

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE CITY OF KODIAK
HELD THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 2020
IN THE BOROUGH ASSEMBLY CHAMBERS**

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

Mayor Pat Branson called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Randall C. Bishop, Terry J. Haines, Richard H. Walker, and John B. Whiddon were present and constituted a quorum. Councilmembers Laura B. Arboleda and Charles E. Davidson were absent. City Manager Mike Tvenge, City Clerk Nova Javier, and Deputy Clerk Michelle Shuravloff-Nelson 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 December 12, 2019, regular meeting as presented.

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

III. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

a. Public Comments

Jonathan Strong, Kodiak Area Mentor Program (KAMP) President, thanked the Mayor and Council for the non-profit grant funds that were awarded last year. He provided an update on the spending of funds for the program. He said they have provided safe and sober housing, outreach, and addiction and case management services. He provided statistics for the services. He stated the program is staffed with volunteers and he introduced the new President Shawn Olsen of KAMP.

Darren Byler, via telephone, spoke of his dissatisfaction regarding the Wild Alaskan. He said he would like the Mayor and Council to know the details of the case and stated that he wants to settle this case instead of going into litigation.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Second Reading and Public Hearing Ordinance No. 1391 Amending Title 10 of the Kodiak City Code to Establish Parking Tickets as Minor Offense, Consolidate the Chapters on Vehicle Impound and Abandonment, and Make Further Revisions to the Title

Mayor Branson read Ordinance No. 1391 by title. The proposed ordinance accomplishes several goals in addition to “housekeeping” changes made throughout. The primary reason for this amendment is to once again establish parking violations as a minor offense and transfer processing authority to the court system. Under the existing code, parking violations are subject to an administrative hearing conducted by the City Manager or their designee. The current system is not efficient. The revised process would allow a ticketed person to pay the fine online or re-

quest a trial in front of a magistrate. Second, the chapters on vehicle impound and abandonment are combined into a single chapter because these two areas overlap in practice. The revision allows for a streamlined process for removing and impounding vehicles. It also more clearly defines the penalties for an abandoned or junk vehicle by allowing the City to fine the last registered owner of the vehicle. Currently the City will occasionally send an invoice to the last registered owner, but the invoice is rarely paid because there are no consequences for nonpayment. The fine schedule has been updated.

Councilmember Walker MOVED to adopt Ordinance No. 1391.

Mayor Branson closed the regular meeting, opened and closed the public hearing when no one came forward to testify, and reopened the regular meeting.

Councilmember Whiddon stated he was pleased with the adoption of the ordinance and he indicated that it will resolve citizen concerns that have been brought to his attention.

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

V. NEW BUSINESS

a. Resolution No. 2020-01, Appropriating \$56,300 of Unassigned Fund Balance of the Streets Improvement Fund and Authorizing the Purchase of Above Ground Fuel Dispensing Tanks to Greer Tank, Inc.

Mayor Branson read Resolution No. 2020-01 by title. The City of Kodiak accepted sealed bids for the Above Ground Fuel Dispensing Tanks to be located at the City Public Works facility. The date of invitation began on November 1, 2019, and closed at 3 p.m. on December 2, 2019. The City received two bids. The lowest responsive bidder was Greer Tank, Inc. Greer Tank, Inc. bid \$86,300 for two above ground fuel dispensing tanks shipped to Kodiak, Alaska. Staff recommends Council authorize the award and purchase to Greer Tank, Inc. in the amount of \$86,300.

Councilmember Bishop MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 2020-01.

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

b. Resolution No. 2020-02 Accepting a Department of Labor and Workforce Development Grant for Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation Training for the Kodiak Police Department

Mayor Branson read Resolution No. 2020-02 by title. The Kodiak Police Department is seeking training for our department members to help mitigate the opioid crisis in Kodiak. They will be using trainers from the Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation for a one-day course, "Creating and Sustaining a Culture of Recovery", and a three-day course, "Trauma-Informed Care" to achieve its community-wide opioid-reduction campaign. The goals are developing an understanding of implicit biases associated with opioid users, the Cycle of Conditioning and its impact on a culture of recovery, identifying opportunities to interrupt the cycle of conditioning to build a culture of recovery, and using recovery-enhancing language. In addition, department members will be

trained to identify principles of care related to trauma as it applies to those struggling with opioid addiction within personal, employment, and historical experiences.

Councilmember Bishop MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 2020-02.

Councilmember Whiddon stated that the report from KAMP was timely and he thanked Chief of Police Putney for obtaining the grant.

