

CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of the Sand Point City Council was held Tuesday, February 9, 2021 was held 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 via teleconference
Danny Cumberlidge	Seat A	Present via teleconference
Allan Starnes	Seat B	Present via teleconference
Shirley Brown	Seat C	Present
Jack Foster Jr.	Seat D	Present via teleconference
Marita Gundersen	Seat E	Present via teleconference
Emil Mobeck	Seat F	Present via teleconference

A quorum was established.

Staff in attendance:

- Jordan Keeler, Administrator via teleconference
- Shannon Sommer, City Clerk
- Krista Galvin, Finance Officer via teleconference
- David Stokes, Interim Public Works Director
- Dave Anderson, Police Chief via teleconference

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Mayor James Smith requested a motion to approve the agenda.

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

SECOND: Councilperson Jack Foster Jr. seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

MOTION: Councilperson Shirley Brown made a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting on January 12, 2021.

SECOND: Councilperson Marita Gundersen seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS:

Finance Officer – Krista Galvin

Finance Officer Krista Galvin reported for the month of December 2020 Raw Fish Tax was \$0.00 and Sales Tax was \$44,715.17.

EAT, CEO - Paul Mueller

EAT CEO Paul Mueller explained how many doses of the COVID-19 vaccine they have administered and future doses and they continue to do COVID-19 tests.

Councilperson Allan Starnes thanked Eastern Aleutian Tribes.

AEBSD Superintendent – Patrick Mayer

AEBSD Superintendent Patrick Mayer reported the schools are still open face to face. They renewed most of the teacher contracts except one. They had trained more lifeguards for the pool to be open and safe.

Administrator – Jordan Keeler

Administrator Keeler reported he was still awaiting word from the bank for the travel lift; the bank had been busy with PPE applications. The CARES Act funding deadline has been extended to September 30, 2021 and the funds will continue to go towards water/sewer expenses and salary reimbursements. He explained there are public notices for a land disposal posted for an ordinance that will be presented at the March 2021 meeting for GCI needing access to City owned right of ways to run their fiber line from their landing spot to their communication tower. The State will not cover damages to the new dock and the insurance will only cover \$100,000 to the old dock and the City will need to spend roughly \$60,000 - \$65,000 out of pocket for damages to repair the new dock. Administrator Keeler stated he will notify the State and will not file a claim with the insurance company.

Councilperson Foster expressed his opinion on dock repair funding. Councilperson Starnes expressed his opinion to focus monies on the new dock.

Police Chief – Dave Anderson

Police Chief Dave Anderson reported there is statistical information included in the report. He stated the 911 dispatchers and jail guards do not receive enough recognition. He thanked the officers in the department and thanked the community for their communication. They are active in working with other entities and the task force at the airport, Investigator Cash had been very busy.

Councilperson Brown asked Police Chief Anderson why some residents cannot call 911 on their cell phones. Chief Anderson replied the cellphone service here does not work all the time and the testing of 911 calls to Valdez are not reliable. Administrator Keeler stated the City applied with the State for funds to cover unanticipated expenses due to the COVID-19 pandemic, he will work with Police Chief Anderson in the next week to get reimbursements for flight costs, etc. Mayor Smith asked Chief Anderson if he would make a test call to cell phone numbers. Police Chief Anderson replied sometimes cell phones work and suggested if anyone has trouble getting through to 911 to find an officer. Councilperson Mobeck stated he received a text message the week before from GCI explaining a crew will arrive in Sand Point to adjust the satellite.

EMS Chief – Carmen Holmberg

EMS Chief Carmen Holmberg reported there were a total of nine calls for the month of January, six tone outs and three medevacs. They had received more Narcan from the clinic provided by Project Hope. She is in the process of setting up training.

Fire Chief – Jason Bjornstad

Fire Chief Jason Bjornstad's report was included in the packet.

