

Regular Ketchikan City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Williams at 7:01 p.m., September 5, 2013, with the following members present: Sam Bergeron, Dick Coose, Kj Harris, Matthew Olsen, Robert Sivertsen and Marty West. Councilmember DeAnn Karlson was absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given by all persons in the Chambers.

Staff present were Assistant Manager Martin, Assistant Fire Chief Dorman, Port and Harbors Director Corporon, Police Chief Bengaard, Public Works Director Allen, Electric Division Manager McConnell, Library Director Lyshol, Telecommunications Division Manager Cushing, Water Division Manager Kleinegger and City Clerk Suiter.

COMMUNICATIONS

Included in the packet material was a request from Jason Custer, Chairman of the Mahoney Lake Partnership, for a resolution of support endorsing the Mahoney Lake Hydroelectric Project, and a proclamation regarding Emergency Preparedness Day. Mayor Williams said there was a letter from the Greater Ketchikan Chamber of Commerce laid on the table concerning the capital project prioritization process.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD

Mayor Williams read the proclamation establishing September 21, 2013 as Emergency Preparedness Day and presented it to Assistant Fire Chief Dorman. Mr. Dorman accepted the proclamation on behalf of the Fire Department, stating that emergency preparedness is really everybody's job. He explained the small things people can do in their businesses and homes make the emergency responders' job more efficient and effective when there is a major disaster. He continued by informing the Fire Department is beginning a recruitment drive for a CERT Team, and urged everyone to watch for upcoming information.

Alan Bailey thanked the Council for the Cooperative Relations Committee, for all who serve currently and those who have served in the past. He noted when the Borough and the City find common ground, a lot gets accomplished and he provided several examples. He felt this was leading by example and working together for the best interests of the public. He said this also combines very limited resources for the benefit of the community. He spoke to the Fire/EMS dispatch proposal before the Council, stating it was his perspective that this was a start, not the finish. He felt if a service is provided, the Borough should be paying for those services and now it is an issue of how much are those services going to cost. He stated he would like to have the opportunity to have the door open to working together and then establish at some point to make sure the City is receiving its fair share of the cost for the services incurred.

Mr. Bailey continued by addressing the renegotiation of the library debt service, he asked that the Council consider returning this to the Cooperative Relations Committee to help

find a solution for the conditions that have been set by the Borough regarding the accounting for numbers. He explained we often state positions or problems but don't offer solutions. He said he would like to find a way to be able to work with the library and find out if there is some way, without cost to the City, to make this determination on how we can account for numbers – if that is being required by the Borough – rather than getting into a back and forth kind of issue. He said the library serves the entire community, not just the City. Mr. Bailey went on to discuss an ad hoc committee he chaired concerning Dudley Field Improvements, and he provided a report with the committee's recommendations.

Councilmember Olsen said one of his concerns when it comes to the Borough communicating with the City and vice versa, it seems that in the Borough management reports we see a lot of comments that “without further direction, I'm going to follow this.” He expressed concern about the motion he made about the library, which was to begin a dialogue with the Borough so the Borough and the City could work together to determine if paying for the indebtedness of the bond is something that could be considered. He felt that the next step seemed to be a retaliation on the Borough manager's part, but there was no direct discussion with the Assembly at the table, and no direction given by the Assembly. He stated when he read those reports and sees this, he gets angst because he wondering if the Council is dealing with another body or is the Council dealing with an individual. He said he appreciated Mr. Bailey's comments and when he makes more comments later tonight, it is because he sees a lot coming from the Borough manager and not from the fellow body. Mr. Bailey referred to the Cooperative Relations Committee and felt from there solutions could be found. He said we have an opportunity to work together and we should continue to do so.

Councilmember Olsen clarified that today, on his own, Mr. Bailey was hoping the library can go back to the Cooperative Relations Committee, and the EMS/Fire dispatch be approved as a start and not a finish. Mr. Bailey stated he understood the issue of the money, but said we have to walk through those doors. He felt if there was a yearly review of those charges, he would advocate that because it needs to be fair.

