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C. Resolutions

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2. Resolution Serial No. 98-06: "A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Wasilla, Alaska, Providing For The Issuance Of A General Obligation Bond In The Aggregate Principal Amount Of Not To Exceed \$5,500,000 Of The City, As Authorized By Ordinance Serial No. 97-48 And Approved By The Qualified Voters On October 7, 1997, To Pay Part Of The Costs Of Planning, Designing, Constructing And Equipping Of Street Improvements And Ancillary Facilities In Wasilla, Alaska; Fixing Certain Matters With Respect To The Bonds; Authorizing The Mayor To Determine And Fix Other Matters Such As The Date, Terms, Maturities And Covenants Thereof; Pledging The Levy Of General Taxes To Pay The Principal Thereof And Interest Thereon; And Providing For The Sale Of Such Bond To The Alaska

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  - B. Eric Tomasino, Teen Challenge
  - C. Bea Adler, Gold Rush Centennial Celebration
  - D. Micky Weber, Alaska Gold Rush
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  - B. 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 City's Computer Network." (IM No. 98-10) (Introduction 1/26/98; public hearing 2/9/98.)
  - C. See item 4, after the "Approval OF Agenda."

D. CM No. 98-09(SUB): Planning Commission Appointment.

10. NEW BUSINESS

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

12. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Planning Commission Minutes: January 27, 1998

13. MAYOR, CLERK, AND ATTORNEY COMMENTS

14. AUDIENCE COMMENTS (Three minutes per person)

15. COUNCIL COMMENTS

16. ADJOURNMENT

1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Wasilla City Council was held on Monday, February 23, 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 Clerk  
Mr. Ken Jacobus, City Attorney  
Mr. Dean Baugh, Senior Accountant  
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:

- To add Micky Weber under persons to be heard.

Council Member Patrick requested the following change:

- To move Resolution No. 98-02 from unfinished business, and place it directly after approval of agenda.

Council Member Fuller requested that Mr. Lee Sharp, Bond Counsel be available to discuss Resolution No. 98-06 with the council, without moving the resolution off of the consent agenda.

Mayor Palin noted that a corrected copy of Ordinance Serial No. 98-11 is being presented to replace the one in the packet.

Council Member Keller noted that under the consent agenda, the suggested public hearing date of February 23, 1998 needs to be amended to read March 9, 1998

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

## 5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. 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." (1/26/98: motion to adopt; postponed until after town meeting.)

Previous Motion: Council Member Keller moved, Council Member Chappel seconded, to adopt Resolution Serial No. 98-02 (from January 26, 1998 regular meeting).

Discussion followed.

The motion to adopt Resolution Serial No. 98-02 failed with Council Members Carney and Fuller in favor.

## 6. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes Of Preceding Meetings:
  - 1. Regular Meeting Minutes: February 9, 1998
- B. Introductions (Suggested Public Hearing: March 9, 1998)
  - 1. Ordinance Serial No. 98-05 "An Ordinance Amending WMC 2.32, City Attorney." (IM No. 98-15)
  - 2. Ordinance Serial No. 98-08: "An Ordinance Amending The FY 98 Budget By Appropriating Additional Funds To The Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) Fund 02, For Road Improvement Projects Funded Primarily By The \$5.5 Million

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3. Resolution Serial No. 98-07: "A Resolution Repealing Resolution Serial No. WR 96-61 Relating to the Policy on Annexation of Property to the City of Wasilla." (IM No. 98-17)

D. Council Memorandums

MOTION: Council Member Chappel moved, Council Member Fuller seconded, to adopt the consent agenda.

GENERAL CONSENT: There was no objection to the motion.

Mr. Lee Sharp, Preston, Gates & Ellis, Bond Counsel for the city, answered questions from the city council on Resolution Serial No. 98-06.

7. PUBLIC HEARING

- A. Ordinance Serial No. 98-04: "An Ordinance Amending The FY-98 Budget By Appropriating Additional Funds To The Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) Fund 02 For Public Use Area Irrigation And Fire Department Thermal Imaging Device." (Introduction 2/9/98)

Mayor Palin opened the public hearing and there being no persons wishing to be heard the public hearing was closed and discussion moved to the council.

