

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Dillingham City Council was held on Thursday, June 5, 2008 at the Dillingham City Council Chambers, Dillingham, Alaska. Mayor Alice Ruby called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Mayor Alice Ruby present

Council Members present:

Steve Hunt
Billy Maines
Sue Mulkeit
Tim Sands
Keggie Tubbs

Council Members absent:

Chris Klabunde - excused

Staff in attendance:

Chow Taylor, City Manager
Richard Thompson, Police Chief
Jody Seitz, City Planner
Staci Fieser, Finance Director

Guests: Jim Vogel, Bristol Environmental & Engineering Services

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Minutes of Preceding Meetings

1. Regular Meeting, May 1, 2008
2. Meeting of the Board of Equalization, April 29, 2008
3. Meeting of the Board of Equalization, May 22, 2008

MOTION: Tim Sands moved and Sue Mulkeit seconded the motion to approve the minutes of May 1, April 29 and May 22, 2008.

Discussion: None

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

There was no consent agenda.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Ruby asked to remove item 8.a, Resolution No. 2008-10, Adopt Strategic Plan.

MOTION: Tim Sands moved and Sue Mulkeit seconded the motion to approve the agenda with noted changes.

Discussion: None

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

V. STAFF REPORTS

A. City Manager Report

Chow Taylor, City Manager:

- commented that Steve Cropsey will start work on June 23rd;
- reported the ice machine would remain at the boat harbor for this year;
- reported the Potato House is presently closed, good time to audit since it is the close of the fiscal year;
- commented she would be interviewing for the position of Senior Center Director;
- noted staff was continuing to work on the budget;
- noted the town hall meeting was on the energy crisis was excellent, that she came away with the message that the City can't rely on others to take care of the problem for us; and
- commented she had stopped by the Senior Center, and that others are pitching in to help during the interim.

Discussion:

- questioned if there is money to fix the roads noted in the Public Works Director's report, Mgr. Taylor noted not now, but it is good to identify problem areas; and
- questioned if there were any more details regarding obstacles in the way of moving the ice machine, Mgr. Taylor noted security was an issue at the dock, that producing more ice will make for more traffic on the dock, would need a system for delivery of ice from the dock, and Nushagak Electric couldn't promise power in time.

B. Standing Committee Report

Mayor Ruby, Code Review Committee:

- reported the committee was ready for an assignment of new duties and would take this up under Mayor's comments.

Keggie Tubbs, Finance and Budget Committee:

- commented that all the items in Title IV, Revenue and Finance, would be beneficial; and

- noted the committee was continuing to work on the budget, that it was still not balanced, and that the committee would meet on June 9, at 12:30 pm, and that June 11 was a fall back in case the committee needed more time.

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

- B. Resolution No. 2008-18, A Resolution of the Dillingham City Council Authorizing Receipt of a Grant from USDA Rural Development in the Amount of \$773,150 for Repair of the City's Ice Damaged Water Tower.

MOTION: Tim Sands moved and Billy Maines seconded the motion to adopt the lay down version of Resolution No. 2008-18.

(Clerk Note: The lay down version amended the grant amount from \$795,750 to \$773,150. Since it was less than the amount advertised, it can be amended on the floor and adopted.)

Manager Taylor noted this resolution has been discussed many times in the past, and that Don Moore had initiated the work.

VOTE: The motion to adopt Resolution No. 2008-18 pass unanimously.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. School Project Update

Manager Taylor reported that Steve Cropsey would be meeting with the Project Management Team next week.

X. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Jim Vogel, BEES, Water Treatment/Water Tower Project

Jim Vogel reported that the water tower/water treatment project has been ongoing for two years at least. In the interim, the standpipe had suffered some damage so it was added to the project. The original plant, built back in the 70s, will be demolished. He noted the new plant should last for 20-30 years plus and that it is a culmination of work done on the water master plan five years ago. It was his opinion that the new water plant would go out for bid at the end of the summer that the City was probably looking at \$1.5 Million for this project, that there is well in excess of \$2 Million for both the water tower and water treatment project.

Jim concluded that he didn't want to run any business off from his firm, but advised that it would be more cost effective to have someone local monitoring the landfill and harbor projects, that it does need watching. Manager Taylor noted that the City had been working with several local engineers.