John Baratki spoke regarding a new project, first citing his history of being a counselor for 20 years. He explained his idea of a transitional living center for probational and parole clients, noting he would like the pilot project here in Ketchikan. He stressed he was not asking the Council for money at this time, but simply asking that the Council accept the idea that this is a very needed program. He stated it is needed because we have a lot of people who come out of jail, re-offend and get put back in. He felt this program could be a buffer between the jail and community, to offer the people a hope house that will give them direction and guidance. He went on to say he would gather more data to provide a presentation to the Council.

Jason Custer, representing AP&T and chairman/spokesperson of the Mahoney Lake Hydroelectric Partnership, referred to a letter he sent to the Council and said it was apparent that Ketchikan and KPU are considering creative ways to provide residents with

affordable, renewable energy instead of diesel in spite of the restrictions imposed upon KPU by SEAPA's power sales agreement. He provided the examples of the Whitman Lake Project and Metlakatla power possibility, stating there are ways to work around the power sales agreement. He felt these examples show the city really wants what is best for the Ketchikan community, and he urged the City to make an attempt to collaborate with the Mahoney Lake Partnership in meaningful ways to come up with creative solutions to allow this resource to benefit the community. He cited the many benefits of the Mahoney Lake Hydroelectric Project, stating he felt they could come up with something. He asked if the City was interested in having serious discussions, and is the City willing to formalize the intent in a resolution the same way as was done with Metlakatla. He said if the answer to either of the questions was no, he would be interested in understanding why the answer is no. He expressed disappointment that the request for the community priority list regarding the Mahoney Lake Project was changed by the committee without consent or input by the partners. He felt this project deserved the same consideration as other similar projects.

Councilmember West asked this be a future agenda item, and Mayor Williams said he was going to request the same.

Trey Acteson, CEO of Southeast Alaska Power Agency, thanked the Council for its continued support of the raise of the Swan Lake Dam, stating it is going to be a valuable project to the community and everyone will benefit from it. He went on to say SEAPA is introducing a community flyer for communication purposes, and he handed out the August 2013 issue. Mr. Acteson answered questions from the Council.

Lallete Kistler, Chair of the Performing Arts Committee, commented they were surprised last week when they discovered they weren't even on the capital priorities list when they were No. 1 on the Borough's list last year. She explained if they lose momentum they stand a chance of losing the project. She emphasized the sources of funding they were hoping to receive, and she said she really felt the Performing Arts Center needed to be listed on the priority list.

Doug Ward, representing Alaska Ship and Drydock, spoke regarding their request for the capital priorities list and said they have made the request a little simpler than it was originally submitted. He explained what the project would accomplish for the shipyard and the community, and he discussed employment opportunities at ASD. Mr. Ward also discussed the shipyard's power rate, expressing appreciation that the community participates in the project every year to the tune of about \$1 million between the property tax relief and a favorable power rate that KPU agreed to in an MOU. He stated this is now mentioned in all public documents, including their capital request. Mr. Ward answered questions from the Council.

Chelsea Goucher, President of the Greater Ketchikan Chamber of Commerce, spoke in support of the Chamber's participation in the Lobbying Executive Committee. She

pointed out the Chamber represents a vast array of businesses in Ketchikan and can help formulate objective criteria for what will work out best for the community.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Williams asked if there were any objections to adding the two KPU items regarding sole source of telecommunications equipment to the Consent Agenda; none were heard.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Sivertsen, seconded by West approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of August 15, 2013.

Motion passed with Harris, Coose, Sivertsen, West, Olsen and Bergeron voting yea; Karlson absent.

Resolution No. 13-2520 – Appointing the Election Officials for the Regular Municipal Election to be Held on October 1, 2013; and Approving the Appointment of Members of the Canvass Board as Authorized by the City Clerk

Moved by Sivertsen, seconded by West the City Council approve Resolution No. 13-2520 appointing the election officials for the regular municipal election to be held on October 1, 2013; approving the appointment of members of the canvass board as authorized by the city clerk; and establishing an effective date.

