



MAYOR

Dianne M. Keller

COUNCIL

Howard O'Neil, Seat A

Diana L. Straub, Seat B

Noel H. Lowe, Seat C

Robert Sande, Seat D

Ron Cox, Seat E

Colleen Sullivan-Leonard, Seat F

**WASILLA CITY COUNCIL
MEETING AGENDA**

WASILLA CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Wasilla City Hall, 290 E. Herning Avenue, Wasilla, AK 99654 (907) 373-9090

REGULAR MEETING

7 P.M.

SEPTEMBER 22, 2003

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **ROLL CALL**
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
 - A. Presentation Of Colors By Boy Scout Troop No. 300.
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
5. **SPECIAL ORDERS**
6. **COMMISSION/AGENCY REPORT (Five minutes per agency.)**
 - A Planning Commission
 - B. Parks And Recreation Commission
 - C. Matanuska-Susitna Borough
 - D. Ms. Cat Bullington, City of Houston: Animal Control Report.
 - E. Matanuska Electric Association (MEA) Michael Pauley Re: Southern Intertie and Rate Reductions.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes of Preceding Meeting:

1. Regular Meeting: September 8, 2003.

B. Introductions (Public Hearing To Be Scheduled For: October 13, 2003)

1. **Ordinance Serial No. 03-52:** Amending The FY-04 Budget By Appropriating \$34,216.26 In Matanuska-Susitna Borough Grant Funds As Reimbursement For Paving Roads Within The City Of Wasilla.

C. Resolutions

1. **Resolution Serial No. 03-33:** Transferring Funds Within An Accounting Fund In the Amount of \$11,000 For Septage Facility Engineering Services.

D. Council Memorandums

1. **CM No. 03-49:** Cancellation of November 10, 2003 Regular City Council Meeting.
2. **CM No. 03-50:** Contract Award to F & F Construction in the Amount of \$127,864 for the Wasilla Library Addition/Remodel.
3. **CM No. 03-51:** Contract Amendment For Rockford Corporation In The Amount Of \$18,656 For Bumpus Reservoir Facility.

8. PUBLIC HEARING (Three minutes per person.)

- A. **Ordinance Serial No. 03-59:** Amending The Official Zoning Map Of The City Of Wasilla To Reflect A Change In Zoning Districts From RR—Rural Residential To RM—Multi-Family Residential For A Portion Of Tax Parcel A-7 Within Section 16, Township 17 North, Range 1 West, Seward Meridian, Alaska.

- B. **Ordinance Serial No. 03-60:** Amending the FY-04 Budget by Appropriating \$50,000 for Consulting Services and Groundwater Monitoring Required to Renew the Wastewater Treatment Plant Permit.

9. PERSONS TO BE HEARD (Three minutes per person.)

- A. Ms. Jay Nolfi: Proposition 9 – Port Bonds.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

11. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Resolutions Serial No. 03-32:** In Support Of Matanuska-Susitna Borough Proposition No. 5, Park And Recreational Facility Capital Improvement Bonds To Be Voted On At The October 7, 2003 Regular Election And To Allocate Funding Support Up To \$250,000 To Assist In Completion Of The Wasilla Recreation Bond Projects Funded By The Matanuska-Susitna Borough. (Requested By Council Member Sullivan-Leonard)

12. COMMUNICATION

- A. Wasilla Planning Commission Meeting Minutes
1. Approved: August 26, 2003
 2. Draft: September 9, 2003
- B. Wasilla Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes
1. Draft: September 10, 2003

13. MAYOR, CLERK, AND ATTORNEY COMMENTS

14. AUDIENCE COMMENTS (Three minutes per person.)

15. COUNCIL COMMENTS

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION

17. ADJOURNMENT

1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Wasilla City Council was held on Monday, September 22, 2003, at the Wasilla City Council Chambers, Wasilla, Alaska. Mayor Keller called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Council Members present and establishing a quorum were:

Mr. Howard O'Neil, Seat A, Deputy Mayor
Ms. Diana L. Straub, Seat B
Mr. Noel Lowe, Seat C
Mr. Rob Sande, Seat D
Mr. Ron Cox, Seat E
Ms. Colleen Sullivan-Leonard, Seat F

Staff in attendance were:

Ms. Kristie L. Smithers, City Clerk
Ms. Jamie Newman, Deputy City Clerk
Ms. Michelle Mishke, Assistant City Attorney
Mr. Tim Krug, City Planner
Mr. Ted Leonard, Finance Director
Mr. Don Savage, Police Chief
Mr. Don Shiesl, Public Works Director
Mr. Chester Simton, Library Director

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A. Presentation Of Colors By Boy Scout Troop No. 300.

