

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Dillingham City Council was held on Thursday, October 2, 2008 at the Dillingham City Council Chambers, Dillingham, Alaska. Mayor Alice Ruby called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Mayor Alice Ruby present

Council Members present:

Carol Shade
Sue Mulkeit - via telephone
Tim Sands
Keggie Tubbs
Steve Hunt

Council Members absent:

Billy Maines - excused

Staff in attendance:

Janice Shilanski, City Manager
Lori Goodell, City Clerk
Richard Thompson, Chief of Police
Steve Cropsey, Project Manager

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Minutes of Preceding Meetings

1. Regular Meeting, September 4, 2008
2. Special Meeting, September 9, 2008
3. Special meeting, September 17, 2008

MOTION: Keggie Tubbs moved and Tim Sands seconded the motion to approve the minutes of Sept. 4, Sept. 9, and Sept. 17, 2008.

Discussion: None.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

There was no consent agenda.

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Mayor Ruby informed Council that there is no Executive Session needed on the agenda.

MOTION: Keggie Tubbs moved and Tim Sands seconded the motion to approve the agenda with no Executive Session.

Discussion: None

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

V. STAFF REPORTS

A. City Manager Report

City Manager Shilanski:

- reported that Resolution 2008-34 authorizes the Staffing Study contract and that Information Insights will do what they can to come in under budget;
- stated in 2006 the Council passed a resolution opposing off shore oil and gas drilling;
- noted MMS held a scoping meeting Sept. 2, with an environmental impact statement for Bristol Bay with audience members not in favor of drilling;
- requested direction from Council regarding a new Resolution on this matter as the comment period ends Nov. 15;
- spoke with Deputy Commissioner Mike Black with the State of Alaska regarding annexation to include the bay; and
- stated a feasibility study regarding annexation could be done very affordably.

Discussion:

- suggested a resolution regarding offshore oil and gas drilling be included in the Oct. 16 packet for discussion;
- recommended that the 2006 Resolution be included with any backup material;
- spoke in favor of adding annexation as a workshop at the Nov. meeting;
- suggested reviewing work done on annexation by Barb Sheinberg from 2003;
- recommended inviting Ralph Andrew from DCCED and Mike Black from the State to speak on annexation; and
- noted that DCCED may have good guidance but it is the Local Boundary Commission that would approve any boundary changes.

B. Standing Committee Report

Tim Sands, Chamber of Commerce Committee

- spoke of having a monthly energy lunch at a local establishment and inviting speakers to address those in attendance, with the first one scheduled on 10/22 at the Muddy Rudder; and
- stated the Chamber would like help from the city to install power underground to the Christmas Tree.

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS

There was no public hearing.

VII. CITIZEN'S DISCUSSION (Prior Notice or Agenda Items)

There was no citizen's discussion.

VIII. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

- A. Resolution No. 2008-34, A Resolution of the Dillingham City Council Awarding a Contract to Information Insights for a Staffing Study.

MOTION: Tim Sands moved and Sue Mulkeit seconded the motion to adopt Resolution 2008-34.

Discussion:

- requested to see results of the salary study;
- reported study is only in draft form;
- stated the study compared 14 municipalities and 5 local organizations;
- commented that a presentation could be scheduled at the Nov. meeting;
- stated the study does not include a comparison of benefits the Finance Committee is reviewing the impact of benefits as well as alternative sources for benefits;
- noted that benefits are needed to have total picture of comparison;
- stated the first draft of the study will be reviewed by the Finance Committee; and
- noted this resolution is to authorize the contract for work that has begun.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

- B. Resolution No. 2008-36, A Resolution of the Dillingham City Council Categorizing Tax Delinquencies as Minor Infractions and Authorizing City Officials to file Action With the Court.

MOTION: Tim Sands moved and Keggie Tubbs seconded the motion to adopt Resolution 2008-36.

Discussion:

- noted this is an administrative action required by the Alaska Court system.

MOTION: Question called by Tim Sands. No objections. *(Clerk note: the effect of this motion is to immediately stop debate.)*

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

- C. Resolution No. 2008-37, A Resolution of the Dillingham City Council Awarding a Contract to Install Piping From the New Well to the Existing Water Line.

