

CONSENT AGENDA

POSSIBLE MOTION

**I MOVE TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA
CONSISTING OF ITEMS A & B**

I wish to remove Item(s) _____

**REMINDER – Read aloud a portion of each item being
voted on that is included in the consent vote.**

Should this item be pulled from the Consent Agenda the following motion is suggested:

POSSIBLE MOTION

I MOVE TO approve the minutes of the
March 4, 9, 18, 23, and April 1
Assembly meetings.



CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

ASSEMBLY CHAMBERS
330 Harbor Drive
Sitka, AK
(907)747-1811

Minutes - Draft

City and Borough Assembly

Mayor Steven Eisenbeisz
Deputy Mayor Thor Christianson,
Vice Deputy Mayor Valorie Nelson,
Kevin Knox, Kevin Mosher, Crystal Duncan, Rebecca
Himschoot

Municipal Administrator: John Leach
Municipal Attorney: Brian Hanson
Municipal Clerk: Sara Peterson

Thursday, March 4, 2021

6:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

SPECIAL MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. FLAG SALUTE

III. ROLL CALL

Knox arrived at 6:07pm. Nelson attended by videoconference.

Present: 7 - Christianson, Knox, Mosher, Nelson, Eisenbeisz, Himschoot, and Duncan

IV. CORRESPONDENCE/AGENDA CHANGES

None.

V. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

School Superintendent John Holst provided a summary of school funding and said despite the Assembly's approved funding on February 25, the District was still at a deficit level.

School Board President Amy Morrison apologized for the misunderstanding in funding and spoke about the different definitions of the cap. For now, she said the District would hold tight and wait on requesting additional funds from the City. She noted there could be possible additional stimulus money and told of no increase in health insurance premiums.

Richard Wein spoke to the Bill of Rights.

Blossom Teal-Olsen thanked the Assembly for collaboration with the School District.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

A [21-033](#) Discussion / Direction / Decision of the FY2022 Draft Administrator's Budget with focus on the General Fund

Finance Director Melissa Haley stated this meeting was a review of the General Fund and desired changes could be made by motion. She explained the \$1.9M deficit and said the core decision was to either move forward with existing level of services or make significant cuts now. Haley reviewed sales tax revenue, the General Fund, non-core services, public education funding trends, public safety trends and challenges, public works trends and challenges, capital projects trends, and non-core services. Administrator Leach reminded of the \$1.9M deficit of which \$1.5M would be covered with the projected surplus.

B [21-034](#) Discussion / Direction, if desired, of the FY2022 Draft Budget as it relates to the General Fund, Enterprise Funds, Internal Service Funds, School Funding, and other Funds (Assembly action may be taken)

No discussion.

VII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

Richard Wein spoke of the budget and noted fundamentals weren't being addressed. He urged the Assembly to have a conversation on the future of Sitka.

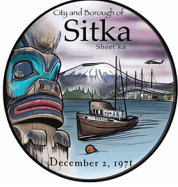
VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Knox to ADJOURN. Hearing no objections, the meeting ADJOURNED at 7:32pm.

ATTEST: _____
Sara Peterson, MMC
Municipal Clerk



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Thursday, March 18, 2021

6:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

SPECIAL MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. FLAG SALUTE

III. ROLL CALL

Knox arrived at 6:05pm.

Present: 5 - Christianson, Knox, Nelson, Eisenbeisz, and Himschoot

Absent: 2 - Mosher, and Duncan

IV. CORRESPONDENCE/AGENDA CHANGES

None.

V. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

Richard Wein reported on the Sitka Community Health Council meeting.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

A [21-047](#)

Discussion / Direction / Decision of the FY2022 Draft Administrator's Budget with focus on the Enterprise Funds and Internal Service Funds

Finance Director Melissa Haley reviewed the FY22 budget assumptions and trends for the Electric Fund, Water Fund, Wastewater Fund, Solid Waste Fund, Harbor Fund, Airport Terminal Fund, Marine Service Center Fund, and Gary Paxton Industrial Park Fund. Rate increases included 2.5% for Electric, 2% for Water, 2% for Wastewater, 4.5% for Solid Waste, and 5% for Harbor. Nelson wondered of consequences if rate increases weren't made and stressed many citizens were having financial difficulties.