Motion passed with Harris, Coose, Sivertsen, West, Olsen and Bergeron voting yea; Karlson absent.

Liquor License Transfer of Ownership – Kaptain's Keg

Moved by Sivertsen, seconded by West the City Council approve the transfer of ownership of: Package Store Liquor License from U.S. Spirits, Inc., 3812 Tongass Avenue, Ketchikan, Alaska 99901 d/b/a Kaptain's Keg to Williams Incorporated, 3816 Tongass Highway, Ketchikan, Alaska 99901 d/b/a City Lighthouse Liquor Store.

Motion passed with Harris, Coose, Sivertsen, West, Olsen and Bergeron voting yea; Karlson absent.

E-Waste Recycling Event

Moved by Sivertsen, seconded by West the City Council authorize the Solid Waste Department to join the E-Waste event in cooperation with Ketchikan Indian Community and Alaska Marine Lines; approve an agreement with PC Recycle of Bellevue,

Washington to accept and recycle the electronic waste materials at a rate of \$0.21 per pound; authorize funding from the Solid Waste Disposal Division's Contractual Services Account; and direct the city manager to execute the agreement on behalf of the City Council.

Motion passed with Harris, Coose, Sivertsen, West, Olsen and Bergeron voting yea; Karlson absent.

Exempting the Procurement of SCADA Maintenance Agreement from Competitive Bidding/Written Quotation Requirements of the Ketchikan Municipal Code – Open Systems International, Inc.

Moved by Sivertsen, seconded by West pursuant to subparagraph 6 of Section 3.12.050(a) of the Ketchikan Municipal Code, the City Council exempt the procurement of the SCADA maintenance agreement from Open Systems International, Inc. at a cost of \$19,850; authorize funding from the Electric Division's 2013 Software Maintenance Services Account No. 635.04; and direct the general manager to execute the contract documents on behalf of the City Council.

Motion passed with Harris, Coose, Sivertsen, West, Olsen and Bergeron voting yea; Karlson absent.

Sole Source Purchase of Project Management and Contract Installation of Antennae, Waveguide, Radio and Related Material at Mount Hays, BC – GwaiiTel Society of Queen Charlotte, BC, Canada

Moved by Sivertsen, seconded by West the City Council approve the purchase of project management and contract installation of antennae, waveguide, radio and related material at Mount Hays, BC in the amount of \$117,492.90 from GwaiiTel Society of Queen Charlotte, BC, Canada; authorize funding in the amount of \$117,492.90 from the Telecommunications Division's Microwave Link to Prince Rupert Capital Account and direct the general manager to execute the agreement on behalf of the City Council.

Motion passed with Harris, Coose, Sivertsen, West, Olsen and Bergeron voting yea; Karlson absent.

Indefeasible Right to Use Microwave Tower and Shelter Capacity Purchase and Agreement – GwaiiTel Society, Queen Charlotte, BC, Canada

Moved by Sivertsen, seconded by West the City Council approve the Microwave Tower and Shelter Space and Power IRU Agreement Between KPU Telecommunications and GwaiiTel Society, of Queen Charlotte, BC; approve funding in the amount of \$105,000

from the Telecommunications Division's Microwave Link to Prince Rupert Capital Account, and direct the general manager to execute the agreement on behalf of the City Council.

Motion passed with Harris, Coose, Sivertsen, West, Olsen and Bergeron voting yea; Karlson absent.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 13-1732 – Amending Subsection (d) of Ketchikan Municipal Code 13.010.030 Entitled “Imposition of Passenger Wharfage Fees” – Second Reading

Copies of Ordinance No. 13-1732 were available for all persons present.

Moved by Coose, seconded by Bergeron the City Council approve in second reading Ordinance No. 13-1732 amending Subsection (d) of Ketchikan Municipal Code 13.010.030 entitled “Imposition of Passenger Wharfage Fees;” and establishing an effective date.

Port and Harbors Director Corporon answered questions from the Council. In response to Councilmember Bergeron, he said he would provide a report detailing wharfage and dockage fees for all ports.

