

Minutes  
City of Cold Bay  
Regular Council Meeting

**Date:** February 21, 2023

**Time:** 7:00 PM

**Place:** Library

CALL TO ORDER: 7:02 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

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

STAFF PRESENT: Lorie Pierce

GUESTS: Mark Johnson, Connie Newton, Chris Israelson

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Council Member T. Wohlers made a motion to approve the agenda moving the New Business first starting with Item B. Council Member J. Wasley seconded the motion.

All were in Favor

Motion Approved

APPROVAL OF MNUTES

Council Member T. Wohlers made a motion to approve the minutes. Council Member J. Wasley 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

Chris stated that he was confused on the boat issue. The City is asking him to use 2 pieces of equipment to unload boats which does not make sense. Unloading the boat is a simple process. He does not want to slow the unloading of Coastal down as it is not fair to them. Everything that is on the boat is important to him. He spends hours trying to figure out who some of the items belongs too.

#### REPORTS

Mayor Report: No Report Provided

Public Works Report: Written Report Provided

City Clerk Report: Written Report Provided

Library Report: No Report Provided

AEB Report: Absent

Community Event Planner Report: No Report Provided

EMS Report: No Report Provided

#### COMMUNICATIONS APPEARANCES REQUEST

NONE

#### HEARINGS ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

#### RESOLUTION 23-02 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COLD BAY, ALASKA, AMENDING THE JANITOR POSITION FROM A CONTRACT POSITION TO AN HOURLY POSITION

Council Member T. Wohlers made a motion to adopt Resolution 23-02. Council Member T. Ferguson-Gould seconded the motion.

#### Roll Call:

Council Member T. Ferguson-Gould: Y

Council Member J. McKee: Y

Council Member D. Schaack: A

Council Member J. Wasley: Y

Council Member T. Wohlers: Y

Mayor Nielsen: Y

#### BUSINESS:

Old:

#### a.) Dock Longshoring

Mayor Nielsen stated that she appreciates Chris & Mark for being here and all of their hard work at the dock. She would like to hold a workshop at a later date to discuss the dock longshoring. Will get with everyone involved to set up a meeting.

#### b.) City Equipment

Kurt has requested the City purchase a 2023 Cat 908 Compact Wheel Loader from NC Machinery for \$162,422.00 including delivery.

Council Member J. McKee made a motion to purchase the loader that Kurt has requested. Council Member J. Wasley seconded the motion.

Discussion: Council Member T. Ferguson-Gould does not support the City purchasing new equipment. The value immediately depreciates as soon as it comes off the lot. We need to look for some good used equipment. Council Member T. Wohlers stated that buying a used loader more than likely means you are purchasing someone else's problem machine. Council Member J. Wasley stated that the City has never purchased any equipment and that we should purchase what our employee has researched for the work that needs done. This piece of equipment will fit in Kurt's existing shop.

Roll Call:

Council Member T. Ferguson-Gould: N

Council Member J. McKee: Y

Council Member D. Schaack: A

Council Member J. Wasley: Y

Council Member T. Wohlers: Y

Mayor Nielsen: Y

Motion Approved

Kurt has requested the City purchase a 2023 Toolcat UW56 from Bobcat of Juneau for \$95,006.44 including delivery.

Council Member J. McKee made a motion to purchase the Toolcat that Kurt has requested. Council Member J. Wasley seconded the motion.

Discussion: Council Member T. Ferguson-Gould does not support the City purchasing new equipment. Council Member T. Wohlers stated this machine is lightweight and a glorified side by side. We have a bobcat is there a reason to purchase this machine. Lorie stated that the bobcat is old and that this piece of equipment will be able to not only take care of snow removal but as well as cut alders as it is lighter. This machine is also easier to get in and out of than the bobcat. This piece of equipment will also fit in Kurt's existing shop.

Roll Call:

Council Member T. Ferguson-Gould: N

Council Member J. McKee: Y

Council Member D. Schaack: A

Council Member J. Wasley: Y

Council Member T. Wohlers: Y

Mayor Nielsen: Y

Motion Approved

c.) Policies and Procedures Section 1&2

This item will be moved to a work session to discuss further.

d.) PFAS Water Update

Lorie stated that the 3<sup>rd</sup> round of testing has been received. Both of our wells are now over the 70 PPT. We will remain on drinking water until a solution is in place. The dispensers and 5 gallon jugs will be arriving this week.

New:

a.) Rob Nielsen – Resignation

Council Member J. McKee mad a motion to accept Rob Nielsen letter of resignation. Council Member J. Wasley seconded the motion.

All were in Favor

Motion Approved

Mayor Nielsen stated that we appreciated Robs time on the Council and as Mayor. It is sad to see him go. He does a lot for our Community through Grant.

b.) Borough Community Grant

Discussion of ideas to use the grant for a generator for the water plant, a building over the basketball court, or repairs to our Municipal building foundation. The most important item at this time would be a water plant generator. Lorie will work on the grant.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

NONE

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Nielsen-Thank you Lorie for the Valentine's Party. The food was great, and fun was had by all. Thank you to Krista for helping in the kitchen. Mayor Nielsen apologized for the last regular meeting taking a lot of time and being unproductive. She has done a lot of studying and wants to move forward with better meetings. She is sorry for hurting the Ruta family regarding the Janitor position.

There was no intent to hurt anyone. Mayor Nielsen would like for us to move forward with Strategic Planning for goals and action items. Council Member T. Ferguson-Gould had brought to her attention that Adak EAS renewal is coming up. Would like to work with them to see if we can be a part of their EAS. Thank you, Tara, for that information.

Council member J. Wasley asked is there was any word on Aleutian Airways coming to Cold Bay. It was stated that they needed a de-icer.

Council Member T. Ferguson-Gould stated that we need more transportation in Cold Bay.

**ADJOURNMENT**

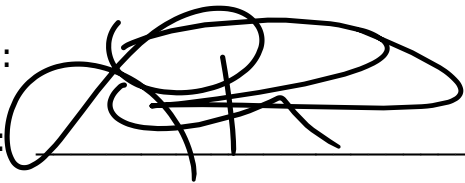
Council Member T. Wohlers made a motion to adjourn at 8:05 PM. Council Member J. McKee seconded the motion.

All were in Favor

Motion Passed

Adopted:

ATTEST:

  
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