



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

REGULAR MEETING

7 P.M.

OCTOBER 11, 2004

- 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**
 - A. Mr. Jim Wilson, Northstar Speedway, Presentation to Youth Court.
- 6. COMMISSION/AGENCY REPORT (Five minutes per agency.)**
 - A. Planning Commission
 - B. Parks and Recreation Commission
 - C. Matanuska-Susitna Borough
 1. Ms. Linda Schwankl, Citizens Corp Community Coordinator.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes of Preceding Meeting:

1. Regular Meeting: September 27, 2004

B. Introductions (Public Hearing To Be Scheduled For: October 25, 2004)

1. **Ordinance Serial No. 04-75:** To Amend The FY-05 Police Department Budget By Reducing The United States Department Of Justice Bulletproof Vest Program.

C. Resolutions

1. **Resolution Serial No. 04-40:** Adopting Phase I, Dealing with Natural Hazards, of the Wasilla All Hazard Mitigation Plan.

D. Action Memorandums

1. **AM No. 04-64:** Contract Award To Northwind Contractors In The Amount Of \$34,680 To Erect A Metal Storage Building At The Sewage Treatment Plant.
2. **AM No. 04-65:** Cancellation of November 8, 2004 Regular City Council Meeting.
3. **AM No. 04-66:** To Authorize A Contract Amendment With Public Safety Consultants, Inc. In The Amount Of \$86,400 To Provide Project Management Of The Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) And Records Management Software (RMS) Phase II Dispatch Project.
4. **AM No. 04-67:** Riley Acres – Vacation Of Public Interest In An Unused 100' Wide Public Right-Of-Way At The Northwest Corner Of Proposed Lot 1.

8. PUBLIC HEARING (Three minutes per person.)

- A. **Ordinance Serial No. 04-71:** To Amend The FY-05 Police Department Budget By Appropriating Funds From The Fund Balance To The General Fund To Purchase Security Cameras.
- B. **Ordinance Serial No. 04-72:** Amending WMC Chapter 16.36 Related To Appeals Of Decisions Of The Planning Commission To A Hearing Officer.

- C. **Ordinance Serial No. 04-73:** Amending The FY-05 Police Department Budget By Appropriating Funds From The General Fund's Fund Balance To The Professional Services/Project Management Dispatch Phase II.
 - D. **Ordinance Serial No. 04-74:** Amending The FY-05 Police Department Budget By Appropriating Equipment From The State Of Alaska Asset Forfeiture To The Police Departments Equipment.
- 9. **PERSONS TO BE HEARD** (Three minutes per person.)
 - 10. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
 - 11. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. Certification Of October 5, 2004 Regular City Election.
 - 12. **COMMUNICATION**
 - A. **IM No. 04-14:** Expenses Greater Than \$5,000 For July Through September 2004.
 - B. Draft Commission Meeting Minutes:
 - 1. Planning Commission: September 28, 2004.
 - 13. **MAYOR, CLERK, AND ATTORNEY COMMENTS**
 - 14. **AUDIENCE COMMENTS** (Three minutes per person.)
 - 15. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**
 - A. Matters Pertaining To Personnel In Regard To City Clerk
 - 16. **COUNCIL COMMENTS**
 - 17. **ADJOURNMENT**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Wasilla City Council was held on Monday, October 11, 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. Verdie Bowen, Seat F

Council Member Ron Cox, Seat E, was absent and excused

Staff in attendance were:

Ms. Kristie Smithers, City Clerk
Ms. Jamie Newman, Deputy Clerk
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. Ron Singel, Economic Development Director
Mr. Bruce Urban, Recreation and Cultural Services Manager

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Boy Scout 300 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Keller requested the following amendments to the agenda:

- to add under persons to be heard, Dennis and Lance Smith, Rosemount Corporation; and
- to add under persons to be heard, Cheryl Metiva, Executive Director, Greater Wasilla Chamber of Commerce.

Council Member Sande requested the following adjustment to the agenda:

- to move AM Nos. 04-65 and 04-67 to new business.

GENERAL CONSENT: The agenda was approved as amended. No objection was raised.

