

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The regular meeting of the Sand Point City Council was held Tuesday, May 12, 2020 telephonically. Mayor Glen Gardner Jr. called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

Glen Gardner Jr.	Mayor	Present via teleconference
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 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 via teleconference  
Hal Henning, Police Chief via teleconference  
Douglas Holmberg, Harbor Master via teleconference

**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 Emil Mobeck seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Mayor Glen Gardner Jr. requested a motion to approve the consent agenda.

MOTION: Councilperson Shirley Brown made a motion to approve the agenda with a correction on page 2 under New Business.

SECOND: Councilperson Allan Starnes seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

**REPORTS:**

Finance Officer – Krista Galvin

Finance Officer Krista Galvin’s report included in packet.

Councilperson Brown asked what the April 2020 Sales Tax amount was. Mayor Gardner replied he will take care of that.

Administrator – Jordan Keeler

Administrator Keeler reported there was a discussion of Mandate 18 of intrastate travel, if Sand Point was considered an on-road or off-road system when the first ferry of 2020 arrives. According to the State of Alaska, the City of Sand Point can impose restrictions for off-road communities.

Police Chief – Hal Henning

Police Chief Hal Henning reported there was a recent fire which resulted in the arrest of an individual, he thanked the citizens and City employees who helped with the incident and thanked DOT for bringing the AARF vehicle to help. EMS Chief Denise Mobeck had put in her resignation but will continue to help until the end of May 2020.

Administrator Keeler and himself will explore options for the position. The mapping system is finished, he will give Mayor Gardner a copy to be distributed to council members if they have any questions and to determine when to put on a future agenda. He spoke with Alaska Airlines, they are willing to open an EasyBiz account for flights into Cold Bay, both the City and Police Officers will accrue mileage for a booking and will receive a 5% discount. At this time, Grant Aviation is not scheduling service to Sand Point, only charters. For the time being, the State of Alaska Troopers are willing to fly in Officers every two weeks which may be an option for them to begin the two week on, two week off schedule. He thanked EMS Chief Mobeck for her service to the community.

Councilperson Brown stated she would like to see EMS Chief Mobeck letter of resignation and had a question of the City's liability of the EMS / Fire division. Administrator Keeler stated the City does purchase comprehensive liability through AMLJA which includes the EMS / Fire division.

Public Works Manager – David Stokes

The Public Works Manager was not present, Mayor Gardner gave a quick update on the department.

Councilperson Brown asked about replacing street lights a little section on Red Cove Road, which department replaces them. Mayor Gardner stated the Public Works department and the Harbor department both replace them, the City needs to work with TDX Power and encouraged the public to call the City when there are street lights out.

Harbor Master – Douglas Holmberg

Harbor Master Douglas Holmberg reported the Gehl has been repaired. They changed the cables on the 35-ton lift. He stated he did notice a few street lights out, it is a work in progress with the new LED lights, when the crew has a chance they will replace them.

**HEARINGS, ORDINANCES, AND RESOLUTIONS:**

1. Ordinance 2020-01: FY21 Budget – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

Administrator Keeler stated fish tax usually has a larger share of the General Fund Revenues, however it is compounded by effects of COVID-19, sales tax usually contracts with raw fish tax. He explained a breakdown of the General Fund Revenues and General Fund Expenditures. The projected fish tax had been lowered, do not want to be blindsided again like the past winter fishery closure. The Anchorage office will need to help pay the HVAC replacement in the building. Eastern Aleutian Tribes is not willing to take over EMS.

Councilperson Mobeck asked if the HVAC system in the Anchorage office, after a big earthquake, was the building assessed. Administrator Keeler replied the building was checked out, the HVAC system is old and funds would come from the maintenance fund. Councilperson Brown asked if the repairs come from the maintenance fund, will it affect our income from the property. Administrator Keeler replied if the proposed replacements did go through, a portion of dividends from Sand Point, King Cove, Aleutians East Borough and Akutan would replenish the fund. Councilperson Brown asked if the EMS / Fire Chief positions did not have benefits, would that help fill the position. Administrator Keeler replied it is an option, and explained the positions become PERS eligible.

MOTION: Councilperson Marita Gundersen made a motion to put Ordinance 2020-01: FY21 Budget on the floor for 1<sup>st</sup> Reading.

SECOND: Councilperson Allan Starnes seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. COVID-19 Update

Administrator Keeler stated the State does not consider Sand Point an on-road system. Ravn has declared bankruptcy, Alaska Airlines will start service to Cold Bay May 16, 2020. Shumagin Corporation continues to close

the Tavern and Lounge, the topic may occur at the next meeting how the City wants to handle the Mandate of bars and restaurants.

Councilperson Brown asked if the Harbor crew were on hazard pay. Administrator Keeler replied they are not on hazard pay, if they get hazard pay it is refundable through the State. Councilperson Foster expressed his concerns for quarantining. Administrator Keeler spoke with EATs, there are Rapid Tests available in needed. Harbor Master Holmberg stated he needed more clarification on essential workers. Administrator Keeler stated the State mandates are still in effect

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

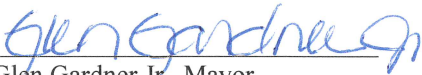
Councilperson Foster congratulated the City for the efforts being made for quarantining. Councilperson Starnes commented the EMS / Fire Chief positions are tough positions to fill. Councilperson Mobeck congratulated the 2020 graduates and thanked the Harbor, Public Works and Police Department crews for helping with the fire and thanked everyone for keeping to practice social distancing. Councilperson Brown thanked the City and volunteers for the work they do and the EMS / Fire Chief positions are very important and press to fill the positions. Councilperson Gundersen encouraged the community to keep social distancing.

**ADJOURNMENT:**


MOTION: Councilperson Emil Mobeck made a motion to adjourn.

SECOND: Councilperson Marita Gundersen seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

  
Glen Gardner Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Shannon Sommer, City Clerk