

WASILLA CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING DATE: 01/08/96 TIME: 7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Regular Meeting Minutes 12/11/95; Recommend: Approval as Presented.
- B. Ordinance Serial No. 95-57; Amending the FY-96 Budget by Appropriating Funds to the Sewer Revolving Loan Fund. Recommend: Adoption.

PUBLIC HEARING:

- A. FY-96 Budget Amendment:
 - 1. Ordinance Serial No. 95-58; FY-96 Budget appropriation to Paving Fund 13;
- B. Bumpus Ballfields:
 - 1. Ordinance Serial No. 95-59; Approving the Planned Development of Ballfields on 120 Acres near Mystery Avenue;
 - 2. CM. No. 95-98;
 - 3. CM. No. 95-91;

COMMISSION REPORTS:

PERSONS TO BE HEARD: (NON AGENDA ITEMS 5 MINUTES PLEASE)

- A. Ian Charles, Indoor Ice Rink Proposal

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- A. Zimin Claim

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. Personnel Policy No 95-03:
 - 1. Resolution No. WR95-45; Drug Testing Policy Non-CDL Holders
- B. Detachment Feasibility:
 - 1. Ordinance Serial No. 96-01;
 - 2. Resolution Serial No. 96-01;
- C. Acquisition - Matanuska Utility Company:
 - 1. CM. No. 95-46;
- D. Request for Exemption Sewer Service:
 - 1. CM.No.96-02;
 - 2. IM. No. 95-47;
- E. Endorsement: Tax Exempt Bonds for Alcohol Treatment Center:
 - 1. CM. No. 96-01;
 - 2. National Bank of Alaska;
 - 3. Jim Pefanis;

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Insurance Brokerage Services:
 - 1. Professional Services Agreement;
- B. Appointment to City Council:
 - 1. Letters of Interest;
- C. Parks Highway Expansion:
 - 1. Property Owners Letter;

COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. Wasilla Planning Commission Meeting Minutes 12/19/95;
- B. Law Offices of Raymond E. Plummer;

CITY REPORTS:

AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT:



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WASILLA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING DATE: 01/08/96 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:

COUNCIL:

Mr. Carney
Mr. Chappel
Mr. Hartrick
Ms. Hjellen-Exc.
Mrs. Palin

STAFF:

Mayor Stein
Mr. Felton-City Engineer
Mr. Deuser-Attorney
Mr. Stambaugh-Chief
Mr. Nelson-Finance Dir.
Mrs. Emmons-Library Dir.
Mr. Cooper-Museum Dir.
Mrs. Harris-Clerk
Mr. Baugh-Sen. Accountant-Exc.
Mr. Dvorak-Planner
Mrs. Brower-Deputy Clerk

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The agenda was approved with the following additions: Persons To Be Heard Item C. Ray McCarthy; and Unfinished Business Item F. Simeanna Housing Project.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Regular Meeting Minutes 12/11/95; Recommend: Approval as Presented.
- B. Sewer Revolving Loan Fund:
 1. Ordinance Serial No. 95-57; FY-96 Budget Amendment; Recommend: Adoption.
- C. Recreation Commission:
 1. Ordinance Serial No. 96-02; Recommend: Introduction and schedule public hearing at the next regular meeting, 01/22/96.
- D. Spruce Avenue, Phase I Professional Services Agreement:
 1. CM. No. 96-04; Recommend: Council authorize the Administration to enter into a professional services design contract with Alaska Rim Engineering for \$34,659 for Spruce Avenue, Phase I.
- E. Woodcrest Paving LID Professional Services Agreement:
 1. CM. No. 96-05; Recommend: Council authorize the Administration to enter into a professional services contract with Denali North for \$12,190 for the initial engineering and surveying for the proposed Woodcrest LID.

Motion/Second: Carney/Hartrick

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. FY-96 Budget Amendment:

1. Ordinance Serial No. 95-58; FY-96 Budget appropriation to Paving Fund 13;

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

B. Bumpus Ballfields:

1. Ordinance Serial No. 95-59; Approving the Planned Development of Ballfields on 120 Acres near Mystery Avenue;
2. CM. No. 95-98;
3. CM. No. 95-91;

Mayor Stein opened the hearing to the public.

Roger Banning: Currently pay the highest property taxes in the State of Alaska, does not want the burden of this project and is against a project of this magnitude in a residential area.

Richard Best: This project will have an impact on this area if used it will impact hayfields. Mr. Best stated he was tired of people destroying his fields, and that the property needed more access. The adjoining properties should be fenced off, also suggested that bike trails, horse trails and other things besides ballfields should be considered for this property.

