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**CITY OF ANDERSON, ALASKA
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL SESSION MEETING MINUTES
ANDERSON CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS
January 25, 2024
6:00 pm**

Call to Order

Mayor Hammond called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call/Establishment of Quorum

- Chantal Hammond yes
- Kyle Fulford yes
- Kay Hockin yes
- Richard Hammond yes
- Margaret Pierce yes
- Quentin Rathbone yes
- Jeff Taylor yes

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Fulford made a motion to approve the agenda. Ms. Hockin seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion approved.

City Sewer Update

Mayor Hammond placed a call to Daniel Nichols from KUNA. Mr. Rathbone informed that the ground water is leaking into the sewer and overwhelming the system. The lift station cannot keep up. With constant pumping we are just treading water. The vacuum truck operator had to leave and only got three loads out today. Friday they pumped the water was all the way down, but water is continually coming in and no one was available to pump on Saturday and Sunday so the water was backing up into certain manholes. The City made a deal with Alaska Waste from \$.59 per gallon to \$.32 per gallon. All vac trucks out of Fairbanks are busy and can't find a rental. The City needs to have a vac truck.

Mr. Nichols said he had talked to Village Safe Water, VSW, and will look into seeing if they have any workers or trucks to help and he will call them.

Mr. Rathbone said he had talked with Spencer at the DEC, they said the system has to completely frozen before they can do anything and then it is too far gone. The City needs a vac truck as this is an everyday operation.

Mayor Hammond mentioned we had lots of residents freezing up including the school and Center Drive is already frozen already. We have two pumps running non-stop and it is not enough.

Mr. Nichols suggested talking with Tonya Bear to see if they would give us a waiver to dump closer by.

There was much discussion most agreed it is an emergency now.

Mayor Hammond asked if Daniel had any other suggestions or will VSW come out to help us on this.

Mr. Nichols said that he could not speak for them, but he will get in touch with them again in the morning.

Mayor Hammond thanked him for his time and hoped he could have some more answers for them.

Ms. Pierce stated we are on our own.

Mr. Rathbone stated VSW and DEC don't want to do anything until it is too late.

Mr. Collura agreed stating again that it seems the DEC won't do anything until we are in complete failure. He also wanted everyone to know how much time he and Mr. Rathbone are spending just to continually repair the jetter and all the equipment that has had zero maintenance done spending days just to fix faulty equipment and then behind on pumping and all else.

After further discussion Ms. Hockin asked if Mr. Rathbone was through with his report at which point he reiterated the need for a vac truck.

Mayor Hammond reported Mr. Rathbone had contacted Alaska Waste asking them to drop their rates in exchange for six months of same rates from us after we go up. Their current pumping rate is \$.59 per gallon and they will give us the rate of \$.32 per gallon. The bill is already at about \$10,000.00 for just a couple of days.



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Charlie Rathbone suggested trying to sue VSW.

Ms. Hocking said it is our system. We own it. That's what the KUNA options are about.

Chief Grimes suggested calling Ms. Morris at Juneau.

Mayor Hammond mentioned we are applying for assistance and Ms. Morris is aware of our situation.

Council Comments

Mr. Hammond thanked everyone for doing what they can. We are all working toward a solution. We do not want it to fail.

Ms. Hockin thanked everyone for trying to work it out.

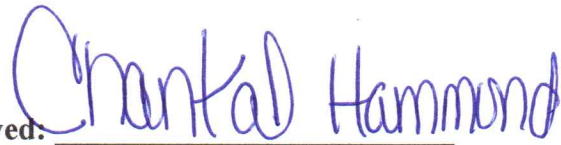
Mr. Fulford thanked everyone for all they were doing especially Mr. Collura and Mr. Rathbone and thanks to all for showing up.


Mayor Hammond thanked everyone.

Adjournment

Mr. Fulford made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Pierce seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 6:54 pm.

The City of Anderson Council reserves the right to enter into Executive Session to discuss matters as indicated under Alaska State Statue 44.63.310

Approved: 
Chantal Hammond, Mayor

Attested: 
Deb Terwilliger, Clerk