

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE CITY OF KODIAK
HELD THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2014
IN THE BOROUGH ASSEMBLY CHAMBERS**

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

Mayor Pat Branson called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Councilmembers Randall C. Bishop, Charles E. Davidson, Terry J. Haines, Gabriel T. Saravia, Richard H. Walker, and John B. Whiddon were present and constituted a quorum. City Manager Aimée Kniaziowski, City Clerk Debra L. Marlar, and Deputy Clerk Michelle Shuravloff-Nelson were also present.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Salvation Army Sergeant Major Dave Blacketer gave the invocation.

II. PREVIOUS MINUTES

Councilmember Whiddon MOVED to approve the minutes of the February 4, 11, 21, and March 4, special and February 13, 2014, regular meeting as presented.

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

III. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

a. Proclamation: Declaring Women's History Month

Mayor Branson read the proclamation, which recognizes the contributions of women to the growth and strength of our Nation and urges residents to increase their knowledge and appreciation of the valuable role women play in our lives.

Sandra Wilkins from the Kodiak Women's Resource and Crisis Center accepted the proclamation. She thanked Mayor Branson and Councilmembers for their continued support. She announced there will be a walk beginning at the high school and ending at Sun'aq on March 27, 2014, to support the Governor's Initiative to end the domestic violence and sexual assault and child abuse.

Mayor Branson shared that Commissioner of Health and Social Services William Streur will be participating in the walk.

b. Public Comments

None

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

V. NEW BUSINESS

a. Resolution No. 2014–11, Accepting Amendment No. 1 to the Alaska Municipal Matching Grant Program, Grant No. 50339, From the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation for the Design and Construction of the Monashka Pumphouse Replacement

Mayor Branson read Resolution No. 2014–11 by title. Monashka reservoir and pumphouse are the primary sources of water for the City of Kodiak’s public water system. Records show that construction of the pumphouse began sometime in 1972. Since the initial start up of operations, only minor changes have been made, such as adding additional pumps and the replacement of the original motor start systems. In October 2010, Council authorized CH2MHill to do a feasibility study of an upgrade to the Monashka pumphouse. The City received an Alaska Municipal Matching Grant (AMMG) for the design and upgrade to the pumphouse of \$420,000 in December 2012 from remaining grant funds from the City’s UV water treatment project. Staff continued to work with DEC on the project funding and received notice of an amended award of an additional \$1,465,534 for design and construction of the pumphouse.

Councilmember Davidson MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 2014–11.

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

b. Resolution No. 2014–12, Authorizing the Issuance of a Permit to the High School Soccer Team for the Use of Public Property for Its Soccer Clinic Fundraiser

Mayor Branson read Resolution No. 2014–12 by title. The high school soccer coach, Eric Waltenbaugh, requested the use the Baranof Park turf field to run a soccer clinic and lessons on March 21 and March 22 as a fundraiser. The purpose is twofold – to promote the sport and use of the field and to raise money for the high school soccer team. The soccer team is a club sport that is completely self-funded. The team raises money to cover the cost of travel and other costs.

Councilmember Walker MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 2014–12.

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

c. Authorization of Amendment No. 1 to Professional Services Contract for Preliminary Design and Permitting of Snow Dump Storage Yard, Project No. 13-07/5030

In January 2013, Council approved DOWL HKM to perform a snow disposal site selection study. DOWL completed the study and presented the results to Council at the January 14, 2014, work session. Council agreed that Site 12, the old Lower Reservoir site, was the best location for the new snow disposal site. The next step is to proceed with Phase 1 65 percent design, environmental permitting, and geotechnical investigation services for Site 12.

Councilmember Haines MOVED to authorize Amendment No. 1 to the Professional Services Contract for Preliminary Design and Permitting of Snow Dump Storage Yard, Project No. 13-07/5030, with DOWL HKM in the amount of \$44,500, with funds coming from the Streets Im-

provement Capital Fund and authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement on behalf of the City.

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

d. Authorization of ABC Board Restaurant Designation for Aquamarine LLC

Aquamarine LLC (formerly Angelo's Restaurant) filed an application for a restaurant designation permit with the State of Alaska Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Board. State regulations require the ABC Board to forward the application to the City Council for approval before a permit can be issued.

Councilmember Bishop MOVED to approve the Restaurant Designation Application for Aquamarine LLC.

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

VI. STAFF REPORTS

a. City Manager

Manager Kniazowski advised the public that there was a blizzard warning for Kodiak that evening.