Members discussed the need for updated master plans and exploring rate studies. Some believe it would be beneficial to delay rate increases until rate studies had been completed.

Haley reviewed the Internal Service Funds: IT, Central Garage, and Building Maintenance. She stated these funds existed to provide services to other municipal departments.

B [21-048](#)

Discussion / Direction, if desired, of the FY2022 Draft Budget as it relates to the General Fund, Enterprise Funds, Internal Service Funds, School Funding, and other Funds (Assembly action may be taken)

Knox inquired if there were any updates on new federal funding for municipalities such as CARES. Administrator Leach and Finance Director Haley reported they were following the announcements and would keep the Assembly apprised. Leach said it appeared there would be higher level programs with funding specifically categorized.

VII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

Richard Wein reminded state and federal funding was not guaranteed and told of people moving in and out of state.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Knox to ADJOURN. Hearing no objections, the meeting ADJOURNED at 7:58pm.

ATTEST: _____
Sara Peterson, MMC
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Tuesday, March 9, 2021

6:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

WORK SESSION 5:00 PM

[21-046](#)

FY2020 CAFR/Audit

Joy Merriner of CPA firm, BDO, reviewed the FY2020 CAFR and Audit.

REGULAR MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. FLAG SALUTE

III. ROLL CALL

Knox arrived at 6:08pm. Himschoot participated by videoconference.

Present: 7 - Christianson, Knox, Mosher, Nelson, Eisenbeisz, Himschoot, and Duncan

IV. CORRESPONDENCE/AGENDA CHANGES

[21-041](#)

Reminders, Calendars, and General Correspondence

No agenda changes.

V. CEREMONIAL MATTERS

None.

VI. SPECIAL REPORTS: Government to Government, Municipal Boards/Commissions/Committees, Municipal Departments, School District, Students and Guests (five minute time limit)

[21-044](#)

Special Report: FY2020 CAFR/Audit - BDO, Joy Merriner

Joy Merriner, audit partner with CPA firm BDO, stated the City had conducted an excellent audit process. She noted the CAFR was available on the Finance Department webpage.

VII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

Jay Erie spoke about International Women's Day and alerted the Assembly of potential harm to wild and hatchery fish from ballast water discharged by ships coming to load bulk water. Richard Wein inquired of the status of the financial dashboard soon to be implemented on the City website and spoke of commodities.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

Richard Wein spoke in support of items C and D.

A motion was made by Mosher that the Consent Agenda consisting of items A, B, C, & D be APPROVED. The motion PASSED by the following vote.

Yes: 7 - Christianson, Knox, Mosher, Nelson, Eisenbeisz, Himschoot, and Duncan

A [21-035](#)

Approve the minutes of the February 18, 23, and 25 assembly meetings

This item was APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA.

B [21-036](#)

Approve a new standard marijuana cultivation facility license application for AKO Farms, LLC dba AKO 2 at 213 Price Street

This item was APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA.

C [21-037](#)

Approve a transfer of ownership application from Anna M. Cleaver dba Weed Dudes to Weed Dudes Incorporated dba Weed Dudes at 1321 Sawmill Creek Road Suite J&K

This item was APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA.

D [21-038](#)

Approve a liquor license renewal application for The Channel LLC dba Channel Club at 2906 Halibut Point Road

This item was APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA.

IX. BOARD, COMMISSION, COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**E** [21-039](#)

Reappoint 1) Chris Ystad to a two-year term on the Gary Paxton Industrial Park Board and 2) Robert Sam to a three-year term on the Historic Preservation Commission as the Sitka Tribe of Alaska representative

Richard Wein spoke in support of the applicants.

A motion was made by Christianson that this Item be APPROVED. The motion PASSED by the following vote.

Yes: 7 - Christianson, Knox, Mosher, Nelson, Eisenbeisz, Himschoot, and Duncan

- F** [21-040](#) Appoint 1) Stephanie Hawney to an unexpired term on the Health Needs and Human Services Commission and 2) Geraldine Laux to a three-year term on the Local Emergency Planning Committee under Category 2: Law Enforcement, Civil Defense, Fire Fighting, First Aid, Local Environmental/Hospital, and Transportation Personnel

Richard Wein spoke in support of the applicants.

