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## Minutes of Anderson City Council Meeting

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**Location of the meeting was at the city hall and through our virtual platform, Zoom.**

Meeting Time

December 10, 2024 at 6:00 PM

### Notice

Notice was provided

Present

**Mayor Katie Griebe**

**Vice Mayor Cassie Eads**

**Council Members: Kyle Fulford, Kay Hockin, Jeff Taylor, Quenten Rathbone, and Mike Chaffin.**

### Proceedings

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Mayor Katie.

### Agenda

Mike made a motion to approve the Agenda, Quenten seconds. Cassie makes a motion to amend the agenda by removing the Security Upgrades/Cameras for the City Hall till next meeting. Kyle seconds the amendment. All are in favor

### Mayors Report

See attached

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### Departmental Reports

- **Fire Department** – John Coilura says the fire department is having a Sleigh Ride on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of December at 5:00 PM and a Bonfire on the 24<sup>th</sup> of December at 6:30 PM. Family friendly at both events.
- **Library**- Katie Griebe reported and Sandie Trumbower, library board member, gave input as well. The library has been doing a Bazaar sale in Nenana and Healy. They both went really well. The library was able to clear out a lot of donated materials.

The library will be hosting a Friday movie night on the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of every month. They are also taking ideas for doing a Craft night, if there is interest. They just got finished up with Crochet night that went really, really well. These library events will be for all ages.

- **Public Works**- Quenten Rathbone reports the snow plowing all got done. The water level is coming up at the lift station. The pumps are staying on longer so our water issues are right around the corner. Everything else is moving right along.

- **Parks-** Kyle Fulford jokes about how the park is bustling at present. Nothing for the park.
- **Environment-** Mike Chaffin is researching to see what resources there are available to help with Denali Park Season, also to beautify the City and improve or increase our assets.
- **Lands-** Jeff Taylor doesn't have anything to report other than the Agenda item to be discussed later regarding Anderson land.
- **Medical Clinic-** Kay Hockin says not to much to report. The maintenance still is not done on the building. She needs volunteers to go over and tear out the sinks and finish up the back room. Kay was appreciative that Jeff was wanting to help with that effort.
- **Public Safety-** Cassie Eads reports: Nathaniel and I are wrapping up the forestry business with the Nenana Fire Department. This has been the primary focus right now.

### **Bills To Be Paid Report – See attachment**

Discussion about the bills and what they were for and how things were going with the banking. The Mayor reports she is gaining access to the account and the bank statements are in the files.

### **Old Business N/A**

#### **1. New Business**

##### **a. Internet option for the Sewage Lagoon Gate**

The Mayor explains the sewage lagoon does not have any security system at the present time. It is running on an honor system for customers, to let us know when they are dumping. We would like a 24 hour accessible camera out there, so that we could see who is coming in and going out of the gate. Katie has been looking into Starlink as an option to provide that. It is a \$140/month subscription for a business, standard rate. The cost is \$460 as a one-time hardware fee in order to get it set up. She would like to have it done by March 1<sup>st</sup> especially for the summer months when business picks up.

Quenten Motions to subscribe to the Starlink and get it set up

Cassie wants clarity on whether we are just talking about getting the hardware ordered and giving a heads up on the amount of the subscription. Mayor Katie says, yes and that Quenten did motion to add the internet subscription and get the hardware."

Cassie seconds this Motion.

Mayor states, so the motion on the table is to add the internet option for the sewage lagoon gate, as of March 1<sup>st</sup>.



**b. Gravel Pit- Open Tree Cutting**

The Mayor explains the purpose of the agenda item is so that the community can assist us in removing the trees, so that the city can get access to the gravel, that is in this area. Kyle knows the area and can explain more.

Kyle explains that it is before the railroad tracks, and near some Econolines. The area from the Econoline Trail all the way to the backside of where it is marked, is all available for gravel. He wants to start at the back portion that is closest to the pit. The trees to cut down are marked, some with pink tape and some with paint. The point is to start the closest to the pit, so that all of that gets removed first.

The bigger trees will need to be left 2 feet high, so the dozer can pull them out. However, there are a lot of smaller trees that could be cut right to the ground. He would like to get it ready before spring so that the dozer can easily get it cleared out. Then we will have fill dirt for people to take \$20/load or less, just to get rid of it. The fill dirt could be used by the park or around town to make it a little bit nicer. Kyle states that he will make signs so that people know where they are going.

Kyle Motions that we get started on the cutting by January.  
Quenten seconds the Motion  
All are in favor, Motion passes.

**c. Establish committee – Policy Committee**

The Mayor explains that the city code needs to be restructured and added to. The committee will be made up of three council members. They will meet once a month, with public notice of when they will be meeting. The monthly meetings will be a minimum of 2 hours.

Mike Chaffin motions to establish a policy committee  
Quenten seconds the motion

Discussion on who would be on the committee. Kay would feel more comfortable if we did not decide at this meeting who would be on the Policy Committee. The Mayor is agreeable.

Mayor clarifies that the motion that is on the table is to establish a policy committee to be made up of three council members.

