

## REGULAR MEETING

The Fairbank City Council met in regular session on Monday November 27, 2023. Mayor Bill Cowell called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present: Williams, Erickson, T. Woods, and Coffin. Absent: R. Woods. Also, present at City Hall: Heather Prendergast, City Attorney; Dakota Drish, Police Chief; Brian Delagardelle, Water/Wastewater Operator; and Brittany Fuller, City Clerk.

Motion by Williams, second by Erickson to approve the agenda. Roll call vote- Ayes: Coffin, T. Woods, Erickson, and Williams. Nays: None.

There were no comments during the public comment section.

Motion by T. Woods, second by Erickson to approve the minutes of the November 13<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting. Roll call vote- Ayes: Coffin, T. Woods, Erickson, and Williams. Nays: None.

Nita Nuhiji and Ben Rushiti were present to gauge the council's interest in them looking into building a flood wall to protect Costa's Sports Bar and Grill. The flood wall would need to be placed on city property. Attorney Prendergast stated that there would be ways that it could be done but before any agreements are drafted research needed to be done on their end. She suggested plans, maps, and research with the DNR and engineers before any type of decision could be made. Nita wanted to know if they were even interested before moving forward. Motion by Williams, second by Erickson to be open to exploring the potential and investigate all of the legal and engineering on this potential project. Roll call vote- Ayes: Coffin, T. Woods, Erickson, and Williams. Nays: None.

The council received the health insurance options and the topic will be on the next agenda for discussion and approval.

Snow clean-up helpers were discussed. Chance Beierschmitt, Cody Kleitsch, Bryce Kleitsch, Neil Beck, Jordan Cowell, Chris Woods, and Collin Woods all said if available at the time of snow fall would be interested in helping. Motion by Williams, second by Coffin to allow the listed people above to help with snow clean-up when needed at \$20 an hour with a guarantee of 2 paid hours if called out to help. Roll call vote- Ayes: Coffin, T. Woods, Erickson, and Williams. Nays: None.

Mayor Cowell stated that he still needed to meet with Councilwoman Erickson about a possible seasonal summer position. It will be discussed at the next meeting.

Mayor Cowell commented that the Main Street Christmas decorations looked very good and that he thought public works did a really good job working with the old lights. Four lights will have to remain unplugged this season and hopefully by next year there will be new decorations.

Motion by T. Woods, second by Erickson to set the first budget workshop for Monday December 11<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 PM. Roll call vote- Ayes: Coffin, T. Woods, Erickson, and Williams. Nays: None.

A decision on whether there will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting in December will be discussed at the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting in December.

Police Chief Drish gave the council an update on what the department had been up to. He did want to remind everyone that there is no parking on the streets during snow clean-up operations. Brian ran through a few more things with the DOT and wanted to remind everyone that the project is not complete and that they will be back in the spring. Public Works were also getting ready to install a new electric and gas service. Brian said the new blower worked fantastic during the last snow fall.

Motion by Williams, second by Coffin to adjourn at 6:23 PM. Roll call vote- Ayes: Coffin, T. Woods, Erickson, and Williams. Nays: None.

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Bill Cowell, Mayor

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Brittany Fuller, City Clerk