



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

Verdie A. Bowen, Seat F

**WASILLA CITY COUNCIL
MEETING AGENDA**

WASILLA CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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

WORK SESSION

6 P.M.

SEPTEMBER 13, 2004

- A. Home Rule Status.

REGULAR MEETING

7 P.M.

SEPTEMBER 13, 2004

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- A. Miss Laura Klinkner.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

5. SPECIAL ORDERS

- A. Proclamation In Support Of Stepfamily Day 2004.

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

- A. Planning Commission

- B. Parks and Recreation Commission

- C. Matanuska-Susitna Borough

7. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes of Preceding Meeting:

1. Regular Meeting: August 23, 2004

B. Introductions (Public Hearing To Be Scheduled For: September 27, 2004)

1. **Ordinance Serial No. 04-66:** Amending The FY-05 Budget By Appropriating Funds From The Construction Services/Public Safety Building CIP Fund To The Purchased Properties Fund/Repair And Maintenance For The Installation Of Solar Film At The Police Station.
2. **Ordinance Serial No. 04-67:** Amending The FY-05 Sewer Grant Fund Budget By Appropriating Funds In The Amount Of \$110,000 In Order To Fund Residential Sewer Connection Grants.
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5. **Ordinance Serial No. 04-70:** Amending The FY-05 Library Budget By Accepting And Appropriating \$500 From The Wal-Mart Foundation Grant.

C. Resolutions

1. **Resolution Serial No. 04-36:** To Designate Alaska Department Of Environmental Conservation Municipal Grant Funds To The Garden Terrace Water Main Extension Phase II As The Number One Local State Funding Priority For Fiscal Year 2006.

D. Action Memorandums

1. **AM No. 04-58:** Confirmation of Joint City/Borough Election Officials For The October 5, 2004 Regular City Election.
2. **AM No. 04-59:** Contract Award To Quality Asphalt Paving In The Amount Of \$72,750 For 2004 Strip Paving Projects.

3. **AM No. 04-60:** Contract Award To McKinley Fence Company In The Amount Of \$47,700 For Bumpus Reservoir Security Fencing.
8. **PUBLIC HEARING** (Three minutes per person.)
 - A. **Ordinance Serial No. 04-63:** Amending Wasilla Municipal Code 2.44.060, Compensation, To Provide Compensation For Commission Members Attendance At City Council Meetings.
 - B. **Ordinance Serial No. 04-64:** Amending The FY-05 Budget By Appropriating Funds In The Amount Of \$2,000 From The General Fund To Compensate Commission Members For Attendance At City Council Meetings.
 - C. **Ordinance Serial No. 04-65:** Amending The FY-05 Budget By Appropriating \$90,000 Of Matanuska-Susitna Borough Match Funding For South Mack Drive Paving.
9. **PERSONS TO BE HEARD** (Three minutes per person.)
 - A. Ms. Nancy Howes, Valley Artists Guild Director: Request To Amend Business License Requirement.
10. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
11. **NEW BUSINESS**
12. **COMMUNICATION**
 - A. **IM No. 04-11:** Irrigation Effects On Sewer Utility Billings.
 - B. **IM No. 04-12:** Revisor of Ordinance.
13. **MAYOR, CLERK, AND ATTORNEY COMMENTS**
14. **AUDIENCE COMMENTS** (Three minutes per person.)
15. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**
16. **COUNCIL COMMENTS**
17. **ADJOURNMENT**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Wasilla City Council was held on Monday, September 13, 2004 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 Straub, Seat B
Mr. Noel Lowe, Seat C
Mr. Rob Sande, Seat D
Mr. Ron Cox, Seat E
Mr. Verdie Bowen, Seat F

Staff in attendance were:

Ms. Kristie Smithers, City Clerk
Ms. Jamie Newman, Deputy Clerk
Mr. Tom Klinkner, City Attorney
Ms. Sandra Garley, City Planner
Mr. Archie Giddings, Public Works Director
Mr. Ted Leonard, Director of Finance and Administrative Services
Mr. Don Savage, Police Chief
Mr. Bruce Urban, Recreation and Cultural Services Manager

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Miss Laura Klinkner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The city clerk requested the following adjustment to the agenda:

- to add under persons to be heard Mr. Richard Matchett.

GENERAL CONSENT: The agenda was approved without objection.

5. SPECIAL ORDERS

- A. Proclamation In Support Of Stepfamily Day 2004.

Mayor Keller read a proclamation in support of Stepfamily Day 2004.

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

- A. Planning Commission

City Planner:

- reported that the commission is reviewing draft guidelines for evaluating Capital Improvement Projects.

- B. Parks and Recreation Commission

Commissioner Dave Tuttle:

- reported that landscaping at the multi-use sports complex continues;
- noted that construction of the amphitheater in Iditapark is underway;
- spoke about trail development within the city; and
- commented that the commission continues to explore options for a dog park in the city.

- C. Matanuska-Susitna Borough

No report was presented.

Mayor Keller noted that Assembly Member Mary Kvalheim and Borough Manager John Duffy are invited to attend the next regular city council meeting to present information on the proposed borough wide sales tax.

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MOTION: Council Member Bowen 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 hearing on Ordinance Serial No. 04-63.

The following spoke in opposition to Ordinance Serial No. 04-63: Mr. Steve Stoll.

MOTION: Council Member Bowen moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 04-63.