Cassie believes it will take more time than just once a month.

The Mayor clarifies that once a month would be the minimum and that when Cassie and Katie get back we will establish the members of that committee.

The vote is taken and all are in favor, Motion passes.

**d. Announce opening on the Land Committee**

The Mayor explains that there is now an opening on the Land Committee. It has to do with our land and what we can do with it. This is a 5 member committee and open to a member of

the public. They typically meet on the first Tuesday of the month. Anyone wishing to be on the land committee should let us know. Please email the clerk at [coaclerk@mtaonline.net](mailto:coaclerk@mtaonline.net)  
No vote is needed at this time.

**e. Council Member Travel for AML Conference**

Mayor Katie explains that we have received scholarships with AML for the council members to travel to the AML Conference. The Denali Borough has helped us with paying ahead of time, as it is a reimbursement that will come from the AML later.

Kay says that there will be a small bill for parking at \$35/day for Cassie. Kay says that she will pay for the rental car.

Quenten says that the city should pay for that since they are down at the AML conference for the benefit of the city.

Mike Motions to cover the costs of travel and parking associated with the AML Conference, seeing as how the council members are paying out of pocket for it.

Quenten Seconds the Motion.

All are in favor, Motion passes

**f. New Hire- Part time Laborer**

The Mayor expresses the need to hire Robert Price so that we can get John some help by January before it gets really busy. Discussion about the details of what he is responsible for, what his wage and hours would be, will be discussed at a work session.

Mike Motions that we hire Robert Price, effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024

Quenten Seconds the Motion

Cassie is concerned with the wording of the Motion. She feels that the details and all the questions that will need to be asked to fine tune his position and what he will be responsible for should be worked out first. Cassie is all for this but specific details need to be worked out before she votes yes.

The Mayor states that making the effective date January 1st will give enough time for the city to make these offers and gives us till January 1<sup>st</sup> to hire him.

Kay wants to make sure it will be a part time position. The Mayor responds that it is a part time position.

There is a roll call vote:

Cassie No

Kyle Yes

Kay Yes

Jeff No

Quenten Yes

Mike Yes

The Motion passes 4-2

### **PUBLIC ACCESS**

Sandy Trumbower had mentioned that parents and people who want the sleigh ride that happens the 23<sup>rd</sup> of December (the day before Christmas Eve) she wants them to stop by or call to let them know so that they can be outside ready for it.

City Council Comments were very appreciative of the volunteers in the community and the employees. Kay mentioned that at the AML Conference, the City of Anderson was acknowledged. It has been 7 years since someone from our city attended.

### **Adjournment**

Adjourned the meeting at 6:50. The next regular board meeting will be held on January 9th at 6:00 PM. Minutes submitted by Darcia Grace, City Clerk



Katie Griebe, Mayor



Darcia Grace, Clerk

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# Mayor Report- December 2024

Ruba Score- Our Current Ruba Score is 70

Bank Balance: As of our last statement our EOM November Bank Balance is \$153,941.00

Update on Accountants: Carmen Jackson was overpaid, at the end of their services with the City, there was an overpayment of \$47,000. We have received that check as of Monday 12/9. That finishes the contract and services for us with Carmen Jackson. Our current Accounting services are now with AML.

Solar Farm Update: Jenn Miller CEO from Renewable IPP LLC. will be here for our Regular January meeting 1/14/25 to discuss the proposed Solar Farm. The solar farm is expected to be over 800 acres and located between the Highway and the Clear Airport landing strip on the East side of Anderson. I highly encourage anyone from the city that is interested in learning more about the Project to attend this meeting and hear what Jenn is proposing.

VSW: We did receive an update from Village Safe Water that we should be expecting our Vac Truck to be delivered at the beginning of January.

Updated City Hall Hours: City Hall will be open from 8:30am to 6:30pm Monday thru Thursday. The office can be opened on Friday by appointment. The PO Boxes (only) will now be available the same hours that the clerk will be in the office Mon- Thurs 8:30 am to 6:30pm. The window Hours have NOT changed and packages will still be available 12:25- 3:15 Mon- Fri. On Meeting days the Clerk will have a later start and be in the office at 10:30am. This will mostly affect the second Tuesday of the month when our regular meetings are scheduled.

## Thank yous and recognitions:

I would like to welcome Darcia Grace to the team. She has been hired as the Anderson City Clerk and I look forward to working with her and the rest of the council as we enter the New Year.

I would like to formally thank the outgoing council for all of their hard work while in office. I'd like to remind everyone that the council is an unpaid, volunteer position and it is often thankless work. They were able to leave the city in a better spot than when they entered office, and for that we should all be thankful.

## Upcoming Events:

Christmas Eve 5pm the AVFD is hosting the Brush pile bonfire at 6:30 pm. It will be family friendly with caroling and cocoa. Everyone is welcome to join.

New Year's Eve at 7pm the Suttons are hosting a Fireworks display at the Lions Club Ballfield, They are currently taking donations to put toward the display, at the City Office in a collection jar. All are welcome to attend