

CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of the Sand Point City Council was held Tuesday, October 8, 2024 in the City Chambers and teleconference. Mayor James Smith called the meeting to order at 7:02 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	Excused
Marita Gundersen	Seat E	Present
Arlene Gundersen	Seat F	Present

A quorum was established.

Staff in attendance:

Debi Schmit, Administrator – Telephonically
 Kurtis Gundersen, Finance Officer – Telephonically
 Benjamin Allen, Acting Police Chief
 Richard Lowery, Investigator
 Julius Karlsen, Public Works Director
 Dylan Jacobsen, Water & Sewer Supervisor – Telephonically
 Allen Kuchenoff Jr., Harbormaster

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Mayor James Smith requested a motion to approve the agenda.

MOTION: Council Member Marita Gundersen moved to approve the agenda.

SECOND: Council Member Arlene Gundersen seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Arlene Gundersen read a statement thanking the council and City for the opportunity to serve.

Misty Marine read the donation letter for Close-Up 2025 to the Council. Karen McMillan added that they are present if there are any questions.

CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION/OATH OF OFFICE

City Clerk Jade Gundersen reported the results of the 2024 City of Sand Point General Election held on October 1, 2024, with Marita Gundersen elected for City Council Seat E, and William Dushkin Jr. for City Council Seat F.

MOTION: Council Member Arlene Gundersen moved to certify the results of the 2024 General Election.

SECOND: Council Member Jani Gundersen seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

OATH OF OFFICE

Marita Gundersen was sworn in for her position as City Council Seat E.

William Dushkin Jr. was sworn in for his position as City Council Seat F.

CONSENT AGENDA:

MOTION: Council Member Austin Roof moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 10, 2024.

SECOND: Council Member William Dushkin Jr. seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS:

Public Works Director – Julius Karlson

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

Water/Sewer Director- Dylan Jacobsen – Telephonically

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

Council Member Austin Roof asked if Dylan was able to get into the businesses for the lead pipe and whether it was the reservoir damn that needed an inspection. Dylan stated that they were able to complete the lead pipe inspections and the damn needs an inspection every 3 years. (15:46)

Harbor Master – Allen Kuchenoff Jr.

Harbor Master Allen Kuchenoff Jr.'s report is included in the packet.

Police-Department

Officer Benjamin Allen read his report, which is included in the packet. Investigator Richard Lowery gave a fiscal year recap on drug seizures and arrests.

EMS & Fire Department

Mayor Smith stated that the position is posted and a temporary hire is filling in for the fire department.

Finance Officer – Kurtis Gundersen

Finance Officer Kurtis Gundersen reported that for August, the City received \$58,474.19 in Raw Fish Tax and \$61,206.42 in Sales Tax. There was a discussion about the period the finance reports in the packet reflect.

Administrator – Debi Schmit

Administrator Debi Schmit read her report included in the packet. She added that the Water/Sewer Department was already addressing some of the deficiencies from the DEC report. She added that she drafted a letter for the mayor to send to the Aleutians East Borough to request that they file an emergency disaster with the State for pink and red salmon.

Council Member Marita Gundersen asked for an update on the ICE contract. Administrator Debi Schmit stated that we are not currently on contract with ICE and she is working on getting an as-needed help desk. Council Member Marita Gundersen added that she wanted the community to know that although there is a discussion about VPSO, we are still hiring a Chief of Police.

HEARINGS, ORDINANCES, AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. Public Hearing: Ordinance 2024-04: an Ordinance of the Sand Point City Council Amending Chapter 4 of the Sand Point Municipal Code 2.40.020 Regular Council Meetings

Mayor Smith opened the floor for comments for the Public Hearing on Ordinance 2024-04. There were no comments.

2. Ordinance 2024-04: An Ordinance of the Sand Point City Council Amending Chapter 4 of the Sand Point Municipal Code 2.40.020 Regular Council Meetings.

MOTION: Council Member Marita Gundersen moved to put Ordinance 2024-04: An Ordinance of the Sand Point City Council Amending Chapter 4 of the Sand Point Municipal Code 2.40.020 Regular Council Meetings on the floor for second reading.

SECOND: Council Member Jani Gundersen seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Council Member Amy Eubank moved to adopt Ordinance 2024-04.

SECOND: Council Member Austin Roof seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Donation Request: Close-Up Class of 2025

MOTION: Council Member Austin Roof moved to donate \$3000 to the Close-Up Class of 2025.

SECOND: Council Member Marita Gundersen seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Council Member Austin Roof congratulated Marita for being re-elected and Billy for his council election. He thanked Arlene for her length of service on the Council and all the departments for their continued service to the City.

Council Member Marita Gundersen mentioned the workshop discussion about having a Community Emergency Plan and would like the city to move forward on creating one. She added that we should find a temporary solution for EMS.

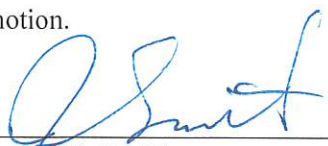
Council Member Amy Eubank thanked Arlene for sharing her knowledge on the budget and thanked Rich Lowery for his report.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Council Member Amy Eubank moved to adjourn.

SECOND: Council Member Austin Roof seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 7:44 pm.


James Smith Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:


Jade Gundersen, City Clerk