
Common Council
Tuesday, July 11, 2023
7:00 PM at City Hall
MINUTES



Members Present: Richard Evans, Jane Fude, Dave Gratton, Kay Marose, John Schuster, and Mayor Wegener
Members Absent: Kayla Muchka
Also, Present: Meagan Buchda, Andrew Griggs, Amanda Blomberg

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and roll call was taken.

K. Marose motioned and J. Schuster seconded to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

D. Gratton motioned and J. Fude seconded to approve the minutes of previous meetings. Motion carried.

J. Schuster motioned and K. Marose seconded to approve the minutes of intervening meetings. Motion carried.

Public appearances and citizen comments: None

Communications: Amanda Blomberg from Baker Tilly presented the results of the City of Juneau 2022 Financial Audit.

K. Marose / D. Gratton motioned to approve \$596,727.84 in checks, \$0 in vouchers, and \$157,724.98 in electronic payments. Motion carried 5-0.

Reports of Officials:

- A. **Mayor:** *D. Wegener* reported that Firefighter Gerald Schaalma passed away this week at the age of 55 from cancer. He was a dedicated fireman and will be missed.
- B. **Clerk/Treasurer:** M. Buchda reported that the City's shared revenue will increase 20% next year. Buchda reported that the bills have come in for Hyland and she will be contacting Jason for explanation on the extra work done for widening driveways and see if that falls under the CDBG.
- C. **Written Reports:**
 1. [Building Permits Report](#). No questions.
 2. [Police Department Report](#): No questions.
 3. [Juneau Fire and Rescue Report](#): No questions.
 4. [Juneau EMS Report](#): No questions.

Reports of Committees/Commission/Boards:

A. Library Report

1. Chairman Report – *J. Thrane* reported that numbers are high for the quilt block project, they have 80 blocks that Karla will be sewing together. The completed quilt will be hung in the front entry of the Library. July 12 Kira Schall a recent graduate from DODGLEAND High School will be at the Library to share her knowledge of beekeeping. The library will have 4 guessing jars and the

winner will receive a honey themed gift basket. Thrane reported that July's theme is "Kindness Rocks", she encourages everyone to come paint a rock! The completed rocks will then be placed in the rock garden.

B. Plan Commission

1. Chairman Report – *D. Gratton*- reported that Sunset View has changed their construction plans. 7 out of the 15 units will now only have a crawl space.

C. Finance Committee –

1. Chairman Report- *R. Evans*-The committee met with Chef Chasse to go over the Community Center Contract. The Committee felt that a \$300.00 a month increase was needed, in which Chef Chasse does not agree with. After further discussion the committee agreed that the monthly rent for the 1st year will be \$3150.00 and increase to \$3300.00 the second year. Evans reported that the City's current lease of the Volvo L60H Wheel Loader ends August 20, 2023. The decision was made to purchase the current loader for \$75,000, rather than entering a new lease with much higher interest rates.
2. **R. Evans motioned and J. Fude seconded to approve Resolution 26-2023 (Approve Purchase of the Volvo L60H Wheel Loader).** Motion carried 5-0.
3. **R. Evans motioned and D. Gratton seconded to approve Resolution 27-2023 (Approve Community Center Contract),** with following amendments- 1st year \$3,150.00 per month, 2nd year \$3,300.00 per month, and #27 replace shall with should. Motion carried 5-0.

D. Personnel Committee

1. Chairman Report - *K. Marose*- No Meeting

E. Public Safety

1. Chairman Report – *J. Schuster* reported on the parking issues on S. Fairfield and South Street. The curb will be painted yellow, and a no parking sign will be put up. Crossing Guard Cheryl S. retired after 19 years of service. Schuster stated that flyers for open Crossing Guard positions will be placed in with the Utility bills. The committee approved closing E. Oak Street from Miller to Fair on July 22 and 23 for the Chamber of Commerce Pig Roast.
2. **J. Schuster motioned and J. Fude seconded to approve Resolution 25-2023 (Approve to Extend Premise-1850's Inn & Juneau Lanes-Chamber of Commerce Pig Roast).** Motion carried 5-0.

F. Public Works

1. Chairman Report – *D. Gratton* reported that the committee discussed the lease on the Volvo Loader. They agreed it made more sense to purchase the current loader and not enter into a new lease agreement. Crack sealing was not done on Fairfield Avenue- Joe, Jason, and the Mayor have been in contact with Kartechner Brothers to try and work out a solution. New parks signs were installed and the culverts on E & W Kindt streets have been replaced.

G. Cable TV

1. Chairman Report – *J. Fude* reported that the committee voted on changing the date and time of the meetings to the second Monday of month and the time to 5:30 pm. Fude stated that the committee approved an upgrade to their Windows application and the purchase of a new laptop, not to exceed \$1,000.00. Changes were made to the Cable TV Ordinance and sent over to the City Attorney for approval.

H. Community Development Authority

1. Chairman Report – *D. Wegener*: John Duran from Whisker came to the meeting to discuss the sale of land located in the industrial park. The Committee offered the "right of first refusal for lots 2811.020 & 2812.012 for 24 months at a cost of \$14,000 and acre with the agreement to pay for legal work and level excavation materials in the Industrial Park at "no cost to the City".

I. Recreation Committee

1. Chairman Report – *K. Marose* reported that the committee looked over security camera quotes and questioned how many were needed. They also went over the keys & door codes policy.

J. Utility Commission Report by Common Council Representative

1. Chairman Report – *R. Evans* reported that there are 2 open job positions within the Utilities. The commission received a request to increase wage scale 1-2%, this issue will be revisited in July 12th's meeting. They are looking at using the Tower funds to pay for the installation of a natural gas line to the new Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Old Business: A. Griggs reported that the default judgement was granted for 328 S. Fairfield Avenue, he believes that the City will be able to remove the house end of July-August.

New Business:

- A. Approve Provisional Licenses (45 days): Linette McDonald & Taylor Siebarth

Recommended Denial: None

Marose motioned and Gratton seconded to approve provisional licenses.

- B. Approve Regular Bartender's License for 2022 (Expires June 30th, 2024):

Recommended Approval: Linette McDonald & Taylor Siebarth

Recommended Denial: None

Schuster motioned and Fude seconded to approve regular licenses.

Adjourn Meeting: *J. Schuster* motioned, and *D. Gratton* seconded to adjourn meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Motion carried.

Minutes Reported By:

Meagan Buchda