Boy Scout Troop 300 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Council Member Sande requested the following adjustment to the agenda:

- to move Resolution Serial No. 03-32 from the consent agenda to new business.

GENERAL CONSENT: No objection was raised to amend the agenda and the agenda was approved as amended.

Council Member Sande stated for the record that his sister-in-law is in the process of purchasing property near the area described in Ordinance Serial No. 03-59 and that he has no financial interest in the property purchase.

Mayor Keller introduced Mr. Bruce Urban, Recreational and Cultural Services Manager, as the city's newest team member. Mr. Urban spoke about his background and professional accomplishments.

5. SPECIAL ORDERS

There were no special orders.

6. COMMISSION/AGENCY REPORT (Five minutes per agency.)

A Planning Commission

City Planner:

- spoke about issues under consideration by the planning commission.

B. Parks And Recreation Commission

No report was presented.

C. Matanuska-Susitna Borough

No report was presented.

D. Ms. Cat Bullington, City of Houston: Animal Control Report.

Ms. Bullington reported on the progress of the animal control program as administered by the city of Houston and presented an activity report for the city of Wasilla.

E. Matanuska Electric Association (MEA) Michael Pauley and Tuckerman Babcock Re: Southern Intertie and Rate Reductions.

Mr. Pauley spoke about the growth MEA is experiencing and discussed efficiencies implemented within the organization that have resulted in lower electric rates for users.

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MOTION: Council Member O'Neil moved to adopt the consent agenda.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

8. PUBLIC HEARING (Three minutes per person.)

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Mayor Keller opened the public on Ordinance Serial No. 03-59 and there being no one who wished to present testimony the public hearing closed.

MOTION: Council Member Lowe moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 03-59.

The city planner presented an overview of the re-zone request.

Discussion moved to the council and Randy Harman, the applicant, answered questions from the council.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

- B. **Ordinance Serial No. 03-60:** Amending the FY-04 Budget by Appropriating \$50,000 for Consulting Services and Groundwater Monitoring Required to Renew the Wastewater Treatment Plant Permit.

Mayor Keller opened the public hearing and there being no one who wished to present testimony the public hearing closed.

MOTION: Council Member Cox moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 03-60.

GENERAL CONSENT: No objection was raised.

9. PERSONS TO BE HEARD (Three minutes per person.)

- A. Ms. Jay Nolfi: Proposition 9 – Port Bonds.

Ms. Nolfi stated that she is affiliated with the political action group “Port McKenzie Now.” She discussed the benefits of Proposition 9 to valley residents and encouraged a yes vote on the proposition.

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MOTION: Council Member Sullivan-Leonard moved to adopt Resolution Serial No. 03-32.

Discussion followed by the council and the finance director answered questions from the council.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

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No action was taken on the communication items.

13. MAYOR, CLERK, AND ATTORNEY COMMENTS

Clerk:

- reported that early voting began today; and
- inquired about a date for a joint work session with the planning commission on site plans. (The council directed the clerk to schedule the work session on January 8, beginning at 6 p.m. in council chambers.)

Mayor Keller:

- reported on the activities of various city departments; and
- recognized Don Shiesl, Public Works Director for his service to the city.

14. AUDIENCE COMMENTS (Three minutes per person.)

Ms. Jeanne Troshensky, Friends of Wasilla Public Library:

- requested that the council schedule audience comments earlier in the meeting;
- requested detailed information on the remodel of the Wasilla Public Library;
- requested a current copy of the city's CIP budget;
- reported that the friends group passed a resolution requesting that the city reconsider remodeling the library because the remodel will not solve space needs.

Ms. Eileen Lacey, Friends of Wasilla Public Library:

- stated that the Wasilla library has inadequate space for the demand of services; and
- encouraged the city to consider purchasing or leasing another site for the library.

15. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Straub:

- encouraged everyone to get out and vote; and
- commented on how she enjoys serving on the council.

Council Member Sande:

- thanked Ms. Nolfi for presenting information on Proposition 9; and
- thanked the city of Houston for the animal control contract service they are providing to the city.

Council Member Sullivan-Leonard:

- thanked the council for their hard work at the council table;
- appreciates the debate and differing views presented at the council table; and
- encouraged everyone to get out and vote!

MOTION: Council Member O'Neil moved to direct the clerk to prepare an ordinance repealing term limits for the city council and mayor.

GENERAL CONSENT: No objection was raised.

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION


No executive session was held.

17. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.


DIANNE M. KELLER, Mayor

ATTEST:


KRISTIE L. SMITHERS, CMC
City Clerk

Adopted by the Wasilla City Council on October 13, 2003