

WASILLA CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING DATE: MONDAY, 03/08/93 TIME: 7:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:
2. ROLL CALL:
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
4. CONSENT AGENDA:
  - A. Regular Meeting Minutes 02/22/93; Recommend: Approval as presented.
  - B. Ordinance Serial No. 93-12; Police Personnel Costs and Equipment Acquisition. (INTRODUCTION) Ord 93-12 Sub.
  - C. WR 93-08; Resolution in support of the Museum of Alaska Transportation and Industry  
CM NO. 93-14; Request for Support-Museum of Alaska Transportation and Industry
  - D. New Liquor License; Royal Peking Restaurant
5. PUBLIC HEARING:
  - A. Ordinance Serial No. 93-11; Amending Chapter 6.50, Sales Tax; CM. No. 93-13; CM No. 93-09
  - B. FY-94 Prebudget
6. PERSONS TO BE HEARD: (NON AGENDA ITEMS)  
*Ray McCarthy  
Eric + Barbara Potech  
Tim Patten*
7. EXECUTIVE SESSION: (SCHEDULED)
  - A. S.A.G.E. Lawsuit;
8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
  - A. Sewer Treatment Plant Report;
  - B. Smith Ball Field Concession Stand Funding;
  - C. Ordinance Serial No. 93-07; Amending Chapter 8.03 (Parks Commission); (Adoption)
  - D. Ordinance Serial No. 93-09; Amending Chapter 3.20 (Personnel); (Adoption)
    1. Ordinance Serial No. 93-09 (Substitute)
  - E. Ordinance Serial No. 93-10; To authorize the execution of the cooperative participation agreement for the law enforcement joint liability protection program; (Adoption)
  - F. CM. No. 93-15; Peck Street Upgrade; (Reconsideration)
  - G. CM No. 93-11; Shop Seismic and Electrical Upgrade
9. NEW BUSINESS:
  - A. CM NO. 93-10; Susitna Avenue Paving District
  - B. CM NO. 93-12; Appointment of Senior Citizens Advisory Commission
  - C. Church Street Road
10. COMMUNICATIONS:
  - A. Wasilla Planning & Utilities Commission Resolution No. 93-04; Major Development Permit Southview Extension
  - B. IM No. 93-10; Election Rules and Procedures
  - C. IM No. 93-11; City Code Book #2
  - D. IM No 93-12 Police Hiring Petition
  - E. Parks
11. CITY REPORTS:
12. AUDIENCE COMMENTS:
13. COUNCIL COMMENTS:
14. ADJOURNMENT:



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### WASILLA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING DATE: 03/08/93 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. Carney  
Mr. Carson  
Mr. Erickson  
Ms. Hjellen  
Mr. McCarthy  
Mrs. Palin

**STAFF:**

Mayor Stein  
Mr. Baugh-Senior Accountant  
Mr. Cooper-Museum Director  
Mr. Deuser-Attorney  
Mrs. Emmons-Library Director  
Mr. Harris-Deputy Administrator  
Mrs. Harris-Deputy Clerk  
Mr. Nelson-City Clerk  
Mr. Stambaugh-Police Chief

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

The agenda was approved with the following changes: Consent Agenda Item B. Ordinance Serial No. 93-12 (Substitute) was offered as an alternate to Ordinance Serial No. 93-12. Persons To Be Heard Item A. Eric & Barbara Poetzch; Item B. Jim Palin and Item C. Ray McCarthy. Communications Item D. IM. No. 93-12; Police Hiring Petition and Item E. Mat-Su Borough; Parks.

4. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. Regular Meeting Minutes 02/22/93; Recommend: Approval as presented.
- B. Ordinance Serial No. 93-12; Police Personnel Costs and Equipment Acquisition, Ordinance Serial No. 93-12 (Substitute); Recommend: Introduction of Ordinance Serial No. 93-12 (Substitute) and schedule for public hearing at the next regular meeting, 03/22/93
- C. Resolution No. WR 93-08; Resolution in support of the Museum of Alaska Transportation and Industry; CM No. 93-14; Request for Support-Museum of Alaska Transportation and Industry; Recommend: Adoption
- D. New Liquor License; Royal Peking Restaurant; Recommend: Approval of the application for a new liquor license

Motion/Second: McCarthy/Hjellen

That the Consent Agenda comprising the foregoing items be and the same are hereby approved as written and that the various Officials of the City 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. Ordinance Serial No. 93-11; Amending Chapter 6.50, Sales Tax;  
CM. No. 93-13; CM No. 93-09

Mayor Stein opened the hearing to the public.

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Bill Bruu; Homebuilders Association; Mr. Bruu stated the Homebuilders support the proposed ordinance, they have worked hard to simplify the process. The amendment reduces the administrative and audit work load for Wasilla.

