

CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of the Sand Point City Council was held Tuesday, May 9, 2023 in the City Chambers and telephonically. Mayor James Smith called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

James Smith	Mayor	Present
Austin Roof	Seat A	Present
Allan Starnes	Seat B	Present
Amy Eubank	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
 Kurtis Gundersen, Finance Officer – Telephonically
 Jade Gundersen, City Clerk
 Jeff Thompson, Police Chief
 Logan Thompson, EMS Director
 Julius Karlsen, Public Works Director – Telephonically
 Dylan Jacobsen, Water & Sewer Supervisor
 Allen Kuchenoff Jr., Harbormaster

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 with addition of New Business #6. Purchase of new trash truck, if necessary.

SECOND: Council Member Arlene Gundersen seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Rick Eastlick expressed concerns about water/sewer fee increases with the economy and low salmon prices.

CONSENT AGENDA:

MOTION: Council Member Austin Roof made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 11, 2023 with the correction under attendance: Logan Thompson attended telephonically.

SECOND: Council Member Jack Foster Jr. seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS:

Finance Officer – Kurtis Gundersen

Finance Officer Kurtis Gundersen reported that the City received \$3,261.89 in Raw Fish Tax and \$60,648.18 in Sales Tax.

Administrator – Jordan Keeler

Administrator Jordan Keeler read his report included in the packet. He added that he submitted the annual paperwork to Alaska Municipal League Joint Insurance Association (AMLJIA) through our broker and has followed up a few times and found out we have a new broker. The incinerator down payment has been paid and it is in production que anticipated ship date from Florida is July 1.

Police Chief – Jeff Thompson

Police Chief Jeff Thompson read his report included in the packet. He corrected his written report that read the 2 misdial/pocket dials to read 4. He gave a summary of the Airport Interdiction Team's activity.

EMS Director – Logan Thompson

EMS Director Logan Thompson reported that for the month of April, they received 3 ambulance calls, had 5 medivacs, including 1 from airport to clinic. He anticipates activity to increase during the summer. He will be working with City until August 15.

Public Works Director – Julius Karlsen

Public Works Director Julius Karlsen read his report included in the packet.

Water/Sewer Director - Dylan Jacobsen

Water/Sewer Director Dylan Jacobsen read his report included in the packet.

Harbor Master – Allen Kuchenoff Jr.

Harbor Master Allen Kuchenoff Jr. read his report included in the packet.

Council Member Arlene Gundersen thanked Allen for their help unloading all the freezers.

HEARINGS, ORDINANCES, AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. Resolution 23-07: A Resolution of the City of Sand Point Opposing Senate Bill 128 and House Bill 180.

MOTION: Council Member Jack Foster Jr. made a motion to adopt Resolution 23-07: Opposing Senate Bill 128 and House Bill 180.

SECOND: Council Member Arlene Gundersen seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: Administrator Jordan Keeler explained that Senate Bill 128 and House Bill 180 propose to shut down Area M from June 10 through June 30 and that it would be undercutting the appointed Board of Fish. He encouraged anyone in the region to submit comments against these types of bills and that other areas have more representation, but Area M has more cohesion, research, science, and history.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

2. Ordinance 2023-02: Amending Chapter 10 of the Sand Point Municipal Code to Increase The Monthly Fees for All Rate Classes of Water, Wastewater and Solid Waste

MOTION: Council Member Arlene Gundersen made a motion to put Ordinance 2023-02: Amending Chapter 10 of the Sand Point Municipal Code to Increase The Monthly on the floor for 1st Reading.

SECOND: Council Member Allan Starnes seconded the motion. Arlene Gundersen

DISCUSSION: Administrator Jordan Keeler explained that the ordinance proposes a 5% rate increase across all classes of water, wastewater, and solid waste and would help minimize the need to subsidize these operations from the general fund. The last rate increase was 2019 was 10%.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

3. Ordinance 2023-03: FY24 Budget-1st Reading

MOTION: Council Member Marita Gundersen made a motion to put Ordinance 2023-03: FY24 Budget on the floor for 1st Reading.