A motion was made by Nelson that this Item be APPROVED. The motion PASSED by the following vote.

Yes: 7 - Christianson, Knox, Mosher, Nelson, Eisenbeisz, Himschoot, and Duncan

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- G** [ORD 21-04](#) Amending Title 13 "Port and Harbors" of the Sitka General Code by amending Chapter 13.12 "Enforcement" at Section 13.12.050 "Fines"

A motion was made by Knox that this Ordinance be APPROVED on SECOND AND FINAL READING. The motion PASSED by the following vote.

Yes: 7 - Christianson, Knox, Mosher, Nelson, Eisenbeisz, Himschoot, and Duncan

- H** [21-029](#) Approve a Purchase Agreement for Raw Water in Bulk for Export between the City and Borough of Sitka and Arctic Blue Waters Alaska Inc (this item was postponed at the February 23 meeting)

Richard Wein spoke in opposition to approving the item.

Garry White, Gary Paxton Industrial Park Board Director, spoke to the 20 year agreement length, performance benchmarks, provisions in place to protect the City and Borough of Sitka, and water permits.

A discussion of the Assembly ensued. Questions were asked of infrastructure costs and contract details. White reminded of the costs to the investor.

A motion was made by Nelson to suspend the rules to allow for testimony from Fred Paley. The motion PASSED by the following vote.

Yes: 6 - Mosher, Nelson, Knox, Christianson, Duncan, and Himschoot

No: 1 - Eisenbeisz

Richard Wein spoke in support of suspending the rules. Fred Paley told of Arctic Blue Waters intentions and business plan.

A motion was made by Christianson that this Item be APPROVED. The motion PASSED by the following vote.

Yes: 4 - Christianson, Knox, Himschoot, and Duncan

No: 3 - Mosher, Nelson, and Eisenbeisz

XI. NEW BUSINESS:

- I** [21-042](#) Discussion / Direction / Decision on RFP options for the sale of the former Sitka Community Hospital site including the consideration of an advisory vote
- Administrator Leach summarized the process to date, requested the Assembly provide guidance on a public advisory vote, and reviewed the three options: RFP with no advisory vote, RFP with public advisory vote, or RFP with public hearings in lieu of advisory vote.
- Assembly Members told of their preferred option, wondered of the public hearing process, and inquired of the appraisal timeline. Duncan disclosed she was employed by the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium with an office located on the SEARHC Campus. Knox disclosed his wife was employed at SEARHC.
- A motion was made supporting an RFP with public hearings in lieu of an advisory vote. From the public, Richard Wein spoke in opposition.
- Leach reviewed the details of option 3 noting town hall meetings to be held on March 16 and March 30. He said comments would be consolidated and brought back to the Assembly with the RFP on April 13. Nelson and Christianson desired an advisory vote. Others wondered of a survey option and spoke to the timeline. Leach reminded the Assembly was in control of the process and noted the only hard deadline was July 27, the ballot deadline.
- A motion was made by Knox to direct the Municipal Administrator to proceed with Option 3: RFP with Public Hearings in lieu of Advisory Vote. The motion PASSED by the following vote.**
- Yes:** 5 - Knox, Mosher, Eisenbeisz, Himschoot, and Duncan
- No:** 2 - Christianson, and Nelson
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- J** [21-043](#) Discussion / Direction / Decision on the creation of a Tourism Master Plan
- Sponsors Himschoot and Knox told of the increase in visitors expected for the 2022 season and expressed a desire for a Tourism Master Plan - the hope being the Planning Commission would be interested in the task. The intent was to get consultation on how to make Sitka welcoming to visitors yet maintain the quality of life for residents.
- Assembly members felt it worthy to make the request of the Planning Commission. It was also reminded to include Visit Sitka and Old Sitka Dock in the conversation.
- From the public, Richard Wein spoke in support of the motion to develop a Tourism master Plan.
- A motion was made by Knox to request the Planning Commission develop a Tourism Master Plan to address the 2022 tourist season and plan going forward. The motion PASSED by the following vote.**
- Yes:** 7 - Christianson, Knox, Mosher, Nelson, Eisenbeisz, Himschoot, and Duncan

XII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

Richard Wein voiced support for a lease option of the former Sitka Community Hospital building and adjacent property as opposed to a sale.

