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**CITY OF KOTZEBUE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
January 18, 2018**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gayle Ralston called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

In attendance were: Mayor Gayle Ralston, Vice-Mayor Dr. Lewis Pagel;
Councilors: Johnson Greene, August Nelson, Sr., Sandra Shroyer-Beaver, Eugene
Smith and Matthew Tekker.

A quorum was established.

Others present included: Joe Evans, City Attorney, Sonia McCabe, Dara Otness,
Brian Reiselbara, Eric Swisher, Dennis Jennings, John Rae, Billy Reich, Angela
Haviland, Derek Haviland, Millie Stalker, Esther Nauska and Ryan Cassidy

III. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Sonia McCabe, wife of Associate Pastor Alex McCabe of the Assembly of God
provided the invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

IV. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was reviewed.

**A motion was made by Councilor Tekker, seconded by Councilor Nelson to
adopt the agenda as written.**

The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

V. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The council reviewed the regular meeting minutes of December 14, 2017.

A motion was made by Councilor Greene, seconded by Councilor Nelson to adopt the regular meeting minutes of December 14, 2017 as written.

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

City Manager Shawn Gilman stated that the City had received an invitation for the Mayor to attend the Arctic encounter as a speaker in Seattle in April 2018.

City Manager Shawn Gilman told Mayor Gayle Ralston to let her know if he would like to attend or if he would like to have an alternate attend and she would see that the appropriate arrangements are made.

City Manager Shawn Gilman stated that the City has also received a BLM invitation for the City of Kotzebue to be a consulting party for the proposed Ambler Mining District Industrial Access Project.

City Manager Shawn Gilman stated that the third and last correspondence item was the receipt of the signed Department of the Army permit for the Cape Blossom Road Project.

Mayor Gayle Ralston asked if there was any discussion regarding the correspondence.

Hearing no discussion on correspondence Mayor Ralston continued with the agenda.

VII. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

John Rae stated his name for the record and addressed the council regarding snow removal.

John Rae stated that the biggest complaint going around town is the operators are clearing their own personal yards and should be doing a better job around town and on the City Streets.

There was some brief discussion on whether there is still a snow removal plan in place.

City Manager Shawn Gilman stated that the plan currently in place is the one that was in place prior to her arrival but that she has been working with Billy and Terry to come up with a 24, 48 and 72 hour and 5 day priority and expectation plan for the streets and snow removal and that she plans to have it ready for the next council meeting.

Angela Haviland stated her name for the record and expressed her concern about the police department. She stated that she did not feel that they adequately responded to calls for elderly assistance regarding harassment.

Derek Haviland addressed his concerns regarding 2 incidents involving calls to police department for assistance and he felt that they did not adequately resolve the issues.

Millie Stalker asked if the Council was planning to re visit the Elder Sales Tax Exemption cards for elders in the surrounding communities.

Esther Nauska addressed the council and complained about the police department and officers for not helping her when she needed assistance.

City Manager Shawn Gilman stated that she had addressed all complaints made in writing or brought to her attention.

Mayor Gayle Ralston thanked all citizens who brought their concerns to council and encouraged them to contact the City Manager and to put their complaints in writing.

Councilor August Nelson encouraged local hire.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Resolution 18-26: a resolution of the City Council of the City of Kotzebue opposing the imposition of a statewide sales tax.**

A motion was made by Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Beaver to adopt Resolution 18-26.

Discussion: Ryan Cassidy stated his name for the record and encouraged council not to pass this resolution tonight. He stated that he is not in favor for another tax but felt it was not wise to pass this when the State is just trying to address their debt issues.

Hearing no further discussion Mayor Ralston asked for a roll call vote.

The roll call vote was:

Eugene Smith	yes	August Nelson	yes
Sandra Beaver	yes	Johnson Greene	yes
Matthew Tekker	yes	Gayle Ralston	yes
Lewis Pagel	yes		

The motion passed 7-0.

b. Resolution 18-27: a resolution of the City Council of the City of Kotzebue adopting the 2018 Local Priorities

A motion was made by Councilor Greene, seconded by Councilor Nelson to adopt Resolution 18-27.

Mayor Ralston read aloud the resolution and list of the 2018 Local Priorities.

The roll call vote was:

Eugene Smith	yes	August Nelson	yes
Sandra Beaver	yes	Johnson Greene	yes
Matthew Tekker	yes	Gayle Ralston	yes
Lewis Pagel	yes		

The motion passed 7-0.

c. Resolution 18-28: A resolution of the City Council of the City of Kotzebue adopting the 2018 State Priorities

A motion was made by Councilor Greene, seconded by Councilor Tekker to adopt Resolution 18-28.

Discussion: Councilor Tekker stated that he thought the list of State priorities was a little too long.

City Manager Shawn Gilman stated that this was the list that council decided on at the work session

Hearing no further discussion Mayor Ralston asked for a roll call vote.

