of the contractor on the road maintenance and I would, I don't really know what I want but I want to record my dissatisfaction and I would like to meet with the City staff to get a solution. The way these people operate I'm discouraged and I do not want to give them the contract for the next year and that's what I'm afraid is going to happen because I don't think the Administration wants to admit there is a problem and as far as I am concerned there is a big problem, so I would like that in the minutes."

Councilman Carson; I agree with Mrs. Cottle that we should have a real good look at the, I think that the contractor should be put on notice that there is concern over how the thing is being operated and I support Mrs. Cottle in her effort at that. Councilman Carson stated he feels the market for new shops is the way to go for a shop rather than buying someone else's old buildings.



Councilman McCarthy; Stated that we had a successful Jr. Iditarod Race, 2 Willow boys came in 1st and 2nd.

14. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

APPROVED:

  
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JOHN C. STEIN, Mayor

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

  
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ERLING P. NELSON, CMC  
City Clerk