Interim Public Works Director – David Stokes

Interim Public Works Director David Stokes reported they have been working on the Cat Grader. They fueled buildings and equipment. They worked on the Sand Truck chains. They graded, plowed and sanded roads. They serviced police vehicles. They fixed the blade on the sand truck. They changed the block heater in the trash truck. They changed the CV shafts and spark plugs and coils in the Chevy and they fixed the water pump and idler pulley. They hauled oil to recycle center. They worked on heaters in the shop. They changed hydraulic hoses on the sand truck and 580 Excavator.

Landfill

They serviced the trash truck. Picked up garbage around dumpsters. They cleaned the metal and tire pile and disposed of old office records.

Recycling Center

They recycling center is running well.

Water and Sewer

They fixed the service line at the upper loop by the school. They fixed the force main by Village Green. They located valves and unplugged a sewer line on Johnson Avenue. They worked on a current detector.

Councilperson Brown asked Interim Public Works Director Stokes if the recycling center only crushes glass and who does aluminum. Interim Public Works Director Stokes replied glass and aluminum, and one of the tribes works on crushing aluminum cans. Councilperson Foster commented if public works would draw prints of water and sewer lines they find. Interim Public Works Director Stokes replied they are writing them on prints and bringing them to the surface, keep them painted and they will be on a map.

Harbor Master – Douglas Holmberg

Mayor Smith read the Harbor Master report. Activity in the harbor has been slow. They are still working on the Travel Lift, parts were ordered. Flushing the hydraulic systems. They rewired solenoids. Mayor Smith went to Alaska Hydraulics and asked if a hydraulic mechanic to come to Sand Point and assist with rebuilding the second pump they are working on, that Friday and see what they can do.

HEARINGS, ORDINANCES, AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. Resolution 21-01: Extension of Emergency of Declaration

Administrator Keeler stated State law only allows for a 60-day limit on emergency declarations and the current one was about to expire.

MOTION: Councilperson Marita Gundersen made a motion to approve Resolution 21-01: Extension of Emergency of Declaration.

SECOND: Councilperson Allan Starnes seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Challenge State Population Figure

Administrator Keeler asked if the Council will accept the current population number from the State or wait for the census calculations this upcoming summer 2021 and hopefully, we will have a higher count number next year. He suggested to plan in advance the count period next year and notify residents to respond to the count period and maybe have a raffle starting January 1, 2022.

Councilperson Starnes suggested to do a head count in summer 2022 and the majority of the population will be vaccinated for COVID-19. Councilperson Gundersen stated if the City can find the right person and go door to door if possible. Councilperson Brown stated a lot of residents are only here seasonally and it would be hard to get an accurate count and if we can find someone, it may be hard to go door to door during this pandemic. Councilperson Foster stated he is for the position but it would be another expense but only to do it if we can find a local person to do it and if we have enough funds for that position.

2. AEB FY22 Community Budget Request

Direction was given to Administrator Keeler to submit the application for the Travel Lift.

Councilperson Mobeck stated the application monies should go towards the travel lift. Councilperson Foster asked if the council decided what is the plan for the travel lift and which one to consider. Mayor Smith replied they were leaning towards the Travel Lift 150 at this time. Public Works Director Stokes stated adding more straps on the Travel Lift 150 would allow it to lift heavier boats. Councilperson Mobeck stated at the last meeting the council was going towards the 150. Councilperson Cumberlandidge asked Interim Public Works

Director Stokes if adding a third strap would allow it to lift more weight. Mayor Smith replied he spoke with Kendrick Equipment's Dave Marshall and he stated adding a forward strap decreases lifting ability.

3. Discussion: Cemetery

Mayor Smith stated the Women's Club would like to replace the fencing around the current cemetery and asked the City for help as part of their fundraising process. He stated they are working towards the new cemetery land donated by Shumagain Corporation.

Councilperson Mobeck stated they should order more lumber to make crosses for the cemetery and document where a person's family member is located. Councilperson Brown stated there should be a map of the new cemetery. Mayor Smith stated they are working on the current map of the old cemetery and they should stake plots.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilperson Foster thanked the public, EAT and the AEBSD for their part during this pandemic.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Councilperson Shirley Brown made a motion to adjourn.

SECOND: Councilperson Emil Mobeck seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

James Smith, Mayor

ATTEST:

Shannon Sommer, City Clerk