



MAYOR

Dianne M. Keller

COUNCIL

Stephanie Massie, Seat A

Douglas W. Holler, Seat B

Steve Menard, Seat C

Marty Metiva, Seat D

Dianne Woodruff, Seat E

Kristofer Larson, Deputy Mayor, Seat F

**WASILLA CITY COUNCIL
MEETING AGENDA**

WASILLA CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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

SPECIAL MEETING

6 P.M.

FEBRUARY 4, 2008

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Committee of the Whole

1. Library Issues: Discussion with Friends of Wasilla Public Library

- a. Current and Future Funding
- b. Areawide versus Non-areawide
- c. Libraries as Economic Engines
- d. Construction of new library

VI. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

VII. MAYOR, COUNCIL AND CLERK COMMENTS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT



I. CALL TO ORDER

The Special Meeting of the Wasilla City Council was held on Monday, February 4, 2008, at the Wasilla City Council Chambers, Wasilla, Alaska. Mayor Dianne M. Keller called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. The purpose of the meeting was to enter into a Committee of the Whole to discuss library issues with the Friends of Wasilla Public Library.

II. ROLL CALL

Council Members present and establishing a quorum were:

- Mr. Stephanie Massie, Seat A
- Mr. Doug Holler, Seat B
- Mr. Steve Menard, Seat C
- Mr. Marty Metiva, Seat D
- Ms. Dianne Woodruff, Seat E
- Mr. Kristofer Larson, Deputy Mayor, Seat F

Staff in attendance were:

- Kristie Smithers, City Clerk
- Jamie Newman, Deputy Clerk
- Bruce Urban, Recreation and Cultural Services Manager
- Kathy (KJ) Martin-Albright, Library Director

Friends of Wasilla Public Library in Attendance were:

- Jeanne Troshynski
- Kathy Webb
- Randy Robinson
- Barbara Judd
- Ronda Ingham
- Liz Potter
- Margaret Heaven
- Pam Ockerlander
- Julia Ede

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Keller invited Ms. Jeanne Troshynski to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Keller asked if there were changes to the agenda as presented, hearing none, the agenda was approved without objection.

V. NEW BUSINESS

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MOTION: Council Member Metiva moved to enter into a Committee of the Whole at 6:04 p.m. to discuss library issues with the Friends of Wasilla Public Library.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection by Deputy Mayor Larson, Council Members Holler, Massie, Menard, Metiva, and Woodruff.

Discussion ensued between the Council, staff, and representatives of the Friends of Wasilla Public Library on the following topics: 1) current and future funding; 2) area-wide funding versus non-area funding of the Wasilla Public Library; 3) libraries as economic engines; and 4) construction of a new library in the City of Wasilla.

The general consensus of Council and the Friends of Wasilla Public Library is that the City fully fund the Wasilla Public Library as the library is a true economic engine.

MOTION: Council Member Menard to exit a Committee of the Whole at 7:32 p.m.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection by Deputy Mayor Larson, Council Members Holler, Massie, Menard, Metiva, and Woodruff.

VI. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

No comments were made.

VII. MAYOR, COUNCIL AND CLERK COMMENTS

Ms. Kristie Smithers, City Clerk:

- clarified action items to be brought back to the Council for consideration;
- noted the deadline for items to be placed on the ballot for the October 7, 2008, Regular Election;
- inquired about draft ethics legislation to be submitted by council members; and
- noted travel dates for lobbying to Washington DC and Juneau.

Council Member Menard:

- thanked everyone for attending the meeting;
- talked about the leadership role of the Council;
- shared his vision for the construction of a new library and community center; and
- spoke in support of moving the construction process forward expeditiously.

Council Member Holler:

- stated his belief that with the help of the Friends of Wasilla Public Library a bond proposition for the construction of a new library will garner voter approval.

Mayor Keller:

- thanked everyone for coming together to discuss the needs of the Wasilla Library;
- noted she is confident the City of Wasilla can accomplish the goal of constructing a new library provided the process is well planned; and
- talked about the need to identify operating costs associated with the construction of a new library.

Council Member Metiva:

- thanked everyone for attending the meeting;
- spoke in support of moving forward with the process of constructing a new library and community center; and
- spoke about the need to develop the downtown area.

Council Member Woodruff:

- spoke in support of moving forward with the process of constructing a new library;
- talked about the challenge of losing potential library construction sites due to rapid development;
- commented on sales tax collection (whole numbers versus percentages); and
- talked about the need to work cooperatively with the Mat-Su Borough for the betterment of the entire community.

Council Member Massie:

- thanked everyone for attending the meeting; and
- noted she supports the construction of a new library.

Deputy Mayor Larson:

- commented on proposed regulations drafted by the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board in regard to liquor license transfers from the Borough into the City; and
- spoke in support of formulating a well thought out plan prior to placing the question of a sales tax increase on the ballot for the construction of a new library.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business at hand, Mayor Keller adjourned the meeting at 7:56 p.m.


DIANNE M. KELLER, Mayor

ATTEST:


KRISTIE SMITHERS, MMC
City Clerk

Adopted by the Wasilla City Council on February 25, 2008.