Scott Hammel: Stated that the traffic and noise are too high right now, what will happen when its in full use?

Kim Marie Walker: Favors a multi use area, not just ballfields, and indicated her concerns with the water table, gradients and the buffer is not enough, should have a half acre buffer. Ms. Walker also suggested that the concessions should be an open process of bidding. She suggested that a citizens task force be set up to monitor dust, noise, vandalism and groundwater issues.

Laura Jo Miller: Favors development of the ballfields, but mentioned that security at night, and lighting on Mystery Avenue and the ballfields should be increased.

Gary McDaniel: Council has short circuited the Planning Commission with this proposal, strongly protest this just being used for ballfields, other ideas are not being allowed to come forward.

Mike Parium: Asked for consideration of the youth of the Valley, to get kids involved in baseball, soccer, etc., would be good.

Amy McCorkell: Agree with a lot of comments, but would like more tennis courts etc.

Chia Dreves: Concerned with the impact on the water table in the area and wildlife, keep asking questions but no answers are coming forward. Ms. Drieves stated she is not willing to be a babysitter for other people who don't have things for their kids to do. Let people vote on what they want.

Maureen McCombs: Opposed to the current plans, likes to drive her horse there, appreciates the work that has been done but would like more multi use areas. Once its bulldozed down, can't have it back.

Pam McCall: Parks and Recreation Commission has worked on this plan for over a year, if not going to build ballfields then build gyms, City owes the community activities for kids.

Harry Dreves: Questioned when, where and if they are going to get answers to the concerns regarding the water table, trash and taxes.

annie Borgford: Mat-Su Softball has a long term commitment, have done a lot of building care and upkeep.

Nick Phillips: Stated that he doesn't think the beer concession is a problem and also thinks the ballfields are good for the youth.

Armie Gilbert: Is concerned that this property might be mental health lands. Also concerned about the volunteer labor and would hate to see a bunch of land cleared expecting volunteer help. She also suggested that an all summer sports development might not be a wise idea.

Stephanie Graham: Supports project, Wasilla Little League is on record supporting this project. Ms. Graham spoke of the needs of the different levels of little league teams. Wasilla Little League is willing to work with whomever to make a viable plan for the future, they are committed to build a new field each year.

Doug White: Favors ballfields, does not agree with locations, make easier access, get a youth center going.

Wendy Yardley: Agrees with some and doesn't agree with others, packing the snow on those fields in the winter will kill the grass, at the same time, there is a need for more stuff for kids. Ms. Yardley stated she is involved with horse groups and there are not enough facilities in the Valley. Suggested that if there were more multi use facilities planned, would get a wider range of volunteers to help in the development of the area. The buffer zone needs to be bigger and does not see enough use of the fields now to get a lot of tournaments.

Ian Charles: There is a need for more fields, but also look at indoor facilities for activities, with fencing around the fields they are not accessible for other uses such as winter activities.

Jim Ressler: As a little league coach, he has seen the count double or triple over the last 10 years, and it will double or triple over the next 10 years. Put money into things for the youth and adults. Would like to see the City go forward, he sees that people want everything, but no one wants to pay for anything.

Marcie Benti: Has been associated with all the outdoor sports activities over the years. She knows there is a need for indoor activities as well, agreeing that looking at all interests would be most desirable.

Tiana Atwood: Supports a rural setting and spoke of a 1978 survey indicating the number of livestock in the Valley. Ms. Atwood indicated that the average horse owner spends \$1,200 - \$1,500 per year per horse. Suggested including an arena or an arena complex as a viable plan in this community.

INTERMISSION: 8:20--8:30 PM

Steve Glos: Disappointed that the kind of advertising to bring this kind of meeting didn't occur in the beginning, before all these plans were developed. Indicated the numerous books on planning he has and they indicate that more people involvement with the development of the plan contributes to more sense of pride and less vandalism. The books also indicated that surveys are the least reliable resource available. Suggested starting with basics and develop neighborhood parks first then work on larger area parks, stating there should be more multi-use. Also indicated that the survey that was sent out, the number 1 response turned in was an indoor sports facility. Questioned what club had volunteered to develop the tennis courts, band shell and trails, the City will end up developing those. Should use land for multi use facilities and should have a bigger set-back, put some fields in other neighborhoods, not greedy is willing to share.

No other comments were made at this time, Mayor Stein continued the public hearing to January 22, 1996.

6. COMMISSION REPORTS:

Jan Kelly, Wasilla Planning Commission: Gave a brief overview of the Planning Commission's work over the past year including 140 development permits; 5 major, 1 re-zone, 2 variances, 30 minor, 9 temporary, 92 zoning, 1 development permit had been withdrawn.

