

CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of the Sand Point City Council was held Tuesday, January 11, 2022 in the City Chambers and telephonically. Mayor James Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

James Smith	Mayor	Present
Danny Cumberlidge	Seat A	Present
Allan Starnes	Seat B	Present
Shirley Brown	Seat C	Present
Jack Foster Jr.	Seat D	Present
Marita Gundersen	Seat E	Present
Arlene Gundersen	Seat F	Present

A quorum was established.

Staff in attendance:

Jordan Keeler, Administrator
Shannon Somner, City Clerk
David Andersen, Police Chief
Dylan Jacobsen, Water & Sewer Supervisor
Allen Kuchenoff Jr., Harbor Master
Carmen Holmberg, EMS Chief

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Mayor James Smith requested a motion to approve the agenda.

MOTION: Council member Marita Gundersen made a motion to approve the agenda.

SECOND: Council member Jack Foster seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor James Smith requested a motion to approve the consent agenda.

MOTION: Council member Marita Gundersen made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 14, 2021 as amended.

SECOND: Council member Arlene Gundersen seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS:

Finance Officer – Kurtis Gundersen

Mayor Smith stated that Kurtis Gundersen's report was not available due to technical issues with the computer.

Administrator – Jordan Keeler

Administrator Keeler reported the City's project manager for ANTHC is moving on and the City was assigned a new project manager. He stated that the new project manager, Dylan Jacobsen and he would have an introduction call next week.

Police Chief – David Anderson

Chief Andersen reported that today was the last day for administrative assistant Denise Mobeck and he thanked her for her valued contributions over the past seven years. He then followed with the department lost Sgt. Cash to the Fairbanks PD so he slid Officer Lowery into the task force position at the airport and Boyle has been promoted to sergeant. He is down two officers and has one lined with the paperwork pending.

EMS Chief – Carmen Holmberg

Chief Holmberg was absent but her report was in the packet.

Fire Chief – Vacant

Mayor Smith noted that the position was vacant but had an interested applicant but there was a question of pay. There was a discussion of job requirements and time involvement and if it was a full time or part time. Council members Brown and Foster and Starnes stressed the need for the position to be filled. Questions were also asked about volunteers and their training and stipends. Council asked the position be re-noticed at a higher payscale than initially offered.

Public Works Director – Julius Karlisen

The Mayor noted that Mr. Karlisen was out on medical and noted that the City hired a new operator who would take time to get up to speed. Mayor noted that the guys at the shop need some relief. He stated that the City may be able to hire a former worker on a temporary basis to work as an operator but there were some PERS issues to work through first. Council member Brown questioned the choice to bring a former employee back. Council member Starnes suggested some possible tasks the temporary hire could accomplish during his time with the City.

Water & Sewer Supervisor – Dylan Jacobsen

Water & Sewer Supervisor Dylan Jacobsen recapped his report and mentioned that he had been stuck in Anchorage for a few days after his training. He was unable to get a sample to the state due to being out of town and shipping issues during the holiday season along with bad weather. Council member Brown asked how sent out the sample and Mr. Jacobsen gave a rundown on the issues he has encountered with various shipping methods and how the samples are time-sensitive.

Harbor Master – Allen Kuchenoff Jr.

Interim Harbor Master Allen Kuchenoff Jr. reported they were busy hauling and launching boats and ordering parts and ordered some more wood for the harbor and said they needed two night watchmen. Council member Cumberlandidge asked about the East Wall.

Student Representative – Chase ????

He reported that they had a dance before break and updated Council on the basketball trip to King Cove. He stated that they would be travelling to Port Alsworth this weekend. Council wished him well on his trip.

HEARINGS, ORDINANCES, AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. Ordinance 2021-07 FY22 Budget Amendment, Second Reading

MOTION: Council member Shirley Brown made a motion to bring Ordinance 2021-07 FY 22 Budget Amendment to the floor for a 2nd reading.

SECOND: Council member Marita Gundersen seconded the motion.

Administrator Keeler stated the City does a midyear budget amendment due to the fact the City does not know in advance how the fishing and sales tax revenue will play out over the summer. He stated that the budget is a forecast and that not all budgeted money be spent and that prices and staff levels change, which all have an impact on the budget.

MOTION: Council member Arlene Gundersen made a motion to approve the ordinance.
SECOND: Council member Jack Foster seconded the motion.
VOTE: Motion to adopt passed unanimously.

2. Resolution 22-01: Aleutians East Borough Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan

Administrator Keeler explained that the Borough works with the State to make a hazard mitigation plan for all the communities in the Borough except for Cold Bay. The Borough needs the cities and villages to adopt the plan to help make it official. By adopting the plan, the City becomes eligible to participate in federally funded mitigation efforts, Council member Foster asked if anyone had read it.

MOTION: Council member Arlene Gundersen made a motion to adopt Resolution 22-01: Aleutians East Borough Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan.
SECOND: Council member Shirley Brown seconded the motion.
VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

3. Resolution 22-02: Remote Sales Tax

Administrator Keeler stated the history of the Alaska Remote Sellers Tax Commission (ARSTC) and the process of joining the commission. Several council members had many questions on the details, specifically tax on out of state items, how exemptions would work, what companies would apply the tax and how it would impact the commercial fishing industry when purchasing equipment. Administrator Keeler stated he would get in touch with ARSTC and have more information available as well as ARSTC members who have exemptions or tax caps.

The item was tabled until the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:
None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Donation Request: Close Up

Administrator Keeler stated that the number was \$5,000 and noted that two classes were going this year due to one class missing last year. Council member Jack Foster noted that COVID had made it difficult for classes to raise money.

MOTION: Council member Marita Gundersen made a motion to donate \$5,000.
SECOND: Council member Jack Foster seconded the motion.
VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

2. Donation Request: Lady Eagles Basketball Team

Administrator Keeler stated that the number was \$5,000 and noted that two classes were going this year due to one class missing last year. Council member Jack Foster noted that COVID had made it difficult for classes to raise money.

Coach Sarah had a player explain that they needed \$6,000 so a teammate could travel with them this season and so far they had raised \$4500. The team said they would be appreciative of any funds the City could donate.

Council member Jack Foster noted that the Council had supported the team in the past.

MOTION: Council member Shirley Brown made a motion to donate for \$3000.

SECOND: Council member Arlene Gundersen seconded the motion.

VOLE: Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:


Council member Arlene Gundersen asked a question about????

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Council member Arlene Gundersen made a motion to adjourn.

SECOND: Council member seconded Marita Gundersen the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.


James Smith, Mayor

ATTEST:


Jade Gundersen, City Clerk