Manager Kniazowski stated she attended the Alaska Municipal League meetings in Juneau with the Mayor recently. She said they had a successful lobbying trip and reception and commented that numerous legislators were in attendance. She gave a brief overview and stated she met with the Office of Management and Budget, Department of Transportation, and Governor Parnell. She said there was discussion on the on the Public Employee Retirement System (PERS) and Teachers' Retirement System (TERS), the Governor's budget, and revenue sharing. She said if retirement contributions increase, the City would have to pay an additional \$138,500 annually. She shared updates on the vessels the Wolfstad and the Stimson.

She gave an update on the Southwest Alaska Municipal League Conference (SWAMC) and stated the theme was accessing opportunities in Southwest Alaska and the conference was well attended.

Manager Kniazowski said staff is working on budget entries that are due to be completed by the end of the month. She commented that bids were received for Pier III, and all the bids were higher than the budgeted amount. She said Roe Sturgulewski will negotiate with the lowest bidders for Pier III. She said the Monashka pumphouse is out to bid, and the award is due to occur in April.

Manager Kniazowski said Harbormaster Marty Owen will retire in May 2014 after 19 years; she wished him well and stated she was pleased he is able to stay until after the budgetary process this year.

She announced the Kodiak Lions Club will have a ceremony on April 5, 2014, at the harbor to place a memorial plaque dedicated to those that lost their lives in the 1964 Good Friday earthquake.

Manager Kniazowski indicated the City, Kodiak Island Borough, and the Kodiak Soil and Water Conservation District entered into a short-term joint non-exclusive agreement for a community garden that will be located on Larch Street.

She said the University of Alaska Board of Regents will be in Kodiak on April 3 and 4 to discuss the future of the Fisheries Technology center. She stated there are public hearings scheduled from 9:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. on both days. She said there will also be a reception on April 3 from 5:30 p.m. until 8 p.m.

b. City Clerk

City Clerk Marlar informed the public of the next scheduled Council work session, regular meeting and joint work sessions and their locations.

VII. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Branson said there is a need to follow discussion on the PERS liability issue and encouraged the public to get in contact with their legislators. She said she participated in a Marine Highway Board teleconference with DOT Commissioner Kemp, Deputy Yost, and AHMS Captain Falvey and said the Tustemena is scheduled to provide service for the next five to ten years. She noted that state rooms for the ferry are sold out for this summer. Mayor Branson encouraged participation for the planning and design of the new ferry; she asked that outreach occur in the smaller communities, not only the hub communities. She said the SWAMC meeting had good discussion on fisheries issues.

She indicated the Joint Fisheries Work Group is meeting Monday, March 17, 2014, at 6 p.m.

She stated she looks forward to the upcoming budgetary process.

She thanked Chief Wallace for presenting at the Rotary Club and Councilmember Walker and City staff for their work on the Horizon Lines contracts.

VIII. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Walker said he appreciated the work of the City Manager and staff to obtain additional funding for the Monashka pumphouse. He congratulated the girls' and boys' basketball teams for winning regions and advancing to state. He said he enjoyed going to SWAMC to network and get updated on statewide activities.

Councilmember Bishop congratulated the girls' and boys' basketball teams for winning regions; he wished them good luck at state.

Councilmember Haines commented there was discussion in Juneau on the PERS and TERS liability and said the Governor's set aside of three billion dollars is not doing as well as planned. He was pleased with the progress on the Monashka pumphouse. He said the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board gave an update on proposed bike and walking trails and stated the Downtown Kodiak Revitalization Committees are working on good improvements for the future. He encouraged the community to be involved and gave an update on the upcoming fisheries meeting schedule.

Councilmember Saravia thanked the Engineer and Chief of Police for their service. He gave a fishing update, stating it has been very busy with Pollock. He shared that housing has been limited for the cannery workers due to the high demand.

Councilmember Davidson stated he had the privilege to attend the Juneau lobbying trip and SWAMC and shared that networking is valuable for the community. He thanked the native corporations and processors for their contributions to the reception in Juneau. He thanked Tuck Bonney for gathering the seafood for the dinner at the reception, and he thanked Harbormaster Marty Owen for his work and service.

Councilmember Whiddon said that Kodiak has maintained the third largest fishing port in the nation, and he thanked Harbormaster Owen and Deputy Harbormaster White for the large role they play in the Kodiak community.

IX. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

None

X. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Davidson MOVED to adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

CITY OF KODIAK



MAYOR

ATTEST:



CITY CLERK

Minutes Approved: March 27, 2014