MOTION: Keggie Tubbs moved and Tim Sands seconded the motion to adopt Resolution 2008-37.

Discussion:

- verified correct resolution version with Bennett Enterprises listed as the contractor;
- stated the piping, 20 sections of 20 feet, will need to be flown in as no one local stocks this item; and
- noted the cost shown on the resolution covers piping and labor for installation but not freight.

MOTION: Question called by Sue Mulkeit. No objections. *(Clerk note: the effect of this motion is to immediately stop debate.)*

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

- D. Resolution No. 2008-38, A Resolution of the Dillingham City Council Accepting a Grant From Alaska Department of Commerce, Community & Economic Development for the City Shoreline Emergency Bank Stabilization Project.

MOTION: Tim Sands moved and Keggie Tubbs seconded the motion to adopt Resolution 2008-38.

Discussion:

- stated this grant has been awarded and was obtained through the efforts of Senator Hoffman and Representative Edgmon;
- noted the Shoreline Stabilization is part of a larger project in the boat harbor;
- commented the Corps of Engineers feels this will stop most of the harbor erosion;
- stated a resolution naming bank stabilization as a #1 priority for requesting legislative funding will be presented at the 10/16 meeting;
- discussed 4.4 million in funding secured with total project costs over 15 million; and
- suggested looking at RSDA for additional funding.

MOTION: Question called by Tim Sands. No objections. *(Clerk note: the effect of this motion is to immediately stop debate.)*

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. School Project Update

Project Manager, Steve Cropsey informed Council he attended the School Board meeting to give them an update on the project.

X. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Set Special Meeting

1. Accept results of the Canvass Committee Meeting.

MOTION: Keggie Tubbs moved and Tim Sands seconded the motion to set a special meeting following a workshop on October 16, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. and to include the noted agenda items and other business as needed.

Discussion:

- commented other items for the agenda are Manager Transition, and the Oil and Gas issue.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

XI. CITIZEN'S DISCUSSION (Open to the Public)

There was no citizen's discussion.

XII. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Sue Mulkeit:

- commented that the 5:00 pm time was appreciated;
- thanked staff for the fine job they do; and
- expressed condolences to the relatives of the Ward's for their loss.

Steve Hunt:

- No comment.

Tim Sands:

- thanked city employees for the job they do;
- reminded everyone to vote at the Oct. 7, municipal election; and
- thanked those who signed up to run for School Board and City Council.

Keggie Tubbs:

- No comment.

Carol Shade

- No comment.

XIV. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Ruby:

- commented the Interim City Manager is on a month to month basis but the Interim City Clerk's contract will expired Oct. 10; and
- stated the Manager will need authorization to amend the contract to extend the term only.

MOTION: Keggie Tubbs moved and Tim Sands seconded the motion to authorize the City Manager to negotiate an extension to the City Clerk contract extending the term of the contract.

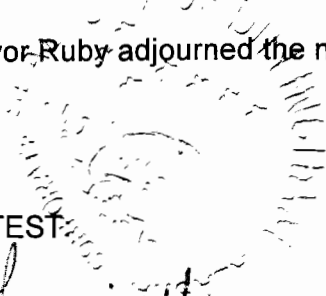
Discussion: None

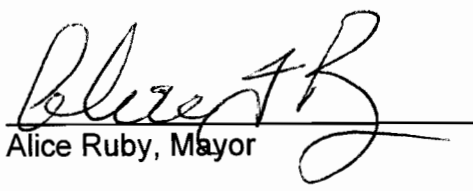
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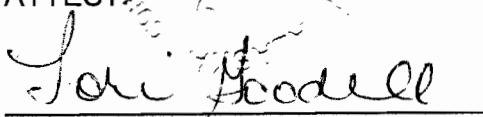
Mayor Ruby acknowledged the family members of Tom and Trudy Ward who were long time residents of the community.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Ruby adjourned the meeting at 5:50 p.m.




Alice Ruby, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lori Goodell, City Clerk