

CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of the Sand Point City Council was held Tuesday, September 10, 2019 in the Sand Point Council Chambers. 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
Allan Starnes	Seat B	Present
Shirley Brown	Seat C	Present
Jack Foster Jr.	Seat D	Present
Marita Gundersen	Seat E	Present
Emil Mobeck	Seat F	Present

A quorum was established.

Staff in attendance:

- Jordan Keeler, Administrator via teleconference
- Shannon Sommer, City Clerk
- Krista Galvin, Finance Officer
- Brent Nierman, Police Sergeant
- Douglas Holmberg, Harbor Master

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Minutes of the August 13, 2019 Regular Meeting.
 MOTION: Councilperson Shirley Brown made a motion to adopt the Minutes of August 13, 2019 Regular Meeting.
 SECOND: Councilperson Jack Foster Jr. seconded the motion.
 VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS:

Finance Officer - Krista Galvin

Finance Officer Krista Galvin reported for the month of July 2019 Raw Fish Tax was \$81,992.40 and Sales Tax was \$88,102.92. VIP Taxes & Consulting, LLC CPA Irina Morozova was recently here for audit prep and we are now ready for the audit at the end of October 2019.

Administrator – Jordan Keeler

Administrator Jordan Keeler reported he was out most of the month of August. Gov. Dunleavy’s recall petition needed about twice the number of signatures, the first requirement the State has 30 days to review the context of the petition. The City’s finances raw fish tax is about \$30,000 better than last season. Trident Seafood Corporation is going to do an expansion on the plant.

Mayor – Glen Gardner Jr.

Mayor Gardner thanked Peggy Osterback for donating a photo of Sand Point in 1900. The DEA were in Sand Point for informative presentations. Aleutians East Borough Mayor Alvin Osterback Sr. stated the local police department

learned you don't have to go to the State, you can contact the Federal Government to take a drug case. Mayor Gardner stated the AEB is helping the City with the Drug Task Force Investigator. Councilperson Foster stated the children were impressed with the DEA's presentation, what the DEA did goes along the lines when the State Troopers would visit the school when he was a kid to educate the children how the drugs effect you. That is one of the reasons why he was pressed to have those programs for officers to educate the children at an early stage and learn the signs. He recommended to use the tools you can go around judges and prosecutors, to use them.

DPS Police Sergeant – Brent Nierman

Police Sergeant Brent Nierman reported there was statistical information included in the report. He read a note from Chief Hal Henning: First and foremost, he wanted to acknowledge the amazing efforts of the EMS, Fire Department, EAT's medical staff and Police Department for great work and dedication on all calls from that past week. Words cannot express how proud he was of his EMS and Police staff and how they conducted themselves that past week through some very difficult times. Sand Point Officers and State Troopers worked tirelessly investigating the death and identifying several witness and suspects making two arrests in connection with that death. The investigation is ongoing and there will be more charged in connection to the case. It was amazing to watch these professionals and volunteers come together and work so well to serve the community. Sergeant Nierman stated as the agency responds to a lot of things in their careers, this is one of those that they certainly want the kids, the parents, the community it weighs on them heavily and extended their thoughts and prayers. Sergeant Nierman read EMS Chief Denise Mobeck's report: Carmen Holmberg has been with EMS for 10 years, a huge thank you for her service and dedication to the people of Sand Point. She thanked the volunteers that respond in a very short amount of time from being dispatched and their commitment to the community. The EMS department is looking for community members to become a part of the EMS team, whether it be an ambulance driver, ETT or EMT. They will have upcoming ETT/EMT classes the beginning of November 2019, please contact her for more information or sign up.

Sergeant Nierman stated he wanted to touch on the DEA visit, it was probably the most diverse group of individuals to a remote location. There was a very dynamic discussion at the presentation, it was refreshing to know the local and regional office are interested in everything Sand Point and what the State of Alaska considers to be personal amounts of drugs. They won't be circumventing other resources but working with other resources to take the next step to an agreed upon process. It is refreshing to know the department can reach out the feds on drug issues, they have a lot of information that probably links to ours, and links to the drug task force. They will be utilizing those resources.

Public Works Director - David Stokes

Public Works Director David Stokes report was included in the packet.

Mayor Gardner stated there were scrap metal people arriving on the plane that day, to get rid of scrap metal, he hadn't spoke with them yet, but there will be scrap metal being removed. He will have more information at a later date. An update on the Grove, the bearing is in Sand Point but awaiting tools to repair the Grove. There were a couple broken water lines and came close to having a water shortage but the rain arrived. Councilperson Mobeck stated it is nice they help out what is being asked of them. Councilperson Starnes stated when the Crane Inspector was here, he mentioned the swing gear was in question on the Grove, Mayor Gardner stated Public Works Director Stokes knows about it and they will look into it.