Michael Slezak; Wasilla Area Seniors Inc. Director; Mr. Slezak stated that W.A.S.I. supports the proposed amendment to exempt professional operators of charitable games of chance from the sales tax requirements. Professional operators are often used by nonprofit groups because they have the equipment to easily operate the event. Mr. Slezak also indicated that they felt gaming players will play less if they are required to pay a sales tax every time they purchase a pull tab or redeem a winning pull tab. Mr. Slezak stated that state funding is being reduced and the Seniors cannot sustain any type of cut in any other source of revenue they have.

Minnie Fisher; Mat-Su Valley Humane Society President; Ms. Fisher supported exemption for gaming permits. Ms. Fisher stated that 40.1% of the Humane Society income comes from gaming, 40.2% from United Way and 9% from other sources.

Laura Chase; Greater Wasilla Chamber of Commerce; Ms. Chase stated that a 15% decrease in nonprofit group incomes will put that much more of a burden on the business people, organizations will go to the business people to make up their loss.

Bill Byers; A & B Tool & Equipment Rental; Mr. Byers stated he would like to see the amendment to 6.50.020 to include an exemption for equipment driven outside the City limits in a 7 mile radius.

Leslie Bogda; Valley Womens Resource Center; Ms. Bogda stated she supports the nonprofit gaming permit exemptions.

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

**B. FY-94 Prebudget**

Mayor Stein opened the hearing to the public.

Mike Slezak; Mr. Slezak stated that the Senior Center water and septic treatment capacities are under rated and asked Council consideration of upgrading these items.

Mike Nelson, Sr. (via speaker phone); Mr. Nelson stated his concern with indications of no funding and stated it is not a lack of money but a lack of people with heart. Mr. Nelson asked the Community to act as a whole in putting programs and information together and that we all uphold the U.S. Constitution.

Leslie Bogda; Valley Womens Resource Center; Ms. Bogda stated that a large percentage of the women and children they have in their programs are in Wasilla or communities north and now with the police they may bring offices back into Wasilla. Ms. Bogda asked Council consideration of service agency grants from \$1,000 to \$5,000.

Laura Chase; Ms. Chase indicated that a number of organizations have economic development and without proper funding these projects cannot continue. Ms. Chase stated that the volunteers are already over expended and some funding is needed to help. Ms. Chase stated that the economic development is the future of Wasilla.

Bill Culbertson; Mr. Culbertson stated that many people are coming for funding and feels that a direct budget needs to be established prior to a division of funds.

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Jim Palin: Mr. Palin stated that state funding is being reduced and it appears that the sales tax revenues will be more than originally projected. Mr. Palin cautioned Council to be careful of what monies are being spent on and suggested that now is the time for Council to develop a rainy day fund. Mr. Palin also asked Council to be very careful of economic development requests.

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

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

**A. Eric & Barbara Poetzch:**

Mrs. Poetzch stated that they were before Council on behalf of Old Matanuska Road. Mrs. Poetzch stated that in October 1991 the Council voted to accept maintenance for this road subject to upgrade. Mrs. Poetzch also indicated that the petitions circulated at that time was done by volunteers and the money used to send these petitions to the State and the Governor was hers and she was glad to have done it. Mrs. Poetzch asked Council to treat Old Matanuska Road and Church Road equally.

**B. Jim Palin:**

Mr. Palin spoke on the hiring policy of police and indicated that Wasilla needs to get the best qualified persons for the department. Mr. Palin also indicated that the City may need to offer a higher salary. Mr. Palin also commented on the Sewer Treatment Plant Project and indicated he hoped it was on schedule. Mr. Palin commented on the sales tax ordinance and it was difficult to treat all the people the same all the time and suggested Wasilla continue to follow Palmer's ordinance since theirs has been in effect for so long.

**C. Ray McCarthy:**

Mr. McCarthy passed a letter out to Council indicated that a citizen of Wasilla, Rose Palmquist, has been given the distinct honor of being selected to receive the "Denali Award" from the Alaskan of the Year Committee. Mr. McCarthy indicated that he has already bought tickets to the banquet and if Wasilla does not have someone representing Wasilla, he would be glad to represent the City.

Motion/Second: Carson/Carney

To suspend the rules and authorize Mr. McCarthy to represent Wasilla at the Banquet honoring Rose Palmquist with the "Denali Award". No objection, so ordered.

**7. EXECUTIVE SESSION: (SCHEDULED)**

**A. S.A.G.E. Lawsuit:**

Motion/Second: Hjellen/Carson

To go into executive session to discuss matters that may be detrimental to the City regarding the S.A.G.E. Lawsuit. Motion passed.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: 8:00-8:14 P.M.**

Council had no objection to moving Item G to the beginning of Unfinished Business.