XIII. REPORTS**a. Mayor, b. Administrator, c. Attorney, d. Liaison Representatives, e. Clerk, f. Other**

Mayor - Eisenbeisz told of recent ribbon cutting ceremonies and spoke to the demand for childcare in Sitka.

Administrator - Leach thanked the Finance Department for their excellent work on the audit and told of the new format for Public Works packet updates.

Liaison Representatives - Knox reminded of the next Port and Harbors Commission meeting.

Clerk - Peterson reviewed the March meeting schedule.

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Knox to ADJOURN. Hearing no objections, the meeting ADJOURNED at 8:00pm.

ATTEST: _____

Sara Peterson, MMC
Municipal Clerk



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Tuesday, March 23, 2021

6:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

WORK SESSION 5:00 PM

[21-054](#)

Visit Sitka Annual Work Session

Visit Sitka reviewed their FY22 annual marketing work plan.

REGULAR MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. FLAG SALUTE

III. ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Christianson, Knox, Mosher, Nelson, Eisenbeisz, Himschoot, and Duncan

IV. CORRESPONDENCE/AGENDA CHANGES

[21-055](#)

Reminders, Calendars, and General Correspondence

Mayor Eisenbeisz spoke about the correspondence from United Fisherman of Alaska where they are requesting membership support of \$300/year. In addition, he announced Item E had been pulled from the agenda.

V. CEREMONIAL MATTERS

None.

VI. SPECIAL REPORTS: Government to Government, Municipal Boards/Commissions/Committees, Municipal Departments, School District, Students and Guests (five minute time limit)

Tribal Chairman, Woody Widmark, provided an update on activities of the Tribal Council.

VII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

Doug Osborne commented on ways to bring revenue to the Electric Fund. Richard Wein noted March 23 was an important anniversary and quoted from the speech of Patrick Henry at the Second Virginia Convention, requested a summary of former Sitka Community Hospital financials, and wondered if the City would continue to pay for visitors to be transported from the Old Sitka Dock. Holland Bool spoke to promoting racial justice in the community.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

Richard Wein spoke in support of items A & B.

A motion was made by Nelson that the Consent Agenda consisting of item A & B be APPROVED. The motion PASSED by the following vote.

Yes: 7 - Christianson, Knox, Mosher, Nelson, Eisenbeisz, Himschoot, and Duncan

- A** [21-049](#) Approve a standard marijuana cultivation facility renewal license application for VanGreen's LLC at 224 Smith Street #D
This item was APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA.

- B** [21-050](#) Approve two liquor license renewal applications for Triple C Ventures Inc.: 1) Cascade Convenience Center at 1211 A Sawmill Creek Road, and 2) Watson Point Liquor at 1867 Halibut Point Road
This item was APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA.

IX. BOARD, COMMISSION, COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

- C** [21-051](#) Appoint: 1) Lauren Mitchell to an unexpired term on the Gary Paxton Industrial Park Board of Directors, 2) David E. Miller to a three-year term on the Local Emergency Planning Committee, 3) Lakota Harden to an unexpired term on the Health Needs and Human Services Commission, and 4) Tristan Guevin to an unexpired term on the Health Needs and Human Services Commission

Richard Wein expressed support for the applicants. Assembly Members thanked the applicants and noted Harden was a graduate of Sitka High School. The Clerk clarified Miller's appointment to LEPC would be for Category 6: Members of the Public.

A motion was made by Christianson that this Item be APPROVED. The motion PASSED by the following vote.

Yes: 7 - Christianson, Knox, Mosher, Nelson, Eisenbeisz, Himschoot, and Duncan

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

XI. NEW BUSINESS:**New Business First Reading**

- D** [ORD 21-05](#) Making supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 2021 (Pet Adoption - Veterinary Services)

Richard Wein spoke in support of the ordinance.