B. Special Meeting for the Week of June 9

1. Introduce the FY 09 Budget
2. Contract with Steve Cropsey, Project Manager

Mayor Ruby reported that a special meeting was tentatively scheduled for June 12, and that the items to be covered included introducing the FY 09 budget, (budget has to be adopted by June 30, and requires two meetings, so it could be introduced June 12 and adopted June 19), contracting with Steve Cropsey, present code committee list of duties, and set the mill rate.

MOTION: Keggie Tubbs moved and Tim Sands seconded the motion to set a special meeting for June 12 starting at 7:00 p.m., with a workshop starting at 6:00 p.m., the agenda items will include those items listed on the agenda, plus whatever other business the mayor and staff feel necessary that needs action.

Discussion: None

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

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

Judi Nelson reported she had attended the meeting on Arne Watland's behalf to see if the Council had made a final decision on the budget allocation for the school.

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Manager's Evaluation

MOTION: Tim Sands made a motion and Steven Hunt seconded the motion to enter into executive session pursuant to DMC Section 2.09.050 regarding personnel matters.

Discussion: None

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

At 7:49 p.m. Mayor Ruby requested the Council go into executive session.

MOTION: Billy Maines moved and Tim Sands seconded the motion to come out of executive session at 8:09 p.m.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

XIII. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Keggie Tubbs:

- commented he appreciated the Manager's letter to Governor Palin regarding the fuel crisis, that it is an important first step;
- noted he was intrigued by the resolution offered up by AVEC, declaring a fuel emergency, and that he is working on a resolution on the same lines and would hope to have it ready in the form of a resolution for the June 19 meeting; and
- wished Sue a Happy Birthday.

Tim Sands:

- commented that today was the first day of commercial fishing, and wished everyone the best of luck;
- reported he had attended the Blessing of the Fleet, and thanked the volunteers who put it together, that it was well done;
- suggested staff courtesy copy Rep. Bryce Edgmon and Senator Hoffman on Governor Palin's letter;
- thanked BBEDC for hosting Senator Lisa Murkowski, Saturday, June 7; and
- congratulated the City Clerk for finishing her first year of service, and thanked the rest of the staff as well for their hard work.

Steve Hunt:

- no comment.

Sue Mulkeit:

- thanked staff as well for all their hard work;
- reported she had enjoyed the Blessing of the Fleet; and
- expressed her hope for a good fishing year.

Billy Maines:

- no comment.

XIV. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Ruby:

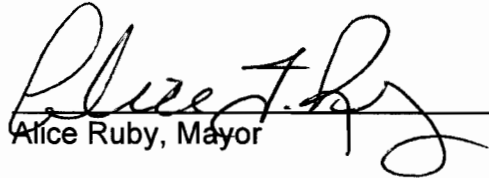
- thanked KDLG for a day of fishing songs and poetry acknowledging Dillingham as a fishing community;
- thanked Sue for making a speech at the Blessing of the Fleet;
- repeated that Murkowski will be in town on Saturday, that she would get a tour of the dock and harbor facilities for which she had played a big part in influencing the grants to obtain funding for erosion control and to help construct the dock;
- commented that the City has quality staff, and that in trying hard to provide necessary services they identify ways to maybe make it better, but in the process they inadvertently create new programs that maybe the City is not prepared to support or fund, and maybe the Council needs to consider adopting a policy of no new or expanded programs for this fiscal year anyway;
- noted that since the town hall meeting on the energy crisis, she has been contacted by many individuals who believe Dillingham needs its own energy plan, and is

proposing to develop a plan to address the issue in partnership with other local agencies, using local expertise, and would move forward within the next 2-3 weeks; and

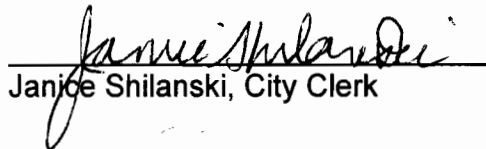
- acknowledged individuals that have been lost in the last month in a moment of silence.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Ruby adjourned the meeting at 8:23 p.m.


Alice Ruby, Mayor

ATTEST:


Janice Shilanski, City Clerk