**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**G. CM No. 93-11; Shop Seismic and Electrical Upgrade;**

Motion/Second: Carney/Carson

To approve CM. No. 93-11, awarding the bid to Collins Construction as the lowest responsive bidder in the amount of \$52,299.00.

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Councilman Erickson indicated he may have a conflict of interest, H & H Construction used to work for him.

Council had no objection for Councilman Erickson to vote on this subject. Motion passed with Mr. Erickson and Mr. McCarthy dissenting.

**A. Sewer Treatment Plant Report:**

Written report submitted. Mr. Harris indicated that a complete set of plans should be available at the next regular meeting, 03/22/93.

**B. Smith Ball Field Concession Stand Funding:**

Motion/Second: Carson/Carney

To approve \$4,200 from Council Contingency for materials for the Smith Ballfield Concession Stand.

Motion/Second: Hjellen/McCarthy

To amend the motion by providing half the funding as a grant and half the funding as a loan. Amendment passed. Main motion passed.

**C. Ordinance Serial No. 93-07; Amending Chapter 8.03 (Parks Commission); (Adoption)**

Motion/Second: McCarthy/Palin

To adopt Ordinance Serial No. 93-07.

Motion/Second: Carson/McCarthy

To amend Ordinance Serial No. 93-07 by deleting Section 8.03.100(D), Budgetary duties. Amendment passed with Mrs. Palin dissenting. Motion passed.

**D. Ordinance Serial No. 93-09; Amending Chapter 3.20 (Personnel); (Adoption)**

**1. Ordinance Serial No. 93-09 (Substitute)**

Motion/Second: McCarthy/Palin

To adopt Ordinance Serial No. 93-09 (Substitute).

Motion/Second: Carney/McCarthy

To amend Ordinance Serial No. 93-09 (Substitute) by adding "An employee's probationary status may be reduced only through action of the Council after petition by the Mayor, outlining the supporting argument for the shorter period." as the last sentence of 3.20.040(A).

Motion/Second: Carney/Hjellen

To delay Ordinance Serial No. 93-09 until the next regular meeting, 03/22/93. No objection, so ordered.

**TERMISSION: 8:55-9:10 P.M.**

**E. Ordinance Serial No. 93-10; To authorize the execution of the cooperative participation agreement for the law enforcement joint liability protection program; (Adoption)**

The motion made at the 02/22/93 Council meeting to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 93-10 passed with Mr.

Carson dissenting.

F. CM. No. 93-15; Peck Street Upgrade; (Reconsideration)  
Motion/Second: McCarthy/Hjellen

To reconsider the motion to postpone CM. No. 93-01. Motion passed with Mr. Carson dissenting.

The motion to postpone CM. No. 93-01 indefinitely failed.

Council considered new comments on Peck Street. Alaska Rim Engineering responded to suggestions made during the public hearing on Peck Street.

Motion/Second: Carney/Hjellen

To table the Peck Street Upgrade. Motion passed.

9. **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. CM No. 93-10; Susitna Avenue Paving District

Motion/Second: Carney/Hjellen

To approve CM. No. 93-10, authorizing Administration to prepare a resolution that would direct that a vote be taken on the formation of the proposed paving assessment district for Susitna Avenue. Motion passed.

B. CM No. 93-12; Appointment of Senior Citizens Advisory Commission  
Carney/Carson

To approve CM. No. 93-12, confirming the appointments of Hugh A. Johnson, Lorraine J. Cate, L. Marie Hulke, Mildred E. Tapscott and Allen C. Troutman to the Senior Citizens Advisory Commission. Motion passed.

C. Church Road;  
Motion/Second: Erickson/Carson

To appropriate \$200.00 for task force reimbursement for Church Road and Old Matanuska Road. Motion tied with Mr. Carson, Mr. Erickson and Mr. McCarthy assenting. Mayor Stein declined to vote on the subject. Motion failed.

10. **COMMUNICATIONS:**

A. Wasilla Planning & Utilities Commission Resolution No. 93-04; Major Development Permit Southview Extension

B. IM No. 93-10; Election Rules and Procedures

C. IM No. 93-11; City Code Book #2

11. **CITY REPORTS:**

Laura Chase; Reported on the Planning Commission and that there will be another meeting tomorrow night.

Bob Harris; Reported on the Senior Citizen Housing Water, Public Works crew and Chief Stambaugh's good job on the Iditarod Re-start.

Irl Stambaugh; Reported that he has received 60+ applications and the procedures he will soon be taking.

John Cooper; Reported on tourism meetings and the Museum.

Marj Harris; Reported on the Clerk's Institute that Marilyn Stewart and she attended last week.

Mayor Stein; Reported on the Iditarod Re-start.

12. AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

13. COUNCIL COMMENTS:

14. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:12 p.m.

APPROVED:



JOHN C. STEIN, Mayor

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:



ERLING P. NELSON, CMC  
City Clerk