

1. CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Wasilla City Council was held on Monday, December 29, 2003, at the Wasilla City Council Chambers, Wasilla, Alaska. Mayor Keller called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Mayor Dianne M. Keller was present.

Council Members present and establishing a quorum were:

Mr. Howard O'Neil, Seat A, Deputy Mayor
Ms. Diana Straub, Seat B
Mr. Rob Sande, Seat D
Mr. Ron Cox, Seat E
Vacant, Seat F

Council Member Noel Lowe, Seat C; was absent and excused.

Staff in attendance were:

Ms. Kristie Smithers, City Clerk
Ms. Jamie Newman, Deputy Clerk
Mr. Archie Giddings, City Engineer
Mr. Ted Leonard, Director of Finance and Administrative Services
Mr. Bruce Urban, Recreation and Cultural Services Manager

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Deputy Mayor O'Neil led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Keller requested the following addition to the agenda:

- to add a power point presentation before the public hearing.

GENERAL CONSENT: The agenda was approved without objection.

5. INTRODUCTIONS (Public Hearing Scheduled For: January 12, 2004)

- A. **Ordinance Serial No. 04-06:** Extending To December 1, 2003 The Due Date For Receipt Of City Sales Tax Returns And City Sales Tax For The Month Of October 2003.

MOTION: Council Member Straub moved Ordinance Serial No. 04-06 for introduction and public hearing on January 12, 2004.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

6. PUBLIC HEARING

- A. **Ordinance Serial No. 03-73:** To Amend The FY-04 Sports Complex Budget By Appropriating \$132,687 From The General Fund And Projected Revenue From The Sports Complex In The Amount Of \$96,000.
- B. **Ordinance Serial No. 03-74:** To Amend The FY04 Cultural & Recreation Dept. Budget By Appropriating \$30,000 In Order To Accept The Economic Development Mini Grant For Market Analysis And The Cash Match Of \$10,000 From The General Fund.

Mayor Keller opened the public hearing on Ordinance Serial Nos. 03-73 and 03-74.

Mr. Urban gave a power point presentation to update the council on the progress of the multi-use sports complex construction project.

Dr. Curtis Menard, Chair, Multi-Use Sports Complex Design Committee:

- spoke about the economic benefits the complex will bring to the city; and
- discussed projected revenue and expenses to be generated by the complex.

There being no others who wished to present testimony the public hearing closed.

MOTION: Council Member Cox moved to adopt Ordinance Serial Nos. 03-73 and 03-74.

Discussion moved to the council.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

7. MAYOR, CLERK AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Keller:

- encouraged no drinking and driving this holiday season.

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- spoke about the upcoming budget calendar.

Council Member Straub:

- spoke about the professionalism of the Wasilla Police Department;
- thanked the city for promoting no drinking and driving; and
- requested that the city explore mandatory drug testing for employees.

Council Member Sande:

- requested that the city look into mandatory drug testing for employees; and
- stated that he is unable to attend the January 8, 2004 work session and requested to be excused from the meeting.

Council Member Cox:

- thanked staff for a successful year.

Council Member O'Neil:

- stated his support for mandatory drug testing; and
- spoke positively about the sports complex project.

8. AUDIENCE COMMENTS


No comments were made.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.


DIANNE M. KELLER, Mayor

ATTEST:


KRISTIE L. SMITHERS, CMC
City Clerk

Adopted by the Wasilla City Council on January 12, 2004.