5. SPECIAL ORDERS

- A. Mr. Jim Wilson, Northstar Speedway, Presentation to Youth Court.

Mr. Wilson presented a check in the amount of \$808 to Youth Court in support of the service provided to the community through youth court.

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

- A. Planning Commission

City Planner:

- noted that the commission will tour Port McKenzie on October 16, 2004.

- B. Parks and Recreation Commission

Recreation and Cultural Services Manager:

- reported that progress on the Amphitheater located within Iditapark continues; and
- noted that the commission continues to explore summer youth programs.

- C. Matanuska-Susitna Borough

1. Ms. Linda Schwankl, Citizens Corps Coordinator.

Ms. Schwankel;

- spoke about the mission of Citizens Corp; and
- noted activities of the Corp include training citizens in various areas of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough in basic emergency response techniques.

The city clerk requested to pull the following resolution from the agenda: Resolution Serial No. 04-40: Adopting Phase I, Dealing with Natural Hazards, of the Wasilla All Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Mayor Keller noted that a resolution adopting a hazard mitigation plan will be brought forward at a future council meeting.

GENERAL CONSENT: No objection was raised.

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MOTION: Council Member Lowe moved to adopt the consent agenda.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

8. PUBLIC HEARING (Three minutes per person.)

- A. **Ordinance Serial No. 04-71:** To Amend The FY-05 Police Department Budget By Appropriating Funds From The Fund Balance To The General Fund To Purchase Security Cameras.

Mayor Keller opened the public hearing on Ordinance Serial No. 04-71 and there being no one who wished to present testimony the public hearing closed.

MOTION: Council Member Bowen moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 04-71.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

- B. **Ordinance Serial No. 04-72:** Amending WMC Chapter 16.36 Related To Appeals Of Decisions Of The Planning Commission To A Hearing Officer.

Mayor Keller opened the public hearing on Ordinance Serial No. 04-72.

The following spoke in favor of Ordinance Serial No. 04-72: Mr. Dave Chappel.

The following spoke in opposition to Ordinance Serial No. 04-72: Mr. Steve Stoll.

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

MOTION: Council Member Bowen moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 04-72.

Discussion moved to the council.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

- C. **Ordinance Serial No. 04-73:** Amending The FY-05 Police Department Budget By Appropriating Funds From The General Fund's Fund Balance To The Professional Services/Project Management Dispatch Phase II.

Mayor Keller opened the public hearing on Ordinance Serial No. 04-73.

Mr. Steve Stoll inquired as to the total cost of the dispatch center to date.

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

MOTION: Council Member O'Neil moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 04-73.

Discussion moved to the council.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

- D. **Ordinance Serial No. 04-74:** Amending The FY-05 Police Department Budget By Appropriating Equipment From The State Of Alaska Asset Forfeiture To The Police Departments Equipment.

Mayor Keller opened the public hearing on Ordinance Serial No. 04-74 and there being no one who wished to present testimony the public hearing closed.

MOTION: Council Member Lowe moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 04-74.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

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

- A. Mr. Dennis Smith, President and Mr. Lance Smith, Vice-President, Rosemount Corporation: Mountain Rose Estates.

Mr. Dennis Smith:

- spoke about the concept of Mountain Rose Estates noting it has received the prestigious designation of one of the six top retirement communities in the Nation; and
- noted the value of national marketing.

- B. Ms. Cheryl Metiva, Executive Director of Wasilla Chamber of Commerce.

Ms. Metiva:

- spoke about the value of community marketing and the benefits gained in terms of economic development.

10. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

11. **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Certification Of October 5, 2004 Regular City Election.

The clerk read the results of the October 5, 2004 Regular City Election into the record and reported on the election overall.

MOTION: Council Member Bowen moved to certify the October 5, 2004 Regular Election.

Discussion moved to the council.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

- B. **AM No. 04-65:** Cancellation of November 8, 2004 Regular City Council Meeting.

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

Council Member Sande inquired as to which council member plan to attend the Alaska Municipal League Conference.