The roll call vote was:

Eugene Smith	yes	August Nelson	yes
Sandra Beaver	yes	Johnson Greene	yes
Matthew Tekker	yes	Gayle Ralston	yes
Lewis Pagel	yes		

The motion passed 7-0.

d. Resolution 18-29: A resolution of the City Council of the City of Kotzebue adopting the 2018 Federal Priorities.

A motion was made by Councilor Greene, seconded by Councilor Tekker to adopt Resolution 18-29.

The roll call vote was:

Eugene Smith	yes	August Nelson	yes
Sandra Beaver	yes	Johnson Greene	yes
Matthew Tekker	yes	Gayle Ralston	yes
Lewis Pagel	yes		

The motion passed 7-0.

X. CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Shawn Gilman briefly went over her written report

She announced the following calendar dates:

January 22nd Village Improvement Commission Meeting @ Nullagvik Hotel at 1:00pm-5:00pm

January 23rd Village Improvement Commission Meeting @ Nullagvik Hotel at 8:30am-5:00pm

January 24th Village Improvement Commission Meeting @ Nullagvik Hotel at 8:30am-12:00pm

January 29th Northwest Arctic Borough Budget, Audit & Finance Meeting @ Assembly Chambers at 1:30pm

January 29th Northwest Arctic Borough Work Session # Assembly Chambers at 3:30pm

January 30th Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly Meeting @ Assembly Chambers at 9:00am

March 27th Northwest Arctic Steering Committee Meeting @ Nullagvik Hotel at 9:00am-5:00pm

March 28th Northwest Arctic Steering Committee Meeting @ Nullagvik Hotel at 9:00am-5:00pm

XI. COUNCIL MEMBERS COMMENTS

Seat A: Eugene Smith: Councilor Smith agreed with Councilor Nelson's earlier suggestion of encouraging local hire.

Seat B: Lewis Pagel: Vice Mayor Pagel had no comments

Seat C: Matthew Tekker: Councilor Tekker suggested going back to 2 meetings a month with department reports continuing with once a month submittal.

Seat F: August Nelson, Sr.: Councilor Nelson stated that he has been called and stopped on the street regarding John Baker's dog team on the city streets.

Seat G: Johnson Greene: Councilor Greene agreed with Councilor Tekker on 2 meeting a month. Councilor Greene asked if all restaurants were paying sales tax. Councilor Green thanked the Police department for checking on the KOTZ building and for having officers read to the kindergarten students. Councilor Green also asked if all officers wear body-cams.

Eric Swisher replied "yes".

Seat D: Gayle Ralston: Mayor Ralston stated that he was in favor of keeping the meetings at once a month but that if any councilor felt a 2nd meeting was needed during a certain month that they can suggest it and he would schedule it.

Seat E: Sandra Beaver: Councilor Beaver thanked those that came to tonight's meeting with their concerns.

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Councilor Tekker, seconded by Councilor Nelson to go into executive session to discuss matters, the immediate knowledge of which would have an adverse effect upon the finances of the city; to discuss subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any persons, in matters which by law are required to be kept confidential;

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

The council went into executive session at 6:52 p.m.

The meeting reconvened in open session at 8:13 p.m.

City Attorney, Joe Evans stated for the record that Council has decided to schedule a continuation of tonight's Executive Session tomorrow, January 19, 2018 at 12:00 pm noon.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Beaver to adjourn.

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

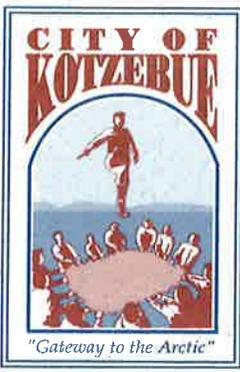
The meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Krol
Acting City Clerk

Accepted by:

Gayle D. Ralston
Mayor



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**CITY OF KOTZEBUE
CONTINUATION OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
EXECUTIVE SESSION
MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
January 19, 2018**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gayle Ralston called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. Noon.

II. ROLL CALL

In attendance were: Mayor Gayle Ralston, Vice-Mayor Dr. Lewis Pagel (Telephonically) Councilors: Johnson Greene, August Nelson, Sr., Sandra Shroyer-Beaver, Eugene Smith and Matthew Tekker.

A quorum was established.

Others present included: Joe Evans, City Attorney

III. INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE

There was no one present to provide the invocation. Mayor Gayle Ralston asked for a moment of silence.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

V. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was reviewed.

A motion was made by Councilor Beaver, seconded by Councilor Tekker to adopt the agenda as written.

The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION (continued from RCCM on January 18, 2018)

A motion was made by Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Nelson to go into executive session to discuss matters, the immediate knowledge of which would have an adverse effect upon the finances of the city; to discuss subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any persons, in matters which by law are required to be kept confidential;

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

The council went into executive session at 12:02 p.m.

The meeting reconvened in open session at 1:12 p.m.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilor Beaver, seconded by Councilor Smith to adjourn.

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 1:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Krol
Acting City Clerk

Accepted by:

Gayle D. Ralston
Mayor