Scott Sterling, Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly; Gave a brief report on meeting with Mat-Su RC & D, and reconsideration request on Lake Louise Detachment. Mr. Sterling spoke about the pending resolution by Wasilla on consolidation/unification. He also indicated that there was a new report on development of a viable port by the Port Commission available at the Borough Clerk's Office and spoke of the Borough Sales Tax Ordinance.

7. PERSONS TO BE HEARD: (NON AGENDA ITEMS 5 MINUTES PLEASE)

A. Ian Charles, Indoor Ice Rink Proposal

Mr. Charles indicated that they were assigned a task of identifying a problem or need. Mr. Charles along with classmates, Nathan Volkman, Jamie Hall and Gary Milton presented a plan for an indoor icerink for Wasilla. There were handouts for the Council with costs, plans, etc. An excellent presentation for the Wasilla High Seniors.

Mr. Rucker requested that the plan be forwarded to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

B. Harold Newcomb; Parks Highway

Mr. Newcomb spoke of his concern that the business people are not getting information regarding the Parks Highway project, they all want to be included in the upcoming actions on the Parks Highway project.

C. Ray McCarthy:

Mr. McCarthy presented a picture of last year's Jr. Iditarod Race winner and a plaque of appreciation for the past support shown by the Council and City. He indicated that the race would be run February 24 and 25 and mentioned that their budget is \$4,100 short. The committee hopes the City will be willing to help out again this year.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A. Zimin Claim

None held.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Personnel Policy No 95-03:

1. Resolution No. WR95-45; Drug Testing Policy Non-CDL Holders

Mr. Hartrick indicated that his wife works for the City and there may be a conflict of interest. There was no objection from Council for Mr. Hartrick to vote on this issue.

Motion/Second: Carney/Hartrick

To adopt Resolution No. WR95-45. Corrections were made to alcohol testing levels from .020 to .040. Motion passed.

B. Local Government Restructuring feasibility study:

1. Ordinance Serial No. 96-01;

2. Resolution Serial No. WR96-01;

Motion/Second: Carney/Chappel

To adopt Resolution No. WR96-01.

There was no objection to remove "City of Palmer" from "Whereas #2", so ordered.

There was no objection to delay action on this issue to the next regular meeting, 01/22/96, so ordered.

C. Acquisition - Matanuska Utility Company; Status Report

1. CM. No. 95-46;

Mayor Stein reported that they are still waiting for clear title and mentioned that there would be a larger cost the City will have to look at with connecting all stubs in Century Park Subdivision and tying into the City's supply. No action taken.

D. Request for Exemption Sewer Service;

1. CM. No. 96-02;
2. IM. No. 95-47;

No action taken.

E. Endorsement: Tax Exempt Bonds for Alcohol Treatment Center;

1. CM. No. 96-01;
2. National Bank of Alaska;
3. Jim Pefanis;

Motion/Second: Carney/Palin

To authorize the Mayor to negotiate a reasonable donation to the Playground Committee of not less than \$4,000 for the City to endorse the tax exempt bonds for this treatment center. No objection, so ordered.

F. Simeanna Housing Project;

No action taken.

G. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Insurance Brokerage Services;

1. Professional Services Agreement;

Council directed that this issue be brought back to the next regular meeting, 01/22/96.

B. Appointment to City Council;

1. Letters of Interest;

Motion/Second: Carney/Hartrick

To appoint Mr. Lockwood to the Council to fill the vacancy left by Ms. Chase for Seat "A". Motion failed with Mr. Carney, Mr. Hartrick and Mrs. Palin assenting.

There was no objection to postpone this issue to the next regular meeting, so ordered.

C. El Toro II Liquor License Transfer

1. CM. No. 96-03;

Motion/Second: Carney/Hartrick

To not object to the liquor license transfer for El Toro II. No objection, so ordered.

D. Alaska Live Steamers;

1. IM. No. 96-01;

No action taken.

Motion/Second: Carney/Hartrick

To continue the meeting for an additional 10 minutes. No objection, so ordered.

1. COMMUNICATIONS:
 - A. Wasilla Planning Commission Meeting Minutes 12/19/95;
 - B. Law Offices of Raymond E. Plummer;
 - C. Parks Highway Expansion:
 1. Property Owners Letter;
 - D. Minor Services for Public Works Vehicles:
 1. IM. No. 96-02;

12. CITY REPORTS:
 - A. Parks & Recreation 7 Minute Tape Presentation:
Not presented at this time.

13. AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

14. COUNCIL COMMENTS:

15. ADJOURNMENT:
There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:20 p.m.

APPROVED:



JOHN C. STEIN, Mayor

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:



MARJORIE D. HARRIS, CMC
City Clerk