

CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of the Sand Point City Council was held Tuesday, February 13, 2024 in the City Chambers and teleconference. Mayor James Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

James Smith	Mayor	Present
Austin Roof	Seat A	Present
Jani Gundersen	Seat B	Present
Amy Eubank	Seat C	Present
Jack Foster Jr.	Seat D	Present
Marita Gundersen	Seat E	Present
Arlene Gundersen	Seat F	Absent-Excused

A quorum was established.

Staff in attendance:

- Debi Schmit, Administrator
- Kurtis Gundersen, Finance Officer –Telephonically
- Benjamin Allen, Police Officer – Telephonically
- Julius Karlsen, Public Works Director
- 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 Amy Eubank made a motion to approve the agenda.

SECOND: Council Member Marita Gundersen seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Andrea Whitson commented that the Close-Up Class is a large group and faced fundraising challenges due to her being gone for medical. She asked that the City Council consider matching funds raised from their Valentine’s Day event.

CONSENT AGENDA:

MOTION: Council Member Amy Eubank made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 8, 2024.

SECOND: Council Member Austin Roof seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS:

Finance Officer – Kurtis Gundersen

Finance Officer Kurtis Gundersen reported that for the month of December the City received \$81,205.12 in Sales Tax and \$0 in raw fish tax.

Administrator – Debi Schmit

Administrator Debi Schmit read her report included in the packet. She added that she wrote a grant back in August for cyber security and it was funded. Also, she contacted the Denali Commission about the fishermen’s gear lost in the fire. They may have funds available but the financial loss will need to be able to be proved.

Police Officer- Benjamin Allen

Officer Benjamin Allen read the report included in the packet. There was a discussion on the increase of dog complaints and the ordinance pertaining to it.

Fire & EMS Director

Director Brady Gatlin read his report included in the packet. He thanked everyone who came out and assisted with the fire, especially Trident Seafoods for bringing their equipment, food, and help. He will report on the fire in the next month report. He added that he is working on taking over more of the fire chief position and working with the state to get the department certified.

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.’s read his report included in the packet.

Student Representative- Mia Cromer

Student Representative Mia Cromer reported on Sand Point School activity.

HEARINGS, ORDINANCES, AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. Resolution 24-02: Establishing Capital Improvement Project List

MOTION: Council Member Austin Roof made a motion to adopt Resolution 24-02: Establishing a Capital Improvement Project list with amendment to the to the list: 1. Sand Point Culvert & Dam Repair, 2. Johnon’s Avenue Sewer System, 3. Humboldt Bridge Rehabilitation Project, and 4. Transportation System, and 5. Public Works and Fire Equipment Replacement.

SECOND: Council Member Jani Gundersen seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

2. Close-Up Donation Request

MOTION: Council Member Amy Eubank made a motion to donate \$5000 to the Close-Up class.
SECOND: Council Member Jani Gundersen seconded the motion.
VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

The Close-Up group thanked the council for the donation.

Dennis McGlashan Jr. asked about the status of the fire boat and why there wasn't any hook ups for GCI at the lift stations.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Council Member Jack Foster Jr. thanked everyone who helped with the fire, especially Trident Seafoods with their pump.

Council Member Amy Eubank thanked Trident Seafoods for supplying food and water, and helping Scott and family. She thanked Administrator Debi Schmit for getting the technology grant, and grateful to see the kids in the audience when asking for donations.

Council Member Austin Roof thanked all who helped with the fire. He thanked the Public Works crew for keeping the roads plowed. He added that he hopes that a strategic planning session takes place to help address some of the issues that have come up. He thanked Eastern Aleutian Tribes for the \$80,000 donation to pay for the EMS/Fire position.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Council Member Austin Roof made a motion to adjourn.
SECOND: Council Member Marita Gundersen seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 7:44 pm.



James Smith Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:



Jade Gundersen, City Clerk