

CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of the Sand Point City Council was held Tuesday, April 14, 2020 telephonically. Mayor Glen Gardner Jr. called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Glen Gardner Jr.	Mayor	Present
Danny Cumberlidge	Seat A	Present via teleconference
Allan Starnes	Seat B	Present via teleconference
Shirley Brown	Seat C	Present via teleconference
Jack Foster Jr.	Seat D	Present via teleconference
Marita Gunderson	Seat E	Present via teleconference
Emil Mobeck	Seat F	Present via teleconference

A quorum was established.

Staff in attendance:

Jordan Keeler, Administrator
Hal Henning, Police Chief
Douglas Holmberg, Harbor Master

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Mayor Glen Gardner Jr. requested a motion to approve the agenda.
MOTION: Councilperson Marita Gunderson made a motion to approve the agenda.
SECOND: Councilperson Shirley Brown seconded the motion.
VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Glen Gardner Jr. requested a motion to approve the consent agenda.
MOTION: Councilperson Allan Starnes made a motion to approve the agenda.
SECOND: Councilperson Emil Mobeck seconded the motion.
VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS:

Finance Officer: Mayor Gardner read the report. Councilperson Mobeck asked where's the fish tax from March. Mayor Gardner indicated that it would appear in next month's report

Administrator: Administrator Keeler gave a brief recap of his report and noted that the bulk of his efforts lately have been focused on COVID-19 matters. He noted the first AMHS sailing had been cancelled with no plans to add another sailing later on in the season. Community Assistance was also cut by a few thousand dollars, but the Dunleavy administration wants to use federal funds to offset budget cuts.

Police Chief: Police Chief Henning gave a recap of his actions, including the changes to staffing, work with EATs and he noted the 911 system testing is currently on hold.

Public Works Manager: The public works manager was not present but did submit a report. An update on the Gehl's status was given and the parts are on order for the crane.

Harbor Master: Councilperson Jack Foster, Jr. asked what the status was of the 150 ton travelift. Harbor Master Holmberg indicated the parts are on order and they should have it ready the following week. A discussion of harbor safety took place regarding the COVID-19 virus.

HEARINGS, ORDINANCES, AND RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 20-04: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SAND POINT SUPPORTING THE ALEUTIANS EAST BOROUGH'S PORT INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE AKUTAN AND SAND POINT HARBOR FLOATS SYETEMS

Administrator Keeler stated that the Borough was applying for funds from the Maritime Administration (MARAD) to complete both the Sand Point and Akutan floats. The program usually funds larger harbors like the one in Tacoma or Oakland, but the Trump administration has ordered MARAD to fund smaller and more rural projects. Even with a focus on smaller projects, the Borough has decided to bundle the projects to align it with expected funding levels, along with the possibility of saving funds with a reduced mob/demob costs. Administrator Keeler noted that there was no direct cost to the city for this project. He asked the council to support the resolution.

MOTION: Councilperson Emil Mobeck made a motion to approve Resolution 20-04: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SAND POINT SUPPORTING THE ALEUTIANS EAST BOROUGH'S PORT INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE AKUTAN AND SAND POINT HARBOR FLOATS SYETEMS

SECOND: Councilperson Shirley Brown seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Administrator Keeler noted that his memo was only four days old yet circumstances have changed in that time. He laid out the city's actions to date and what the city had in process, including the harbor registration forms.

Administrator Keeler noted the city could not quarantine fishermen and other industry support workers, which changed on Friday and he noted that that had been some calls to close the Bristol Bay salmon season, which Administrator Keeler did not suggest supporting but to monitor that development.

He noted that Ravn's bankruptcy had thrown the region for a loop and that the Borough was taking the lead on getting service to Cold Bay, but the terms of the Ravn bankruptcy meant that their space in the Cold Bay terminal could not be used by another airline. Administrator Keeler noted he has not been able to track down anyone with Grant Aviation to get a sense of their plans for serving Sand Point.

Administrator Keeler said that he had been in near constant contact with Chief Henning to find a way to swap out officers on May 6. He noted that EATs may be sending a provider out to the city, so it may be possible to split a charter. Chief Henning said that the Department of Public Safety may also be able to use their King Air to swap out the officers. Administrator Keeler stated that any cost associated with this may be reimbursable from FEMA, but their guidelines and reporting requirements are complex. He then segued into requesting hazard pay for harbor employees, EMS, fire and police. He noted that they are susceptible due to their contact with the general public.

Mayor Gardner suggested crafting a PSA for the radio station and he said that the clinic has test kits but enough for city-wide testing. Councilperson Allan Starnes suggested people take their temperature daily and make sure they don't go over 100.3F/30C. Councilperson Jack Foster, Jr. asked the significance of 100.3 degrees. He also wondered about PPE for boats and where to lodge sick people. Administrator Keeler stated that EATs has secured lodging in town if needed. Councilperson Jack Foster, Jr. asked if the city could provide PPE for boats. Councilperson Danny Cumberlandidge noted that Seattle was on lockdown. Harbor Master Holmberg asked about PPE for harbor workers. Councilperson Danny Cumberlandidge noted that the drift fleet is eager to get their boats in the water. Chief Henning stated that masks can be used in a 5-day rotation. Administrator Keeler asked for direction on working with EATs for a flight as well as to pursue hazard pay; direction was given for both actions.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilperson Allan Starnes asked about temporarily reducing water/sewer rates, thanked all involved in the boat rescue and asked if staff would be compensated for their extra time on that. Mayor Gardner indicated they would be compensated. Councilperson Emil Mobeck stressed the need to keep people safe, especially the elders. Councilperson Shirley Brown requested PPE for the harbor crew. Councilperson Jack Foster, Jr. reminded sick people to stay home.

ADJOURNMENT:


MOTION: Councilperson Emil Mobeck made a motion to adjourn.

SECOND: Councilperson Allan Starnes seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.


Glen Gardner Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:


Shannon Sommer, City Clerk