SECOND: Council Member Arlene Gundersen seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: Administrator Jordan Keeler explained that the budget needs to be approved by July 1st and does not need to be balanced by state law. This budget shows a \$325,000 deficit in the General Fund. He explained the deficit and the different funds, their expenses and the revenue sources.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Harbor Lease: Small Craft Café

MOTION: Council Member Amy Eubank approve the lot lease for the Small Craft Café previous leased to Harbor Café.

SECOND: Council Member Arlene Gundersen seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

2. Donation Request: Qagan Tayagungin Tribe Earth Day Fair

MOTION: Council Member Arlene Gundersen made a motion to donate \$300 to QTT for the Earth Day Fair.

SECOND: Council Member Jack Foster Jr. seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

3. Donation Request: Qagan Tayagungin Tribe Cemetery Clean-Up

MOTION: Council Member Arlene Gundersen made a motion to donate \$500 to the 9th Annual Grave Yard Clean-Up.

SECOND: Council Member Jack Foster Jr. seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

4. Donation Request: NBC Basketball Camp

MOTION: Council Member Marita Gundersen made a motion to accept the donation request of \$600 for NBC Basketball Camp.

SECOND: Council Member Allan Starnes seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

5. Donation Request: Qagan Tayagungin Tribe Culture Camp

MOTION: Council Member Arlene Gundersen made a motion to accept the donation request in the amount of \$5000 for the Qagan Tayagungin Tribe Culture Camp.

SECOND: Council Member Austin Roof seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: Council Member Amy Eubank stated that she thought culture camp was grant funded and, in the future, would like a budget submitted with their request. The council agreed on the importance to support culture camp but that they would like more information in the future.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

6. Approval to Purchase a Trash Truck If Necessary

MOTION: Council Member Amy Eubank made a motion to give direction to staff to purchase a new or used trash truck, if necessary, up to \$200,000.

SECOND: Council Member Marita Gundersen seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: Council Member Austin Roof asked about other grant funds that could cover this.

Administrator Jordan Keeler explained that the Denali Commission funds cannot be retroactively applied to this, but he does not believe it would be an issue for the funds from Aleutians East Borough.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Jack Walsh thanked City department and crews for continued support of the school and school district. He has contacted Julius at Public Works and they have agreed to help with putting some traffic signs up around the school.

Jed Hagan, a production manager for GCI in Sand Point and King Cove introduced himself and his role, and updated the council on their project and process. He anticipates more issues and breaks in water and sewer downtown due to the age and difficulty with locates.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Council Member Jack Foster Jr. thanked the Public Works for doing extra to deal with the trash truck problem.

Council Member Arlene Gundersen mentioned that there are two houses on the address map with the same house number and asked how we can get it fixed. Chief Jeff Thompson said he will look into it. She also asked about the street names, and Administrator Jordan Keeler said Google Maps is not accurate. She also thanked Jordan and wished him well in his future.

Council Member Austin Roof thanked public works for their hard work and recommends doing something to show appreciation to them. He also thanked Administrator Jordan Keeler for his time and effort to the City.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

MOTION: Council Member Amy Eubank made a motion to move into Executive Session for the purpose of reviewing Administrator Applicants at 8:14 pm.

SECOND: Council Member Allan Starnes seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Council Member Amy Eubank made a motion to move out of Executive Session at 9:05 pm.

SECOND: Council Member Austin Roof seconded the motion.

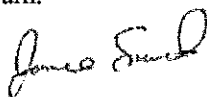
VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

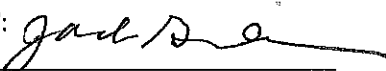
MOTION: Council Member Amy Eubank made a motion to adjourn.

SECOND: Council Member Austin Roof seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 9:06 pm.



James Smith Sr., Mayor

ATTEST: 

Jade Gundersen, City Clerk