MOTION: Council Member Keller moved, Council Member Chappel seconded, to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 98-04.

MOTION: Council Member Carney moved, Council Member Fuller seconded, to postpone action until the next regular meeting.

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

VOTE: The motion to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 98-04 passed unanimously.

Council Member Carney requested reconsideration at the next regular meeting. (See page 6 for more information regarding Ordinance Serial No. 98-04.)

- B. Ordinance Serial No. 98-07: "An Ordinance Amending WMC 14.12.030(I) Driveway Apron Construction, Permitting Process." (IM No. 98-14) (Introduction 2/9/98. Final action scheduled for 2/23/98.)

Mayor Palin opened the public hearing and there being no persons wishing to be heard the public hearing was closed.



MOTION: Council Member Keller moved, Council Member Chappel seconded, to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 98-07.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Carney requested reconsideration at the next regular meeting. (See page 6 for more information regarding Ordinance Serial No. 98-07.)

8. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

A. Peter Burchell, Principal of Mat-Su Alternative School:

- Requested that the city extend water and sewer lines westerly along the Parks Highway, providing the Alternative School with city water and sewer services.

B. Eric Tomasino, Teen Challenge:

- Requested that the council consider a grant request from Teen Challenge in the amount of \$10,000.
- The grant would fund a new well and sewer system for the facility.

C. Bea Adler, Gold Rush Centennial Celebration

- Presented an overview of the Gold Rush Centennial Celebration.
- Requested \$500 from the city for the purchase of banners, advertising the gold rush celebration.
- Requested that the banners be displayed along the Parks Highway in Wasilla.

D. Micky Weber, Swim Program:

- Urged the council to forward a resolution to the Matanuska-Susitna Borough supporting the instructional swim program.
- Stated that the swim program is not currently in the FY99 Borough budget.
- Reported that the swim program benefits more children in the Mat-Su Valley than any other recreational program.

9. COMMISSION REPORTS

A. Harold Newcomb, Wasilla Planning Commission:

- Stated that the commission is in the process of reviewing the comprehensive plan for the city.
- Reported that several members of the commission have recently attended a two day seminar on comprehensive planning.
- Invited any interested council members to tour the city in early March.

B. Dan Kelly, Wasilla Planning Commission:

- Stated that the visioning and comprehensive planning for the city requires involvement from the public.

No other reports were presented.

The council recessed at 8:20 p.m. and reconvened at 8:40 p.m.

## RECONSIDERATION

Mayor Palin stated that during the recess Council Member Carney's request for reconsideration of Ordinance Serial Nos. 98-04 and 98-07 was discussed. It was determined that a motion for reconsideration requires a second and Council Member Carney did not make a *formal motion* for reconsideration, he only *requested* reconsideration. (See page 4 and 5 for previous information).

MOTION: Council Member Chappel moved, Council Member Keller seconded, to reconsider Ordinance Serial No. 98-04 and Ordinance Serial No. 98-07 at this time.

Mayor Palin requested a division of the question.

VOTE: The motion to reconsider Ordinance Serial No. 98-04 passed with Council Member Carney choosing not to vote.

VOTE: The motion to reconsider Ordinance Serial No. 98-07 passed with Council Member Patrick opposed and Council Member Carney choosing not to vote.

Council Member Keller requested that Council Member Carney state for the record his reason for not voting to reconsider Ordinance Serial Nos. 98-04 and 98-07.

Council Member Carney stated that Mrs. Anne Kilkenny requested that the council delay action on Ordinance Serial No. 98-07 since she is not in attendance this evening and in reference to Ordinance Serial No. 98-04 he had additional information to present about funding for the fire service area.

Ordinance Serial No. 98-04: "An Ordinance Amending The FY-98 Budget By Appropriating Additional Funds To The Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) Fund 02 For Public Use Area Irrigation And Fire Department Thermal Imaging Device."

MOTION: Council Member Chappel moved, Council Member Keller seconded, to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 98-04.

VOTE: The motion to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 98-04 passed with Council Member Carney choosing not to vote.

Ordinance Serial No. 98-07: "An Ordinance Amending WMC 14.12.030(I) Driveway Apron Construction, Permitting Process." (IM No. 98-14)

MOTION: Council Member Chappel moved, Council Member Keller seconded, to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 98-07.

