

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
OF THE CITY OF KODIAK  
HELD THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2019  
IN THE BOROUGH ASSEMBLY CHAMBERS**

**I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER/INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Pat Branson called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. Councilmembers Laura B. Arboleda, Randall C. Bishop, Richard H. Walker, and John B. Whiddon were present and constituted a quorum. Councilmembers Charles E. Davidson and Terry J. Haines were absent. City Manager Mike Tvenge, City Clerk Debra Marlar, and Assistant Clerk Annika Woods were also present.

Salvation Army Major Dave Davis gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**II. PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Councilmember Whiddon MOVED to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2019, regular meeting as presented.

The roll call vote was Councilmembers Arboleda, Bishop, Walker and Whiddon in favor. Councilmembers Davidson and Haines were absent. The motion passed.

**III. PERSONS TO BE HEARD**

**a. Public Comments**

**Lawrence Anderson**, Senior Citizens of Kodiak, Inc. Board of Director and local Kodiak resident, gave a quarterly report detailing the various services provided to seniors. He stated the Kodiak Senior Center is the only program in the state that delivers meals to homes seven days a week. The Senior Center is also the lead agency for Kodiak Area Transit System. He shared the Senior Center is one of the seven centers in the country to be nationally accredited by the National Institute on Aging and National Institute of Senior Centers. He thanked the City for its continued support.

**IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Authorization of Contract Amendment No. 2 to the Professional Services Contract With Jacobs for WWTP Upgrade, Phase I Condition and Process Assessment, Project No. 7522/18-04**

Preliminary WWTP Effluent Disinfection Feasibility Study and Condition and Process Assessments are complete. The next step in engineering for the WWTP Upgrade Project is to design the effluent disinfection system mandated by the current APDES Discharge Permit. It has been determined that Ultraviolet (UV) method of disinfection is the best option. The work will be performed under the existing contract and will be administered under Contract Amendment No. 2.

Councilmember Walker MOVED to authorize Contract Amendment No. 2 to the Professional Services Contract with Jacobs for WWTP Upgrade, Phase I Condition and Process Assessment, Project No. 7522/18-04 in the amount of \$468,000 with funds from Project No. 7522 and authorize the City Manager to sign documents on behalf of the City.

The roll call vote was Councilmembers Arboleda, Bishop, Walker and Whiddon in favor. Councilmembers Davidson and Haines were absent. The motion passed.

**b. Authorization of Professional Services Agreement With Dianne Blumer for State Legislative Lobbying Services.**

A Request for Proposal (RFP) for State legislative lobbying services was issued on January 17, 2019. The RFP was published in the Kodiak Daily Mirror, Anchorage Daily News, and Juneau Empire. Four proposals were received by the deadline. The Lobbyist Review Committee met on February 15, 2019, and reviewed the proposals and selected two candidates for an interview. The Lobbyist Review Committee met on February 21, 2019, and interviewed the two candidates. The committee recommended Dianne Blumer to be the City's state lobbyist.

Councilmember Arboleda MOVED to authorize Professional Services Agreement No. 241767 with Dianne Blumer, dba Blumer & Associates from March 1 through December 31, 2019, in the amount of \$36,050 with funds coming from the General Fund Legislative Professional Services account and authorize the City Manager to sign the documents on behalf of the City.

The roll call vote was Councilmembers Arboleda, Bishop, Walker, and Whiddon in favor. Councilmembers Davidson and Haines were absent. The motion passed.

**VI. STAFF REPORTS**

**a. City Manager**

Manager Mike Tvenge shared Gorman Rupp Company is in production of lift stations 3 and 4. This project began last summer, completing the bypass system compatible with the new pumps; installation of the new lift stations is scheduled for June and is expected to be completed in July. These two sewer lift stations are located adjacent to Marine Way near the bridge and Father Herman Street. Brechan Construction LLC is the local general contractor doing the ground work and will also be involved in the install. Gorman Rupp will be here for the startup test.

He said a Kodiak tsunami operations workshop will occur at Best Western Hotel Harbor Room March 12-14, 8 am to 4 pm, with the goal of strengthening community preparedness for tsunami events. Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management is sponsoring. He encouraged the community to attend.

Manager Tvenge shared that Alstar Communications, accompanied by Chief of Police Putney and Lieutenant Dela Fuente, toured the tsunami sirens along the Kodiak road system. They also met with several local contractors, Aksala Communications, and Kodiak Electric Association. These organizations provided input to assist with a siren replacement report we expect to have late next month. The information provided in the report will be used to solicit request for proposals to upgrade our emergency warning system.

**b. City Clerk**

City Clerk Debra Marljar stated the next work session is Tuesday, March 12 at the Kodiak Public Library, and the next regular meeting is Thursday, March 14 in the Borough Assembly Chambers.

**VII. MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

Mayor Branson said she attended AML with Councilmembers Whiddon and Davidson and met with Governor Dunleavy. The governor said he is "all ears" to hear what the residents think of the proposed budget. Mayor Branson announced a town hall meeting will be held Saturday, March 30 at the end of Comfish. She said the community is encouraged to attend to offer solutions and respond to governor's budget.

**VIII. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Walker said he was glad to hear the lift stations are being manufactured. He stated the Waste Water Treatment Plant update is government mandated, and the City doesn't have an option in investing in it. He said the change also affects other communities besides Kodiak. He stated the UV system is one of the best available. He thanked Mayor Branson for talking to the Governor at AML and setting up the forum during Comfish to ensure good attendance. He commented that a lot of people expressed concern about the Near Island Plan at the Council work session, and he appreciated their comments. He provided insight that he would like to explore additional plans that foster economic development.

Councilmember Arboleda thanked City staff for what they do and encouraged everyone to sanitize their hands during the flu season.

Councilmember Whiddon thanked Lawrence Anderson for his attendance. He stated the quarterly report Mr. Anderson presented illustrates how important the senior center is for the community. He thanked Mr. Anderson and the board for everything they do to make seniors' quality of life better. Councilmember Whiddon shared that a Fisheries Work Group meeting was held yesterday and gave an update on the topics discussed. He reminded everyone of the next Fisheries Work Group meeting, which is March 27. He thanked everyone who came to discuss the Near Island Development Plan during the work session on Tuesday. He said while no decision had been made, it seemed pretty clear what the public wanted. He stated Near Island is one of the jewels of Kodiak.

Councilmember Bishop reminded everyone that the next discussion of The Near Island Development Plan is March 26 during the City Council work session at the Kodiak Public Library. He thanked everyone who showed up to give public comment. He stated outside entities do not have the emotional connection to Near Island like Kodiak residents do.

**IX. AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

None

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

Councilmember Whiddon MOVED to adjourn the meeting.

The roll call vote was Councilmembers Arboleda, Bishop, Walker and Whiddon in favor. Councilmembers Davidson and Haines were absent. The motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

CITY OF KODIAK



MAYOR

ATTEST:



CITY CLERK

Minutes Approved: March 14, 2019

