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- B. Ordinance Serial No. 98-02 "An Ordinance Amending The FY-98 Budget By Appropriating Funds To The Water Utility Fund (East Wasilla Water Main Extension)." (IM No. 98-09)
- C. Ordinance Serial No. 98-03: "An Ordinance Amending the FY-98 Budget By Appropriating Additional Funds to the Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) Fund to Install Phase I of the Cities Computer Network." (IM No. 98-10)

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

11. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Information Memorandums
 - 1. IM No. 98-06: Revisor Of Ordinance - WMC 9.04.040, Business License General.
 - 2. IM No. 98-08: December 1997 Expenditure Report.
- B. Wasilla Planning Commission Minutes of December 9, 1997

12. STAFF REPORTS

13. AUDIENCE COMMENTS (Three minutes per person)

14. COUNCIL COMMENTS

15. ADJOURNMENT

1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Wasilla City Council was held on Monday, January 26, 1998, at the Wasilla City Council Chambers, Wasilla Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Mayor Sarah Palin.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Palin.

3 ROLL CALL

Council Members present and establishing a quorum were:

Mr. Nick Carney
Mr. Dave Chappel
Mrs. Colleen Cottle

Mr. Norman Fuller
Mrs. Dianne Keller
Mrs. Judy Patrick

Staff in attendance were:

Mrs. Kristie VanGorder, City Clerk
Mrs. Jamie Newman, Deputy City Clerk
Mr. Ken Jacobus, City Attorney
Mr. John Cramer, Deputy Administrator
Ms. Mary Ellen Emmons, Library Director
Mr. Charlie Fannon, Chief of Police
Mr. Tim Krug, City Planner
Mr. Erling Nelson, Finance Director
Mrs. Cindy Roberts, Director of Public Works

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Palin requested the following change:

- Move Resolution No. 98-02 from the consent agenda to unfinished business, item C 1.

Council Member Patrick requested the following change:

- Move CM No. 98-09 from the consent agenda to new business, item A.

Council Member Chappel requested the following changes:

- Move Ordinance Serial No. 98-02 from the consent agenda to new business, item B.
- Move Ordinance Serial No. 98-03 from the consent agenda to new business, item C.

GENERAL CONSENT: There was no objection to the agenda as amended.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes Of Preceding Meetings:

1. Regular Meeting Minutes: January 12, 1998

B. Introductions (Suggested Hearing: February 9, 1998)

1. Ordinance Serial No. 98-01: "An Ordinance Amending The FY-98 Budget By Appropriating Additional Funds to the Sewer Utility Fund for the Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) Department (Century Park Subdivision)." (IM No. 98-07)

C. Resolutions

1. Resolution Serial No. 98-03: "A Resolution Requesting That An Airport Master Plan be Prepared for Wasilla Municipal Airport."

D. Council Memorandums

1. CM No. 98-08: "Purchase Of Eight Cubic Yard End-Dump Truck With Sanding Unit And Belly Blade."

MOTION: Council Member Keller moved, Council Member Patrick seconded, to adopt the consent agenda.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

6. PUBLIC HEARING

A. CM No. 98-06: "1998 Road Bond/Construction Projects."

Mayor Palin opened the public hearing.

Mrs. Anne Kilkenny:

- Stated that the city should not pave any streets that have been up for an LID, and voted down in the past, without charging the property owners a fee.
- Urged the council to adopt a policy where there is a standard minimal amount charged to property owners for their street paving.

Mr. Mark Seeba, Trails Advisory Sub Committee:

- Stated that the trails committee is in the process of presenting their trails plan to the planning commission.
- Reported that the trails plan has been approved by the parks and recreation commission.
- Requested that the north side of Spruce Avenue remain unpaved.
- Urged the city to review the trails' plan and consider it's recommendations prior to paving any streets.

Ms. Kim Robinson:

- Supports the paving of Susitna Avenue, including the entire south side.
- Requested that the paving be constructed in a manner which would be conducive to pedestrian walking.
- Stated she would be willing to pay her share of any paving fees imposed by the city.

There being no others wishing to be heard, the public hearing was closed.

MOTION: Council Member Fuller moved, Council Member Carney seconded, to postpone action on CM No. 98-06 until the next meeting.

Discussion followed.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

7. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

A. Zac Cruthers--Skate Park Update

- Stated that \$6,471 was raised from the 4-wheeler raffle.
- Reported that a steak feed and auction fund raiser will be held in February.
- Commented that the skateboard committee is hosting an all school dance in April at Wasilla High School.
- Reported that since November of 1996, \$40,000 has been raised for a skateboard park.
- Requested additional financial support from the city.