Assembly Members commended Animal Control Officer Buxton for his work and wondered of pet adoption fees and the original budget allocation.

A motion was made by Christianson that this Ordinance be APPROVED on FIRST READING. The motion PASSED by the following vote.

Yes: 7 - Christianson, Knox, Mosher, Nelson, Eisenbeisz, Himschoot, and Duncan

Additional New Business Items

- E** [21-052](#) Discussion/Direction/Decision of the Gary Paxton Industrial Park Board's June 22, 2020 decision to not sell Block 4, Lot 1 to John and Maria Welsh PULLED

This item was PULLED. No action was taken.

- F** [RES 21-07](#) Supporting the City's application to the 2021 Alaska Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) program for \$1.2 million for construction of Jarvis-Hillside neighborhood connector of the Cross Trail Multimodal Pathway

Richard Wein offered comments on the Resolution.

Assembly Members commented in support, spoke to the application process, and inquired of trail maintenance responsibility. Administrator Leach reported on his conversation with Western Federal Lands and shared their process of administering had changed. He reminded of the required 9.03% match from the City, approximately \$110,000. Lynne Brandon, Executive Director of Sitka Trail Works (STW), noted STW performed a large portion of trail maintenance, however, the ultimate responsibility was with the City. It was noted STW had offered to cover the match through grants and fundraising. Finance Director Melissa Haley explained the processes to be used to ensure procurement compliance if money received from STW to cover the match.

A motion was made by Himschoot that this Resolution be APPROVED on FIRST AND FINAL READING. The motion PASSED by the following vote.

Yes: 7 - Christianson, Knox, Mosher, Nelson, Eisenbeisz, Himschoot, and Duncan

- G** [21-053](#) Update and Discussion/Direction on the Sitka Rocky Gutierrez Airport Terminal Improvements Project

Public Works Director Michael Harmon reviewed the project history, schematic design renderings and floor plans, existing conditions and critical deficiencies, anticipated

project funding and estimated costs, and next steps. Consensus of the Assembly was to follow staff recommendation: design the full project, continue to seek funding, add contractor to help develop construction phasing, project costs, and funding plan to move forward with a phased construction approach.

XII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

Richard Wein spoke to his time on the Assembly and recalled different information being presented regarding the airport improvement project.

XIII. REPORTS

a. Mayor, b. Administrator, c. Attorney, d. Liaison Representatives, e. Clerk, f. Other

Mayor - Eisenbeisz reflected on the past year and thanked the community for coming together during the pandemic.

Administrator - Leach reported he would continue to keep an eye out for funding packages and notify as appropriate.

Attorney - Hanson mentioned of an increase in requests for legislation. His office would compile a list and email to the Assembly.

Liaison Representatives - Christianson reported on the Planning Commission, Himschoot on the Tree and Landscape Committee event and Sitka School Board meeting, Knox on the Health Needs and Human Services Commission, and Duncan on the Historic Preservation Commission.

Clerk - Peterson reviewed the upcoming meeting schedule.

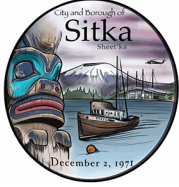
XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Christianson to ADJOURN. Hearing no objections, the meeting ADJOURNED at 8:01pm.

ATTEST: _____
Sara Peterson, MMC
Municipal Clerk



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Thursday, April 1, 2021

6:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

SPECIAL MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. FLAG SALUTE

III. ROLL CALL

Nelson participated by videoconference.

Present: 7 - Christianson, Knox, Mosher, Nelson, Eisenbeisz, Himschoot, and Duncan

IV. CORRESPONDENCE/AGENDA CHANGES

None.

V. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

School Board Member Eric Van Cise apologized for the inaccurate information he shared at a recent School Board meeting regarding pay increases for City employees. Van Cise mentioned the additional funding request sent to the Assembly from School Board President Amy Morrison and thanked the Assembly for their consideration. Richard Wein spoke about a news report by KCAW regarding shipping water to Mars, noted he had reviewed the infrastructure bill and hoped Sitka would receive funding.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

A [21-056](#)

Discussion / Direction / Decision of the FY2022 Draft Administrator's Budget with focus on other governmental funds

Finance Director Melissa Haley reviewed the purpose, fund balance end of FY20, expected revenue for FY22, and FY22 appropriation for Agency Funds, Trust Funds,

Permanent Fund, Debt Service Fund, and Special Revenue Funds (Pet Adoption, Sitka Asset Forfeiture, Library Building, SE Alaska Economic Development, GPIIP Contingency, Sitka Community Hospital Dedicated, Student Activities Travel, Utility Subsidization, Commercial Passenger Vessel Excise Tax, Visitor Enhancement, Revolving, Guaranty, Library Endowment, Bulk Water).

Regarding the Visitor Enhancement Fund, Administrator Leach spoke to the Chamber/Visit Sitka contract which would expire in December 2021. He said ideally the contract would match the fiscal year, however, he was sensitive to the Chamber needs. Haley reminded the Assembly this was a requirement, per the contract, to confirm the amount of funding with a minimum commitment of \$300,000. The current budget included \$300,000 for base services plus \$158,600 for additional services as proposed at the March 23 work session. Rachel Roy, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, spoke to the reasons for a calendar year vs. fiscal year. Assembly Members discussed the contract amount and details.

Richard Wein was in support of the motion.

A motion was made by Mosher to fund Visit Sitka at the base rate of \$300,000 plus an additional amount of \$158,600 for FY22 as explained at the March 23 work session. The motion PASSED by the following vote.

Yes: 6 - Christianson, Knox, Mosher, Eisenbeisz, Himschoot, and Duncan

No: 1 - Nelson

B [21-057](#)

Discussion / Direction, if desired, of the FY2022 Draft Budget as it relates to the General Fund, Enterprise Funds, Internal Service Funds, School Funding, and other Funds (Assembly action may be taken)

Finance Director Melissa Haley summarized next steps. She said the comprehensive draft budget would be distributed by April 30 with the first reading of the budget ordinance on May 11.

A motion was made by Mosher to allocate 100% of Secure Rural Schools (SRS) funding, if received, to the School District.

Richard Wein spoke in opposition.

Mosher believed this to be a good compromise. Eisenbeisz told of the March 31 letter from the School District requesting an additional \$565,000. Nelson spoke in opposition to the request. Administrator Leach reviewed the FY21 school funding request and FY22 approved motion for school funding. Knox commented on the need to solidify what the definition of instructional and non instructional meant to both governmental bodies. Haley shared a safe estimate for SRS, based on averages, was \$500,000. Eric Van Cise, School Board Vice President, told of the District's long history of fiscal responsibility and value of partnering with the City.

A motion was made by Mosher to AMEND the amount to not exceed \$600,000. The AMENDMENT PASSED by the following vote.

Yes: 5 - Christianson, Duncan, Nelson, Knox, and Mosher

No: 2 - Himschoot and Eisenbeisz

The main motion as amended PASSED by the following vote.

Yes: 6 - Knox, Eisenbeisz, Himschoot, Mosher, Christianson, and Duncan

No: 1 - Nelson

A motion was made by Eisenbeisz to remove the additional dispatch position from the FY22 budget. The motion FAILED by the following vote.

Yes: 2 - Eisenbeisz and Nelson

No: 5 - Himschoot, Knox, Duncan, Mosher, and Christianson

Richard Wein spoke in support of the motion.

Administrator Leach stated there was a deficit of approximately \$400,000. He reminded when developing the budget, the focus was on public education, public works and public safety. The additional dispatch position was seen as a need. Fire Chief Warren told of the high turnover in dispatch and that an added position would help decrease the length of shifts and overtime. Christianson spoke to the idea of using reserves to close the deficit. Mosher agreed.

VII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

Richard Wein said the M1 had increased, commented a lot of money was going out in the City budget however there weren't many cuts, spoke to the urgency of the haul out, and stated the need for a herring moratorium.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Knox to ADJOURN. Hearing no objections, the meeting ADJOURNED at 9:00p.m.

ATTEST: _____

**Sara Peterson, MMC
Municipal Clerk**