

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 20, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jacob Mercurief at 9:07 AM. Councilmembers present were Joseph Kozloff, Daniel Porath, Victor Clarey, Raymond Melovidov and Jason Bourdukofsky joined telephonically. Clmbr Dimitri Zacharof had to work. A quorum was established.

CALL TO
ORDER

Clmbr Porath moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Clmbr Clarey. Motion carried by voice vote.

AGENDA
APPROVED

Clmbr Porath moved to approve the October 21, 2020 meeting minutes, seconded by Clmbr Clarey. There was one correction: The third paragraph has Mayor Melovidov, should be changed to Clmbr Melovidov; motion carried by voice vote.

OCTOBER 21,
2020 MINUTES
APPROVED

There were no persons to address council.

PERSONS TO
ADDRESS
COUNCIL

Mateo Paz-Soldan gave the Fisheries report: The October 2020 meeting was held via Adobeconnect. The Saint Paul team was constituted by Jeff Kaufman, Raymond Melovidov, and Heather McCarty for CBSFA; Lauren Divine for the St Paul Tribe; and Mateo for the City of Saint Paul. The main concern during this meeting was the Halibut Abundance Based Management and the action was focused on tying halibut bycatch/PSC limits to abundance levels. Council ended up unanimously adopting a motion provides for analysis by Staff of 3 new alternatives based on the old stakeholder recommendations but using a Look-Up Table concept to manage halibut PSC limits. Over 110 comments in support of ABM were submitted at this meeting and it clearly had an impact on the Alaskan Council members. The coalition met several times ahead of the Council meeting to develop common positions and advocate for similar goals. The statewide scope of the coalition was effective in impressing upon the State the importance of ABM.

FISHERIES
REPORT

Mgr Zavadil gave his report: A BeringS newsletter will go out door to door in December. Working with Agnew Beck to assemble the newsletter and it will be printed by Chinook Print company. About 450 providers in Alaska are out due to having the virus or being exposed to the virus. Hospital beds continue to be occupied and the numbers of patients increase daily. Governor Dunleavy issued new Health Orders that will begin on Monday. Anyone who travels within Alaska needs to have a test 72 hours prior to traveling. Clmbr Bourdukofsky asked if a person who has tested positive would need to test before traveling. Mgr Zavadil said no. When a person tests positive for COVID-19 they will not be tested again with 90 days of the positive test. \$912,000 of the COVID Relief Funds have been spent, there is about \$400,000 remaining. The Motor Pool crew is working on converting the old ambulance into an additional quarantine bus in preparation for potential additional transports during snow crab seasons. The Unified Command team continues to meet bi-weekly and have reviewed the Community Risk Indicator, formed a Vaccine Taskforce to track and prepare for the vaccine.

CITY
MANAGER
REPORT

A break was held between 10:30 and 10:50.

Clmbr Melovidov moved to approve Emergency Ordinance 20-97, Protective Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 Throughout Saint Paul Island, seconded by Clmbr Clarey. There were some changes to the Ordinance due the removal of Health Mandates and the new Health Orders. Added Persons engaged in education, which shall be limited to instructional staff and administrative support staff to the list of Essential Workers. The travel forms were updated to reflect the changes as well. There is new Group Travel form for 5+ people. This is to help when Trident begins bringing their employees out for the season, this way the admin team does not have to review 60 forms. Instead the forms will be filled out and a spreadsheet will have each person traveling listed.

ORDINANCE
20-97,
PROTECTIVE
MEASURES TO
PREVENT THE
SPREAD OF
COVID-19

A roll call vote was held:

Ayes- Melovidov, Clarey, Porath, Kozloff, Bourdukofsky, Mercurief.

No-0

Motion carried unanimously.

Lunch break was held between 12:10 and 1:22.

Clmbr Clarey moved to approve Ordinance 20-07, 2020 Budget Amendment #2 First reading, seconded by Clmbr Porath. To be eligible for the VSW grant the Best Practices score needs to be 60 points or higher. The score for City has fluctuated year after year even if nothing changed year after year. Mgr Zavadil met with Jed Cox at the DCRA to what can be done to improve the score. The City received a 0 for budget since fund 321 was in the red. \$71,000.00 needs to be transferred from fund 102 to 321 to bring the fund back to the black. This will make the Best practices score increase and the City will be eligible for the grant to replace the lift stations at the ballfield and below the Tribal Government offices.

ORDINANCE
20-07, 2020
BUDGET
AMENDEMENT
#2, FIRST
READING

A roll call vote was held:

Ayes- Bourdukofsky, Kozloff, Porath, Melovidov, Clarey, Mercurief.

No-0

Motion carried unanimously.

The next meeting is scheduled for December 9, 2020.

NEXT MEETING

Clmbr Porath moved to adjourn, seconded by Mayor Mercurief. Motion carried by voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 1:32 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED:

Monique Baker, City Clerk

Date