The city clerk noted that Mayor Keller and Council Members Cox and Straub will attend, as well as, newly elected Council Member Mark Ewing.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

- C. **AM No. 04-67:** Riley Acres – Vacation Of Public Interest In An Unused 100' Wide Public Right-Of-Way At The Northwest Corner Of Proposed Lot.

MOTION: Council Member Sande moved to adopt AM No. 04-67.

Discussion moved to the council and questions were asked of the public works director.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

12. COMMUNICATION

- A. **IM No. 04-14:** Expenses Greater Than \$5,000 For July Through September 2004.
- B. Draft Commission Meeting Minutes:
1. Planning Commission: September 28, 2004.

No action was taken on the communication items.

13. MAYOR, CLERK, AND ATTORNEY COMMENTS

City Clerk:

- inquired about scheduling a city council/employee meeting on November 18, 2004;
- inquired as to the interest of council members to participate in the Port McKenzie tour;
- noted orientation for council members will take place prior to the next scheduled council meeting; and
- noted that clerks office staff will assist the newly formed Airport Advisory Commission in conducting their first meeting.

Mayor Keller:

- reported on the activities of city departments;
- noted that City offices will be closed on October 18 in observance of Alaska Day; and
- stated that staff is beginning to draft the budget for the dispatch center for next fiscal year.

Mayor Keller introduced newly hired staff members; Mr. Ron Singel, Economic Development Director and Ms. Gina Wheeler, Records and Communications Manager.

14. AUDIENCE COMMENTS (Three minutes per person.)

Mr. Steve Stoll:

- thanked Council Member Bowen for service to the city; and
- stated he believes it was inappropriate for the mayor to actively campaign for a council member.

Mr. Dave Chappel:

- thanked the city council for placing the question of term limits on the ballot; and
- thanked Council Member Bowen for his service to the city.

Mayor Keller:

- presented a plaque to Council Member Bowen in appreciation of his service to the city; and
- spoke highly about his character and dedication to the community.

Council Member Lowe moved to suspend the rules to allow for council comments to precede executive session. No objection was raised.

15. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Sande:

- thanked Council Member Bowen for his community service; and
- stated Council Member Bowen is an exemplary role model.

Council Member O'Neil:

- thanked Council Member Bowen for community service; and
- stated that the City is a better place in part to Council Member Bowen's service.

Council Member Lowe:

- thanked Council Member Bowen for his friendship and leadership;
- stated Council Member Bowen is a positive role model;
- responded to claims made by a candidate during the election regarding the conduct of the city relating to the bidding process, leave cash out for employees, road paving, and the land ownership issue of the sports complex; and
- spoke about need for truthful representation when running for elected office.

Council Member Straub:

- express her admiration of Council Member Bowen;
- thanked Council Member Lowe for responding to unsettling claims made by a candidate running for office; and
- welcomed the newly hired economic development director and records and communications manager.

Mayor Keller:

- spoke about why she choose to campaign for Council Member Bowen; and
- stated that she took paid-time off for participation.

Council Member Lowe:

- stated that he may resign from the city council because he is unable to find suitable property to purchase within the city although he continues to explore options available.

Council Member Bowen:

- spoke about his military service and the impact of experiences gained through service; and
- spoke passionately about his affection for the community and his firm commitment to making the city an even greater place for future generations.

The council requested a recess. No objection was raised.

The council recessed at 8:40 p.m. and reconvened at 8:50 p.m.

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Matters Pertaining To Personnel In Regard To City Clerk

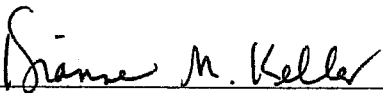
MOTION: Council Member Lowe moved to enter into executive session for matters pertaining to personnel in regard to the city clerk.

GENERAL CONSENT: No objection was raised.

The entire council, director of finance and administrative services, and the city clerk entered executive session at 8:50 p.m. in the council conference room. The executive session exited at 9:52 p.m.

17. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:52 p.m.



DIANNE M. KELLER, Mayor

ATTEST:



KRISTIE L. SMITHERS, MMC
City Clerk

Adopted by the Wasilla City Council on October 25, 2004.