

Minutes  
City of Cold Bay  
Regular Council Meeting

**Date:** January 17, 2023

**Time:** 7:00 PM

**Place:** Community Center

CALL TO ORDER: 7:03 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

Council Member	Tara Ferguson-Gould	Present – Online
Council Member	Jae McKee	Present – Online
Council Member	Robert Nielsen	Absent
Council Member	Dailey Schaack	Present
Council Member	Jeff Wasley	Absent
Council Member	Tony Wohlers	Present
Mayor	Candace Nielsen	Present

STAFF PRESENT: Lorie Pierce, Kurt Uttecht

GUESTS: Carole McKee, Russell Ruta, Maria Fosado, Mark Johnson, Chris Israelson

Online Guests: Matt Nielsen, Ricki Ruta

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Council Member T. Ferguson-Gould made a motion to approve the agenda. Council Member D. Schaack seconded the motion.

All were in Favor

Motion Approved

APPROVAL OF MNUTES

Council Member D. Schaack made a motion to approve the agenda. Council Member T. Wohlers seconded the motion.

All were in Favor

Motion Approved

APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIALS

Council Member T. Ferguson-Gould made a motion to approve the financials. Council Member T. Wohlers seconded the motion.

All were in Favor

Motion Approved

COMMUNITY COMMENTS ON AGENDA

NONE

## REPORTS

Mayor Report: Written Report Provided  
Public Works Report: Written Report Provided  
City Clerk Report: Written Report Provided  
Library Report: Verbal Report Provided  
AEB Report: Verbal Report Provided  
Community Event Planner Report: Written Report Provided  
EMS Report: No Report

## COMMUNICATIONS APPEARANCES REQUEST

NONE

## HEARINGS ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

### NON-CODE ORDINANCE 2023-01 A NON-CODE ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COLD BAY, ALASKA, ADOPTING THE FY23 ANNUAL BUDGET (Introduction)

Discussion: After much discussion and spending a lot of time on just the budget Council Member T. Wohlers asked if we could table the budget and have another workshop for just the budget. We have community members here to speak and we are not being respectful of their time.

Council Member T. Wohlers made a motion to table the budget and have another workshop to discuss the budget at a later date. Council Member T. Ferguson-Gould seconded the motion.

All were in Favor

Motion Approved

### RESOLUTION 23-01 - A RESOLUTION ADOPTING AN ALTERNATIVE ALLOCATION METHOD FOR THE FY23 SHARED FISHERIES BUSINESS TAX PROGRAM AND CERTIFYING THAT THIS ALLOCATION METHOD FAIRLY REPRESENTS THE DISTRIBUTION OF SIGNIFICANT EFFECTS OF FISHERIES BUSINESS ACTIVITY IN FMA 3: ALASKA PENINSULA AREA

Council Member J. McKee made a motion to adopt Resolution 23-01. Council Member D. Schaack seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Council Member T. Ferguson-Gould: Y  
Council Member J. McKee: Y  
Council Member R. Nielsen: A  
Council Member D. Schaack: Y  
Council Member J. Wasley: A  
Council Member T. Wohlers: Y  
Mayor Nielsen: Y

## BUSINESS:

Old:

a.) Policies and Procedures

Discussion to change the employee holidays to take away Birthday and Alaska day and add Indigenous People Day. Employees spoke as to why holidays would be taken away when this is their benefit the city can offer that is cost effective. The City is not able to offer health insurance/retirement benefits. It was asked if this could be tabled for to conduct more research before making this change.

Council Member T. Ferguson-Gould made a motion to table the changes until more research can be done. Council Member T. Wohlers seconded the motion.

All were in Favor

Motion Approved

b.) G&K Electric Update

Letter from Gary Ferguson included in the packet stated that Gary would hopefully have the requested information in 60-90 days.

c.) PFAS Water Update

Letter from Shannon & Wilson included in the packet stating that the new testing results have not come in.

d.) PW Generator Update

We have the electrical engineered plans back. We have sent to CE2 Engineering.

New:

a.) City Equipment

Kurt presented to the Council to purchase a Toolcat UW56 with snowplowing/snowblowing implements. The toolcat is made by Bobcat. All implements are interchangeable. This piece of equipment would allow him to be able to take care of the plowing needs especially at the Clinic. Discussion as to where we would store this equipment as we need to quit leaving equipment outside in the weather. Would it be able to longshore? Why do we need a new piece of equipment? Kurt stated that the equipment would not be able to longshore and he can store in his shop. Kurt stated that the City has never purchased any new equipment. The money has been already been allocated.

Council Member J. McKee made a motion to purchase the Toolcat UW56 for \$101,575.00. Council Member D. Schaack seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Council Member T. Ferguson-Gould: N

Council Member J. McKee: Y

Council Member R. Nielsen: A  
Council Member D. Schaack: Y  
Council Member J. Wasley: A  
Council Member T. Wohlers: Y  
Mayor Nielsen: N

Motion Failed: Item will be put back on the next regular Council Meeting agenda in February.

b.) Adopt Strategic Planning Mission, Vision, and Value Statements

Council Member T. Wohlers made a motion to adopt the Strategic Planning Mission, Vision, and Value Statements as written. Council Member T. Ferguson-Gould seconded the motion.

All were in Favor

Motion Approved

c.) Dock Longshoring

Mark Johnson spoke and had asked if he could speak to Donnell about the confusion of unloading the boats. Harbormaster Chris came to speak on this agenda item and had to leave. Need to respect his opinion and let him speak at the next meeting. Hate tabling this because we have boats coming/going. It was stated that we do have an agreement in place to use Gould Construction equipment to unload boat. After much discussion it was decided to table this item until the next regular meeting.

Council Member T. Ferguson-Gould made a motion to table this agenda item.  
Council Member T. Wohlers seconded the motion.

All were in Favor

Motion Approved

d.) Community Policies and Procedures

TABLED

Council Member T. Wohlers made a motion table this agenda item. Council Member T. Ferguson-Gould seconded the motion.

All were in Favor

Motion Approved

e.) Employee Handbook – Holiday Changes

TABLED

Council Member T. Wohlers made a motion to table this agenda item. Council Member T. Ferguson-Gould seconded the motion.

All were in Favor

Motion Approved

#### COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Lorie stated that for the morale of the employees be very mindful of what you are saying the community about the employees. It is a small community and everything that is said will come back and be repeated. Kurt's morale is way down at this time. We both love our jobs and what we do and will be here as long as allowed.

Tony finds it extremely difficult to discuss someone salary in front of them. Not fair to anyone involved.

#### COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Tara Ferguson-Gould covering a lot of ground things aren't always going to flow. I think that all of our hearts are in the right place and that we value our employees and that we are all working to move forward. It takes everyone's time and effort. Sorry Tony that you haven't eaten.

Lorie we hope that we can encourage you.

Dailey want to thank everyone. We are trying to decide stuff and it doesn't always come out right like we are stepping on toes. Trying to do a job and not hurt people's feelings. Would like us in the future to work on the budget ahead of time and bring to meeting.

Candace thank you for sticking through a 3 hour meeting.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Council Member T. Wohlers made a motion to adjourn at 9:00 PM. Council Member T. Ferguson-Gould seconded the motion.

All were in Favor

Motion Passed

Adopted:

ATTEST:



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'T. Wohlers', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and somewhat illegible.