Motion passed with West, Olsen, Bergeron, Harris, Sivertsen and Coose voting yea; Karlson absent.

Fire and EMS Dispatch Services for North and South Tongass Service Areas

Moved by Bergeron, seconded by Sivertsen the City Council accept the August 28, 2013 proposal from the Ketchikan Gateway Borough for the City to provide Fire and EMS dispatch services to the North and South Tongass service areas at a cost of \$7,500 for each service area; total cost \$15,000 annually, and direct the city manager to execute the agreement on behalf of the City Council.

In response to Councilmember Olsen, Assistant Manager Martin confirmed the \$7,500 for each service area was the initial offer as they were getting started, and then it was to be renegotiated. He provided a brief background as to how things have gotten to this point. Councilmember Olsen said he is becoming very frustrated with the communications from the Borough manager. He expressed appreciation of Assemblymember Bailey's comments, stating he will support the motion but he felt part of what is happening is they are not being allowed to discuss this as elected officials in the Cooperative Relations Committee. He felt those opportunities should be taken, and not allow bold statements of one manager or the other to control those discussions.

Motion passed with Sivertsen, Bergeron, Coose, Harris, Olsen and West voting yea; Karlson absent.

NEW BUSINESS

The Economic Impacts of the Visitor Industry in Ketchikan, Summer 2012 – McDowell Group

Ketchikan Visitors Bureau President and CEO Patti Mackey addressed the Council regarding the McDowell Group study entitled, “Economic Impacts of the Visitor Industry in Ketchikan, Summer 2012.” She said part of their effort as a marketing entity is to do a lot of industry-related research. She noted this study has not been updated since 2006 for economic considerations. She went on to say the major differences between this study and the one conducted in 2006 has to do with the municipal revenues that are being accounted for. She reminded the 2006 study was completed prior to the imposition of the statewide head tax and was when the City’s own passenger fee was lower.

She cited dollar figures that are attributed to the visitor industry in Ketchikan, including spending by crew members. She also recounted the jobs related directly and indirectly to the visitor industry. Ms. Mackey answered questions from the Council.

Renegotiation of Agreement for the Payment of Funds to the City of Ketchikan for Library Services – Ketchikan Gateway Borough

Moved by Sivertsen, seconded by Bergeron the City Council place the discussion of library funding on the September 20 agenda of the Cooperative Relations Committee, and have Library Director Lyshol attend in order to address any questions and/or concerns that members may have.

Councilmember Olsen said this was something that, as a member of the committee (Clerk Note: he was referring to the Library Building Committee), he saw first-hand that Borough assembly members and Borough government were very vocal and visible members of that committee. He went on to say their input was not only asked for, it was listened to. He pointed out the library was amended and the building was adjusted. He stated Assembly Member Phillips was very vocal and a very strong member of that committee, and the Borough’s input resulted in how that building was shaped.

He expressed understanding on the issue that Borough-only residents had no opportunity to vote on it. He stated the Council set a priority that the library operating costs should be paid for by both City and Borough residents, and that should be continued because it is fair. He explained the things that disturb him are statements that the Borough had no control over size, location or any other characteristics of the library and are, quite frankly, not true. He reiterated Assembly Member Phillips was there, and the heads of Planning

and Zoning and Transit were there as well. He pointed out they were present at the meeting where they toured all the sites, and they were able to express input.

Councilmember Olsen summarized that while debt is supported directly or indirectly by City sales tax, it has been established that the library operational costs – including the cost of the building – is part of the operational cost. He felt this discussion needs to take place. He said there are other aspects in the report, when the Borough manager talks about inflation statistics using the U.S. Bureau of Labor statistics online calculator. He pointed out that when you go to the Alaska Department of Labor you find that the costs of inflation represented by the \$159,770 that is in the original agreement matches up with \$430,603. He said you can control or look at data all you want, but we need to again come to some resolution on this as elected officials and as a body. He felt it would be a fair discussion, and he didn't feel it needed to be driven by what he perceives as a way to completely offset the cost of the way each entity utilizes the services of the other, such as how we've reduced our tax income in certain areas so their employees have less work load. He felt the Borough manager and Assembly need to look at these and have a good solid discussion with a good, hearty debate. He fully supported the Borough and Borough residents picking up some of the tab on that bond.