Aleta Rien, Co-Chair, Wasilla Skateboard Park Committee:

- Announced that the skateboard committee is currently working with the engineer and architect to try to save \$30,000 in construction fees.
- Stated she does not believe all of the money needed to construct the skateboard park will be raised this spring, and requested financial support from the city.
- Acknowledged the past financial support from the city and stated how much it is appreciated.

B. Mike Keenen -- Demonstration of the Thermal Imaging Camera:

- Played a video for the council, highlighting the Argus Thermal Imaging Camera.
- Stated that the thermal imaging camera is a life saving tool for fire fighting.

8. COMMISSION REPORTS

Don Thomas, Wasilla Parks and Recreation Commission:

- Stated that the parks and recreation commission is not convinced that a fence is needed for the skatepark.
- Reported that the number one priority of the parks and recreation commission is the skatepark construction at I-Did-A-Park.
- Requested that the \$50,000 out of the FY-97 CIP fund be allocated for tennis courts at I-Did-A-Park.

Bernadette Rupright, Trails Advisory Committee:

- Reported that the parks and recreation commission passed a draft trails plan.
- Indicated that the draft trails plan will go before the planning commission at their next meeting, and the commission is pleased with the overall plan.
- Commented that as currently written, each item in the trails plan will come before council for final action.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Ordinance Serial No. 97-75: "An Ordinance Amending Section 16.43.704 and 16.43.802 Of The Wasilla Development Code To Allow Shoreline Setback Exceptions For Structures Constructed Prior To January 1, 1987, And/Or Have Received A Land Use Permit Prior To October 28, 1997." (Introduced on 12/8/97; Public Hearing Held 1/12/98.)

MOTION: Council Member Chappel moved, Council Member Keller seconded, to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 97-75.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: Council Member Cottle declared a conflict of interest because she holds interest in property located on a lake. Mayor Palin stated her home is located on a lake. Council Member Keller stated her home is located on a creek.

VOTE: The motion passed with Council Member Cottle abstaining.

- B. Ordinance Serial No. 97-76: "An Ordinance Amending Chapter 14.24. Parking Regulations By Enacting Section 14.24.20 Unauthorized Use Of Handicapped Parking." (Introduced on 12/8/97; Public Hearing Held 1/12/98.)

MOTION: Council Member Patrick moved, Council Member Keller seconded, to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 97-76.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

- C. Resolution Serial No. 97-49: "A Resolution Requesting The State Of Alaska Department Of Health and Social Services, Include In Their Consideration The City Of Wasilla As A Potential Site For The Youth Detention Facility." (Introduced on 12/8/97; Public Hearing Held 1/12/98.)

MOTION: Council Member Carney moved, Council Member Keller seconded, to approve Resolution No. 97-49.

Discussion followed.

MOTION: Council Member Keller moved, Council Member Patrick seconded, to postpone action on Resolution No. 97-49 until a town meeting is scheduled, to discuss the proposed youth detention facility being located in Wasilla.

VOTE: The motion failed with Council Member Cottle in favor.

MOTION: Council Member Chappel moved, Council Member Keller seconded, a primary amendment, by striking the "NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED," clause.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed unanimously.

VOTE: The main motion, as amended, passed with Council Member Carney opposed.

MOTION: Council Member Chappel moved, Council Member Keller seconded, to hold a town meeting, to discuss the proposed youth detention facility being located in Wasilla.

VOTE: The motion passed with Council Member Carney opposed.

1. Resolution Serial No. 98-02: "A Resolution Recommending That The State Of Alaska's Mat-Su Youth Detention Facility Be Considered To Be Located Within The Industrial Zone At The Wasilla Airport."

MOTION: Council Member Keller moved, Council Member Chappel seconded, to adopt Resolution No. 98-02.

MOTION: Council Member Keller moved, Council Member Cottle seconded, to postpone action on Resolution No. 98-02, until after the town meeting is held.

GENERAL CONSENT: There was no objection.

The council recessed at 8:25 p.m. and reconvened at 8:40 p.m.

D. CM No. 98-03: Audit (FY 97 Unallocated Funds) (IM No. 98-11).

MOTION: Council Member Keller moved, Council Member Fuller seconded, to approve CM No. 98-03.

MOTION: Council Member Keller moved, Council Member Chappel seconded, to strike the \$110,000 for Bumbus Ballfields.

GENERAL CONSENT: There was no objection.

MOTION: Council Member Chappel moved, Council Member Keller seconded, to reduce the amount of money allocated for the public use area irrigation from \$80,000 to \$25,000.

GENERAL CONSENT: There was no objection.

MOTION: Council Member Patrick moved, Council Member Keller seconded, to strike the \$60,000 for tennis courts.