Discussion followed by the council.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

- B. **Ordinance Serial No. 04-64:** Amending The FY-05 Budget By Appropriating Funds In The Amount Of \$2,000 From The General Fund To Compensate Commission Members For Attendance At City Council Meetings.

Mayor Keller opened the public hearing on Ordinance Serial No. 04-64 and there being no one who wished to present testimony the public hearing closed.

MOTION: Council Member O'Neil moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 04-64.

Discussion followed by the council.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

- C. **Ordinance Serial No. 04-65:** Amending The FY-05 Budget By Appropriating \$90,000 Of Matanuska-Susitna Borough Match Funding For South Mack Drive Paving.

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The following spoke in opposition to Ordinance Serial No. 04-65: Mr. Steve Stoll.

MOTION: Council Member Sande moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 04-65.

Discussion followed by the council.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

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

- A. Ms. Nancy Howes, Valley Artists Guild Director: Request To Amend Business License Requirement.

Ms. Howes was not present.

B. Mr. Richard Matchett: City Sewer Rates.

Mr. Matchett requested that the city consider averaging non-irrigation months and adjust sewer bills accordingly.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

11. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

12. COMMUNICATION

A. **IM No. 04-11: Irrigation Effects On Sewer Utility Billings.**

Mayor Keller requested that the public works director and finance director discuss the options for sewer utility billing as outlined in IM No. 04-11.

The public works director discussed alternative methods for billing sewer and the impact of each option.

The finance director spoke about the billing process and the limitations of current software.

Discussion by the council continued.

Council Member Straub requested the following information from staff:

- how many subtractive meters have been purchased from the city;
- how many subtractive meters in use include an investment of city staff time; and
- is software available to average sewer usage in winter months and apply it to summer billing.

Discussion continued.

The public works director stated additional information on sewer utility billing will be brought forward to the city council at the October 25, 2004 city council meeting.

MOTION: Council Member Sande moved to direct staff to bring back to the council the cost to the city to eliminate subtractive meters and to determine average usage to include the cost of current subtractive meters.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

B. **IM No. 04-12:** Revisor of Ordinance.

No action was taken on IM No. 04-12.

13. MAYOR, CLERK, AND ATTORNEY COMMENTS

City Attorney:

- introduced his daughter Laura to the city council;
- reported that he has been working with staff on contract issues for the multi-use sports complex and dispatch center;
- noted that he recently opined on several questions regarding sales tax; and
- offered to answer questions related to home rule status for the city.

City Clerk:

- reviewed the Alaska Municipal League Conference schedule;
- announced early voting will be offered at the Creekside Plaza Business Office, September 20 thru October 4, 2004; and
- noted that the records retention schedule is nearing completion and will be coming forward to the council for final adoption; and
- reviewed upcoming city council meetings.

Mayor Keller:

- thanked the deputy clerk for her effort on the records management project;
- reported on an open house sponsored by the planning office to hear comments from property owners in the south east area of the city;
- announced that residents in the Whispering Woods area have expressed an interest in annexation into the city;
- noted that the newly appointed dispatch center manager and economic development director will begin work on October 1, 2004;
- reported that summer construction projects are near completion; and
- spoke about the success of the Second Annual Light the Night Walk sponsored by the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

14. AUDIENCE COMMENTS (Three minutes per person.)

Mr. Steve Stoll:

- encouraged the establishment of a long term maintenance plan for the multi-use sports complex;
- spoke about a creative program for beautifying the city;
- expressed concern over the irrigation pond on Swanson Avenue; and
- commented on remarks made by the mayor about a family member.

Ms. Colleen Cottle:

- inquired about a meeting between the city and the railroad;
- expressed concern over the fees imposed on the public by the privatization of duties by the State Division of Motor Vehicles;
- inquired about the newly appointed code compliance officer.

Mr. Richard Matchett:

- thanked the city council for exploring options for sewer billing;
- requested that the city explore subsidizing services for members of the community on a fixed income; and
- spoke in favor of the improvements made to the boat launch area on Lake Lucille; and
- requested that the city install a removable dock at the boat launch on Lake Lucille.

Mr. Dillon Straub:

- encouraged the city to gather volunteer support to remove graffiti from the skate board park.

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION

No executive session was held.

16. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Bowen:

- requested the installation of a yield sign on Riley Avenue and Knik-Goosebay Road;
- commented on the need for responsible development of the multi-use sports complex;
- spoke about a possible annexation in the Mission Hills area;
- commented on the need for a balanced budget; and
- noted his support of the Light the Night Walk.

Council Member Sande:

- noted he was pleased to receive positive comments about the boat launch on Lake Lucille;
- spoke in support of responsible development of the multi-use sports complex; and
- announced he will not attend the Alaska Municipal League Local Government Conference in November 2004.

Council Member Straub:

- noted her decision to refrain from sponsoring a resolution regarding the proposed Capitol Complex in Juneau;
- encouraged participation in blood marrow drives;
- spoke about an informative tour of the Valdez Hospital; and
- encouraged community members to visit the Garden of Reflection.

Council Member Cox:

- spoke on the need for better traffic control in the area of Wasilla High School and Wasilla Middle School.

Deputy Mayor O'Neil:

- thanked council members and staff for exploring options for utility billing; and
- inquired about the traffic light at Church Road and the Parks Highway.

17. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.


DIANNE M. KELLER, Mayor

ATTEST:



KRISTIE L. SMITHERS, MMC
City Clerk

Adopted by the Wasilla City Council on September 27, 2004.