Motion passed with Harris, Olsen, West, Bergeron, Sivertsen and Coose voting yea; Karlson absent.

Contract No. 13-21, Design Services for Phase IV of the Berths I and II Replacement Project – PND Engineers, Inc.

Moved by Coose, seconded by Sivertsen the City Council approve Contract No. 13-21, Design Services for Phase IV of the Berths I and II Replacement Project, in an amount not to exceed \$149,700 between the City of Ketchikan and PND Engineers, Inc.; authorize funding from the Berths I and II Replacement Capital Account; and direct the city manager to execute the contract documents on behalf of the City Council.

Motion passed with Sivertsen, Olsen, Coose, Harris and West voting yea; Bergeron voting nay; Karlson absent.

Proposed Removal of Schlothman Way Stairway

Moved by Bergeron, seconded by Harris the City Council authorize the city manager to direct staff to dismantle and remove the remainder of the Schlothman Way Stairway, leaving the existing right-of-way in public ownership.

Public Works Director Allen answered questions from the Council.

Motion passed with Harris, Coose, Sivertsen, West, Olsen and Bergeron voting yea; Karlson absent.

The Council took a short break at 8:24 p.m. and reconvened at 8:38 p.m.

Contract No. 13-27, PeaceHealth Ketchikan Medical Center Subdivision – Authorization to Negotiate Terms and Conditions with DOWL HKM

Moved by Sivertsen, seconded by Harris the City Council authorize the city manager to negotiate the terms and conditions of Contract No. 13-27, PeaceHealth Ketchikan Medical Center Subdivision, with DOWL HKM, said contract to be brought back to the City Council for formal consideration.

Motion passed with Sivertsen, Bergeron, Coose, Harris, Olsen and West voting yea; Karlson absent.

Contract No. 13-22, 1217 Millar Street Demolition – Burnette’s Construction LLC

Moved by Sivertsen, seconded by West the City Council award Contract No. 13-22, 1217 Millar Street Demolition, to Burnette’s Construction, LLC in the amount of \$166,450; establish a 10% contingency in the amount of \$16,645 for a total contract cost of \$183,095; approve a budget transfer in the amount of \$92,095 from the Economic Development and Parking Fund portion of the Abatement of Dangerous Buildings Capital Account to the Millar Street Abatement Project; approve funding in the amount of \$183,095 from the 2013 Public Works Streets Division Millar Street Capital Account and direct the city manager to execute the contract on behalf of the City Council.

Public Works Director Allen answered questions from the Council.

Motion passed with Coose, Bergeron, West, Harris, Sivertsen and Olsen voting yea; Karlson absent.

Contract No. 13-22, Acceptance of Easement Documents for 1217 Millar Street Demolition

Moved by West, seconded by Bergeron the City Council accept the temporary construction access permit, easement agreement, and permanent easement associated with the 1217 Millar Street Demolition Contract, and direct the city manager to execute the documents on behalf of the City Council.

Motion passed with Harris, Olsen, West, Bergeron, Sivertsen and Coose voting yea; Karlson absent.

Contract No. 12-04 – Solid Waste Recycling and Handling Facility Expansion Design

Moved by Bergeron, seconded by West the City Council approve Contract No. 12-04, Solid Waste Recycling and Handling Facility Expansion Design with Tetra-Tech, Inc.,

for predesign services in the amount of \$65,986; approve funding from the 2013 Solid Waste Recycling and Handling Facility Building Expansion and Design Capital Account; and authorize the city manager to execute the contract documents on behalf of the City Council.

Motion passed with Bergeron, Sivertsen, Olsen, Coose, Harris and West voting yea; Karlson absent.