GENERAL CONSENT: There was no objection.

MOTION: Council Member Chappel moved, Council Member Patrick seconded, to remove the networking and skatepark engineering from CM No. 98-03.

GENERAL CONSENT: There was no objection.

MOTION: Council Member Keller moved, Council Member Patrick seconded, to appropriate out of the unallocated FY-97 funds, the amount not to exceed \$7,500 to match the borough and the Iditarod Elementary Student Council for the purchase of the Argus Thermal Imaging Camera.

VOTE: The motion passed with Council Member Carney opposed.

MOTION: Council Member Chappel moved, Council Member Patrick seconded, to eliminate the request to commitment \$350,000 to service the debt for infrastructure improvements.

VOTE: The motion passed with Council Member Fuller opposed.

VOTE: The main motion, as amended, passed with Council Member Carney opposed.

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. CM No. 98-09: "Planning Commission Appointment."

MOTION: Council Member Patrick moved, Council Member Keller seconded, to advertise the vacant planning commission seat.

GENERAL CONSENT: There was no objection.

MOTION: Council Member Patrick moved, Council Member Keller seconded, to postpone action on CM No. 98-09, until the advertising is complete, and the city has received additional applications.

GENERAL CONSENT: There was no objection.

B. Ordinance Serial No. 98-02 "An Ordinance Amending The FY-98 Budget By Appropriating Funds To The Water Utility Fund (East Wasilla Water Main Extension)." (IM No. 98-09)

MOTION: Council Member Patrick moved, Council Member Chappel seconded, to introduce Ordinance Serial No. 98-02 and schedule it for public hearing at the next meeting.

MOTION: Council Member Chappel moved, Council Member Patrick seconded, a primary amendment to schedule a public hearing and final action at the next meeting.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed with Council Member Carney opposed.

VOTE: The main motion, as amended, passed unanimously.

C. Ordinance Serial No. 98-03: "An Ordinance Amending the FY-98 Budget By Appropriating Additional Funds to the Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) Fund to Install Phase I of the Cities Computer Network." (IM No. 98-10)

MOTION: Council Member Chappel moved, Council Member Keller seconded, to introduce Ordinance Serial No. 98-03 and schedule it for public hearing at the next meeting.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

12. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Information Memorandums

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No action was taken on any of the communication items.

13. STAFF REPORTS

Kristie VanGorder, City Clerk:

- Stated that she is in the process of drafting a sectional analysis on the election code revision.
- Reported that staff is adjusting to the new packet deadline and it is working out well.
- Commented that the clerk's office has received comments from the public indicating they appreciate the complete agenda being published in the newspaper.

Mayor Palin:

- Stated that a contract has been awarded for the engineering services for the Iditarod Elementary School sewer hook-up.
- Stated that the North Country Estates paving LID is continuing forward.
- Reported that the city has received positive feedback from property owners on Wasilla Lake that are interested in annexation.
- Informed that staff is currently preparing the RFP from engineers for paving the airport.
- Commented that huge numbers of residents are utilizing the ice rink at Lakeside Park.
- Stated that the community calendar will now be printed and mailed on a quarterly basis.

14. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Anne Kilkenny:

- Thanked Chief Fannon for the speed device.
- Recommend that the council purchase a speed device for the city.
- Requested staff move back to their original location in chambers.
- Recognized the progress council has made in the past year.
- Expressed her displeasure of the new agenda format.

16. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Carney:

- Stated that the city should not spend money on going away parties for employees.
- Indicated that he did not feel the city should solicit funds from the private sector to form a K-9 unit without policy direction from the council.

Council Member Cottle:

- Stated she was surprised the library was soliciting funds.

Council Member Chappel:

- Thanked administration for their efforts at Lakeside Park.
- Visited the museum and was excited about the changes.
- Thanked the council for declaring any possible conflict regarding the shoreline exception ordinance.
- Stated that he is working on the conflict of interest ordinance with the attorney and a draft should be presented to the council soon.
- Commended to clerk's office on the positive changes to the agenda format and stated that the clerk and deputy are doing an excellent job.

Council Member Keller:

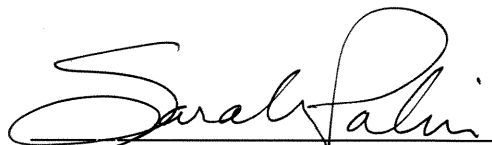
- Expressed that she is in favor of the agenda format change.

Council Member Fuller:

- Thanked administration for their cooperation in addressing the sewer and water billing cycle.

17. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.


SARAH PALIN, Mayor

ATTEST:


KRISTIE L. VANGORDER, CMC/AAE
City Clerk

Minutes Approved: 2/9/98