Harbor Master – Douglas Holmberg

Harbor Master Douglas Holmberg reported the crew is working well together. They have more boats arriving, and trying to keep the boats off the east wall as much as they could. The equipment is being serviced. They are all in learning mode and he thanked Richard Kochuten Sr. for his help.

Councilperson Starnes stated if they want the cameras to work well, they need a hi-definition tv, because the monitor being used currently is small and does not give a clear picture. Harbor Master Holmberg would like to move the C float camera to T float because the big boats are arriving and would like more security. Mayor Gardner stated they will look into it.

Student Representative – Logan Thompson

Student Representative Logan Thompson reported they just got the student council organized and are now able to conduct business. They are trying to address the student council's role in the community and school and to play a bigger part, sometimes the student council is under-utilized. There is a pep assembly to support the cross-country runners, there is a cross-country meet the next upcoming Thursday. He is looking forward to working with the City to see what they can accomplish.

HEARINGS, ORDINANCES, AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. Ordinance 2019-06: Council Compensation – 2nd Reading

MOTION: Councilperson Emil Mobeck made a motion to put Ordinance 2019-06: Council Compensation on the floor for 2nd Reading.

SECOND: Councilperson Allan Starnes seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

Dick Jacobsen commented the council had a discussion this spring about raising the boat harbor rates and water and sewer rates and at that time the fishermen were anticipating a good season, it seems the council is doing the same thing over again with the compensation. Mayor Gardner stated originally the council was being compensated through health insurance, now they are not able to receive health insurance. Administrator Keeler stated health insurance was a benefit provided by the City to recognize their time to the City, a lot of changes have been made to the insurance plan, Premera decided the City was disqualified under a grandfathered plan. The compensation amount is less than the previous insurance cost.

MOTION: Councilperson Emil Mobeck made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-06: Council Compensation.

SECOND: Councilperson Marita Gundersen seconded the motion.

VOTE: Emil-yes; Marita-yes; Shirley-yes; Jack-no; Danny-yes; Allan-yes.
Motion passes with 5 yes' and 1 no.

2. Resolution 19-02: Appointing Election Judges

MOTION: Councilperson Shirley Brown made a motion to adopt Resolution 19-02: Appointing Election Judges.

SECOND: Councilperson Jack Foster Jr. seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Confirmation of Harbor Master Hire

MOTION: Councilperson Emil Mobeck made a motion for Confirmation of Harbor Master Hire.

SECOND: Councilperson Danny Cumberlidge seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Edee Jacobsen commented she wondered if the City can add a camera instead of moving a camera in the harbor. Mayor Gardner stated the camera system was under a grant. Administrator Keeler stated there are funds left over from the grant and will give the company a call. Edee Jacobsen commented about the outage in the trailer court and if it was fixed. Mayor Gardner stated he has been working on it since it has happened, the City has a water system in the trailer court and cannot dig because we cannot dig underneath the wiring system. Edee Jacobsen commented about the election posting for candidacy deadline, it was on a day the City was closed. Mayor Gardner stated Administrator Keeler will ask the division of elections. Edee Jacobsen commented she seen a red fire hydrant next to her old shed on Johnson avenue, if there was an emergency, you could not hook a hose to the fire hydrant. Mayor Gardner stated the City is working on the fire hydrants. Councilperson Starnes commented when you open and close a hydrant on the system can blow the whole system, so go very slow, use two hands, rotate the valve very

slowly. Dick Jacobsen commented moving the 911 system out of town is a bad move and try to keep it in town. Mayor Gardner stated the proposed 911 system has not been adopted and it will be a test phase, it will have to go back to the council to be approved, it is only a test at this point. Raymond Nutt commented there is a water line underneath the middle of his house that has been there for about 60 years with a steel fitting that may rust out. Mayor Gardner stated he will speak with Public Works Director Stokes.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilperson Danny Cumberlidge thanked Harbor Master Holmberg. Councilperson Emil Mobeck thanked Harbor Master Holmberg, also with the drug issue, it is tough. Councilperson Shirley Brown commented thanked everyone for attending the meeting and hoped the council answered everyone's questions. Councilperson Allan Starnes commented thanked the EMS crew with dealing with the tragedy, with poorly paid, poorly appreciated people with doing the best they can, it is a tough job and have to say thank you. Councilperson Jack Foster Jr. expressed his gratitude to the safety department to the medical people, he encourages the town that looking the other way when friends and family turns you into an enabler, as a council and town, tell everyone go somewhere else, it doesn't make a strong town or strong families.

ADJOURNMENT:

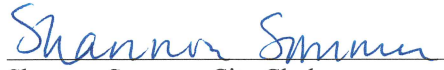
MOTION: Councilperson Jack Foster Jr. made a motion to adjourn.

SECOND: Councilperson Emil Mobeck seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.


Glen Gardner Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:


Shannon Sommer, City Clerk