2015 Community Priority Capital Project Requests for Transmittal to the Office of the Governor

Moved by Olsen, seconded by West the City Council concur with the 2015 community priority list as recommended by the Lobbying Executive Committee on August 13, 2013 and amended by the Ketchikan Gateway Borough Assembly at its meeting of September 3, 2013 for transmittal to the governor.

Concern was expressed about the number of priorities that are being put on the list, and caution was urged moving forward. In addition, Councilmember Coose was concerned that the seawall that is near the logger show wasn't on the list, but he felt another funding source could be sought.

The projects recommended by the Lobbying Executive Committee and amended by the Borough included:

PROJECT DESCRIPTION	Funding Requested	Sponsoring Municipality	Community Priority
SEAPA Swan Lake Reservoir Expansion Project	\$ 12,300,000	Ketchikan Gateway Borough / City of Ketchikan	1
Alaska Marine Highway Working Berth and NOAA Berth, Phase 2 of the Ward Cove Ferry Terminal and Layup Facility	\$ 13,725,000	Ketchikan Gateway Borough	2
Ketchikan Shipyard Land Level Berth II	\$ 3,000,000	Ketchikan Gateway Borough	3
OceansAlaska Hatchery Construction	\$ 2,400,000	Ketchikan Gateway Borough	4
Mahoney Lake Hydroelectric	\$ 1,000,000	City of Saxman	5
Ketchikan International Airport ADA Access and Infrastructure Improvements	\$ 2,621,140	Ketchikan Gateway Borough	6
Saxman Community Center Parking Lot: Phase I & II	\$ 557,740	City of Saxman	7
Sayles/Gorge Streets Viaduct Replacement	\$ 1,280,000	City of Ketchikan	8
Performing Arts Center	\$ 1,250,000	First City Players	9

Motion passed with Harris, Coose, Sivertsen, West, Olsen and Bergeron voting yea; Karlson absent.

Moved by Coose, seconded by West the City Council support the recommendation of the Lobbying Executive Committee to appoint a representative from the Greater Ketchikan Chamber of Commerce to the Lobbying Executive Committee.

Moved by Sivertsen to defer this item. Upon hearing no second, Mayor Williams declared the motion dead.

Motion failed with West and Coose voting yea; Olsen, Bergeron, Harris and Sivertsen voting nay; Karlson absent.

Moved by Olsen, seconded by Bergeron to refer this item to the Cooperative Relations Committee for discussion and a new proposal for makeup of the Lobbying Executive Committee.

Motion passed with Sivertsen, Bergeron, Coose, Harris and Olsen voting yea; West voting nay; Karlson absent.

VOUCHERS

Moved by West, seconded by Bergeron for approval of vouchers to Ketchikan Daily News in the amount of \$917.49.

Motion passed with Coose, Bergeron, West, Sivertsen and Olsen voting yea; Harris voting nay; Karlson absent.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Schedule of General Government and KPU Appropriated Reserves Through the City Council Meeting of August 15, 2013

In his report, Manager Amylon provided the Council a schedule of the current balance of Appropriated Reserves of various funds of General Government and KPU through the City Council meeting of August 15, 2013.

Contract No. 12-38A, City Hall Exterior and Interior Renovations – Construction Meeting Minutes of July 31, August 7 and 14, 2013

Manager Amylon attached for Council review the minutes of the construction meetings that were held on Wednesday, July 31, August 7 and 14, 2013 regarding the City Hall Exterior and Interior Renovations Project.

Contract No. 13-09, Bar Harbor Drive Down Float Facility – Construction Meeting Minutes of August 16, 2013

Manager Amylon included copies of the August 16, 2013 construction meeting minutes for Contract No. 13-09, Bar Harbor Drive Down Float Facility.

Dudley Field Drainage Improvements

Assistant Manager Martin provided a memorandum from Public Works Director Allen outlining his discussion with Ketchikan Gateway Borough Public Works Director Schofield. Mr. Allen said it became apparent that anticipated improvements would not require City participation and, unless directed otherwise, staff intends no further action.