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

c. Recommendation of Appointment to the Planning and Zoning Commission City Seat

Three of the seven seats on the Planning and Zoning Commission are designated as City seats. There is currently one City seat that is vacant for a term to expire December 2021. Applications were received from Sarah Harrington and Tracy Denise Craig. Alaska Statute 29.40.020 provides that an appointment to the Planning and Zoning Commission is made by the Borough Mayor for a three-year term from a list of recommendations submitted by the City Council.

Councilmember Haines MOVED to recommend Sarah Harrington for appointment to the vacant City seat on the Planning and Zoning Commission for a term ending December 2021.

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

d. Appointment of City Advisory Board Members

Several advisory board seats expire at the end of December. Volunteers were solicited via newspaper advertisements, public service announcements, and City Clerk and department head recruitment efforts. Applications have been received for appointment to the Future Fire Station Replacement Project Steering Committee, Parks and Recreation Board, and the Port and Harbors Advisory Board. Except for the Personnel Board whose appointments are made by the Council, appointments to the other boards are made by the Mayor and confirmed by the Council.

Mayor Branson stated her appointments as follows:

Scott Arndt and Sarah Harrington to the Future Fire Station Replacement Project Steering Committee; Stephanie Wyszowski to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for the City regular seat for term to expire 2022; John Glover and Jessica Horn to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board seats for terms to expire 2022; Alex Tschida and Carmel Carty to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board alternate seats for terms to expire 2022; Derek Hietala to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board US Coast Guard Seat; Mike Mizell and Norm Lennon to the Regular Seats Ports and Harbors Advisory Board for terms to expire 2022; Tim Abena and David Jentry to the Ports and Harbors Advisory Board for the Alternate Seats for terms to expire 2020

Councilmember Whiddon MOVED to confirm the Mayoral appointments as stated.

Councilmember Haines thanked Mayor Branson for her appointments and he thanked all the volunteers that were willing to serve on an advisory board.

Councilmember Whiddon thanked the Parks and Recreation advisory board volunteers and stated it was clear during the interviews that individuals were engaged and involved; he congratulated and commended the Parks and Recreation Director Gronn.

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

VI. STAFF REPORTS

a. City Manager

Manager Tvenge asked the public to move their parked vehicles from the City streets for snow plowing and to be cautions around plows. He shared that there will be a public meeting in the future for the tenant leases at the municipal airport. He said the fiscal audit is complete and with be forthcoming and scheduled at an upcoming meeting. He cautioned the public that there are bears still roaming the City and to be bear aware.

b. City Clerk

City Clerk Javier informed the public of the next scheduled Council work session and regular meeting. She said the City offices will be closed on January 20, 2020 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. She included the dates and times for the planning work session, future fire station meeting, and the next Fisheries Work Group meeting.

VII. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Branson thanked everyone that applied and volunteered their time for the advisory boards. She thanked the Public Works department for their work and abundance of snow plowing that has occurred. She stated she does not typically use the dais to provide sympathies; however, she said F/V Scandies Rose she said it has affected the community and families and she provided her condolences. She said that the Board of Fish meetings begin on January 11 and there will be a reception at the Afognak building that evening. She said we are a fishing community and encouraged citizens to make that know during their attendance.

VIII. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Walker thanked the Chief Putney for obtaining the grant and funding for the City. He thanked the advisory board volunteers and said he hoped there was a good turnout at the Board of Fish meetings.

Councilmember Whiddon gave his condolences to the F/V Scandies Rose crew and family. He said this tragedy has affected many within the community and he thanked the USCG for their service and doing what they do best.

Councilmember Bishop thanked Public Works for their work during the snow to keep the roads clear and he thanked the advisory board volunteers. He said their contribution improves the quality of life in the community. He encouraged public participation at the Council’s work session on January 21 when they discuss marijuana edibles.

Councilmember Haines encouraged citizens to attend and make comments at the Board of Fish meetings. He said the topics that will be discussed will have impact to the Kodiak community.

IX. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Alan Schmitt thanked the Council for adopting Ordinance No. 1391. He said that snow plowing bring the point that vehicles are not for long term parking on the street. He said he believes citizens have a high quality of life in Kodiak and he appreciates Mayor and Council’s contributions.

Darren Byler via telephone shared his proposal for a settlement and voiced his request to regain the Wild Alaskan vessel.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Whiddon MOVED to adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

CITY OF KODIAK

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

Minutes Approved: January 23, 2020