VOTE: The motion to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 98-07 passed with Council Member Carney choosing not to vote.

#### 10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. 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) (Introduction 1/26/98; public hearing 2/9/98.)

MOTION: Council Member Keller moved, Council Member Chappel seconded, to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 98-01.

Discussion followed.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

B. 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 City's Computer Network." (IM No. 98-10) (Introduction 1/26/98; public hearing 2/9/98.)

MOTION: Council Member Chappel moved, Council Member Keller seconded, to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 98-03.

Discussion followed.

MOTION: Council Member Chappel moved, Council Member Keller seconded, to amend IM No. 98-10, by amending the second paragraph to read: "Finance Department is proposing to complete Phase I at this time with Phases II and III to be completed in the future."

GENERAL CONSENT: There was no objection to the amendment of IM No. 98-10.

VOTE: The motion to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 98-03 passed unanimously.

C. CM No. 98-09(SUB): Planning Commission Appointment.

MOTION: Council Member Patrick moved, Council Member Keller seconded, to adopt CM No. 98-09 (SUB) (appointment of Kevin Baker to the Planning Commission).

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

#### 11. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

#### 12. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session held.

#### 13. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Planning Commission Minutes: January 27, 1998

There was no comment on the communication item.

#### 14. MAYOR, CLERK, AND ATTORNEY COMMENTS

Kristie VanGorder, City Clerk:

- Informed the council that the State conflict of interest statements have been distributed and are due to the clerk's office no later than April 15, 1998.
- Highlighted the new ballot scanning program the Division of Elections is proposing to purchase.

Mayor Palin commented that:

- Engineering is progressing on the Weber Drive & Spruce Avenue Phase 1A, and the documents should be ready to go out for construction bid by March 10.
- A public hearing is scheduled for March 23 for North Country Estates paving LID.
- The new well at the Iditarod site is ready to advertise for engineering services.
- Restroom facilities are in the early engineer design phase for Iditapark.

- The bid opening for Church Road North occurred on February 18, and the contractor anticipates the project will be complete in the fall of 1998.
- LIDs for Susitna Road and Recluse Circle are being investigated and it is the hope of the city to also include the Melanie Avenue residents in the Recluse Avenue LID.
- An electric mainline to the Wasilla Airport is being negotiated at this time.
- A positive meeting with Alaska Railroad was held.
- The museum will celebrate their annual Iditarod Days Open House from February 28 - March 8.
- April 19 - 25 have been scheduled as clean up week in Wasilla.
- The Iditarod Race re-start and the Iron Dog Race have been moved to sites outside of Wasilla due to our lack of snow.
- A meeting was held to discuss initial plans for the 1998 "Race for Technology" for the library.

## 15. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Noell Lowe:

- Stated he attended the Iron Dog restart in Big Lake and especially enjoyed the Kiddie Cat Classic.

Harold Newcomb:

- Spoke in favor of supporting the swimming pool project.

## 16. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Fuller:

- Challenged administration and the Youth Detention Site Selection Committee to find a more acceptable site for the proposed youth detention facility.
- Stated he would like to move forward with the youth detention facility and believes it is a worth while project for the city.

Council Member Cottle:

- Commented that the ice rink at Wasilla Lake is a positive addition to the city.
- Thanked Dan Kelly for serving on the planning commission.

Council Member Keller:

- Stated she appreciates the parks and recreation commission minutes.
- Suggested that parks and recreation change their meeting date to allow their approved minutes to be included in the council meeting packet.

- Requested minutes from all of the advisory boards and sub-committees of the city.

Council Member Chappel:

- Commented that the issue of a public safety building has been recently discussed at a borough assembly meeting.
- Stated he spoke with the borough finance director about the personal property tax issue and it is being addressed.
- Reported that the borough is intending to fund up to \$250,000 for the paving of Spruce Avenue next fiscal year.
- Suggested that perhaps the number of parks and recreation commission seats be reduced from nine to seven.
- Suggested limiting the commission seats to city residents only, through a method of attrition.

17. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
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KRISTIE L. VANGORDER, CMC/AE  
City Clerk

  
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SARAH PALIN, Mayor

Minutes approved: 3/9/98