Selection of Ketchikan Fire Station No. 1 for Inclusion in Firehouse Magazine's August 2013 Issue

Assistant Manager Martin transmitted a memorandum from Fire Chief Share detailing the selection of Ketchikan Fire Station No. 1 for inclusion in *Firehouse Magazine's* August 2013 issue.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

Assistant Manager Martin included a memorandum from Fire Chief Share informing of a recruitment campaign to be sponsored by the City's Fire Department regarding the Greater Ketchikan Area Citizen Corps Program.

Bus Stop on Front and Mission

Assistant Manager Martin reminded of the relocation of a Borough bus stop (corner of Front and Dock Streets) and he reported there have been several instances where the tail swing of the bus has hit the fire hydrant located there. He said they will be moving the bus stop one parking space forward and that will result in the loss of one parking space. He said given the congestion and pedestrians in the area, that was the best way to go.

K.P.U. MANAGER'S REPORT

Whitman Lake Hydroelectric Project – Construction Report No. 5

Manager Amylon copied the Council with the FERC-required Construction Report No. 5 for the period July 1 – 31, 2013

Whitman Lake Hydroelectric Project – Construction Meeting Minutes of August 13 and 21, 2013

Manager Amylon provided the August 13 and 21, 2013 minutes of construction meeting Nos. 29 and 30 for the Whitman Lake Hydroelectric Project.

UV and Chloramine Disinfection – Status Report

Assistant Manager Martin included a memorandum from Water Division Manager Kleinegger outlining steps that need to be completed prior to startup of the UV and chloramine disinfection facility. He informed that when the public education program is completed and the UV disinfection equipment is performing reliably with the new programming installed, the final phase that meets all ADEC disinfection system requirements should begin in October.

Whitman Lake Construction Area Posted as “No Hunting”

Assistant Manager Martin notified the Council that the construction area around the Whitman Lake Hydroelectric Project have been posted as “No Hunting.”

Alaska Ship and Drydock Annual Power Rate Adjustment

Assistant Manager Martin transmitted a memorandum from Electric Division Manager McConnell informing that, due to the contract stipulations, the composite rate of electricity for Alaska Ship and Drydock will decrease from \$0.0648 per kilowatt-hour to \$0.0631 per kilowatt hour.

CITY CLERK’S FILE

Clerk Suiter asked when the Council would like to have a presentation on a potential citizen participation option for Council packets, and it was determined to have the demonstration during the next Council meeting.

CITY ATTORNEY’S FILE – None

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – None

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Bergeron said he had an amazing vacation, and he felt taking a cruise was very enlightening. He stated he went to several different cruise destinations and got to see how tour operators work, which was cutthroat. He went on to say there is a place in Scotland that has worse weather than Ketchikan. He felt it was time to put placeholders in the agenda and have an earnest conversation about how to bring hydro projects forward with SEAPA and everybody.

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Councilmember Sivertsen spoke regarding the SEAPA meeting and outlined several projects that are being pursued. He noted SEAPA is looking at a reactor at the Wrangell area that needs replacement, and they hope to have that finished by the end of the year. He reported on discussions relative to running power to Kake, and said there were good conversations moving toward the true-up agreement. He said the front of City Hall looks wonderful.

Councilmember Harris said it is all about money. He reminded everyone the City is a little short.

Mayor Williams said the push for the hospital bond started off and representatives including himself have gone to both Rotaries, the Chamber, and other outfits. He encouraged all councilmembers to talk to people about the importance of the bond. He said there has been great involvement from the medical community, and it is wonderful having them present to talk about it as well. He reported an issue in the Summit/Forest area, noting that certain houses are not taking care of their garbage cans so there is a bear problem.

Mayor Williams said SEAPA is asking for a letter of support for the grant application to study wind for energy, and asked if anyone has any objections. No objections were heard.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS – None

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS – None

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the Council adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Lew Williams III, Mayor

ATTEST:

Katherine M. Suiter
City Clerk

FYI ITEMS INCLUDED

Ketchikan Youth Court's Quarterly Activity and Financial Reports - April Through June 2013
Change of Name - Love INC to Love In Action - First and Second Quarter Expenses 2013