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**Common Council**  
**Tuesday, June 14, 2022**  
**7:00 PM at City Hall**  
**MINUTES**

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Members Present: Cheryl Braun, Richard Evans, Jane Fude, Dave Gratton, Kay Marose, John Schuster, and Mayor Wegener  
Members Absent: None  
Also, Present: Meagan Buchda and City Attorney Andrew Griggs

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and roll call was taken.

***C. Braun* motioned and *J. Schuster* seconded to approve the agenda. Motion carried.**

***D. Gratton* motioned and *K. Marose* seconded to approve the minutes of previous meetings. Motion carried.**

***J. Schuster* motioned and *D. Gratton* seconded to approve the minutes of intervening meetings. Motion carried.**

**Public appearances and citizen comments:** None

**Communications:** Nothing to report.

***C. Brown /R. Evans* motioned to approve \$165,767.04 in checks, \$0 in vouchers, and \$221,743.64 in electronic payments.**

J. Fude stated that she saw a check sent out to our old payroll system ADP and was wondering how long it would be until it was phased out. Clerk/Treasurer Buchda stated that ADP fees should be done but that we will now have bank fees.

**Reports of Officials:**

**A. Mayor: *D. Wegener* –**

Discuss and Possibly take action on 270 E. Kindt Street. Mayor Wegener stated that there is a local gentleman that is interested in obtaining the property. The City attorney has been in contact with Dodge County inquiring about the property. The County invited the attorney and the Mayor to a meeting on Thursday June 9, 2022, to discuss the property. No one was able to make that meeting and the County is taking no action at this time. Mayor Dan stated that he would like this committee to at least consider directing our legal counsel to recommend on the City's behalf that we support the County selling this property to Mr. Mulkey so that he can begin cleanup on it as soon as possible. As for the City's financial assistance the Mayor recommends that the City refund the City's portion of the taxes for the last 4 years. Mayor Wegener stated that it would be under \$1000.00. He stated that this is a distressed piece of property and wants the liability off the city. The City attorney stated that he will write another letter to the County stating that the City is in favor of the County selling the property to Mr. Mulkey to clean up the property.

**K. Marose motioned and J. Fude seconded to move forward with supporting Mr. Mulkey on the purchase of 270 E. Kindt Street. Motion carried 5-0. Gratton Abstain.**

**B. Clerk/Treasurer: M. Buchda** – Reported that the City Hall has started preparation for the August elections. The .gov domain change is ready and the city is working with Javis to implement it. Meagan stated that her and Scott Carpenter put together RFPs for the City’s garbage and recycling services. They were sent to four (4) different companies and all of them returned them. ARPA funds are still being considered and Meagan will update as soon as possible.

**C. Written Reports:**

1. [Building Permits Report.](#)
2. [Police Department Report:](#)
3. [Juneau Fire and Rescue Report:](#)
4. [Juneau EMS Report:](#)

**Reports of Committees/Commission/Boards:**

**A. Library Report**

1. Chairman Report - *J. Thrane* showed off some of the props the library has for the summer reading theme, “Ocean of Possibilities”. The library has been transformed into the ocean and Jannette invites everyone to come take a look. She was excited to announce that all four of their outdoor cinema movie nights have been sponsored by Jahnke’s Piggly Wiggly, Andrew Meahan with Edward Jones, Future Allstars, and Gratton’s Garages. Mark your calendar the outdoor movie’s will play the second Friday of the month thru September. The library is having a balloon workshop to teach kids how to make ocean creature balloon animals. Since June is dairy month, the library is partnering with the Juneau Victorians 4H club for a cheese tasting. Pirates Lost At Sea is another program the library will be hosting in June. It is an organization coming from Madison, they incorporate science and storytelling. The kids will learn all about the science of the ocean. Jannette wants to thank all the community members that are rounding up at Jahnke’s Piggly Wiggly to donate to the library. Jannette wanted to remind everyone to keep a look out for the shark floating around Juneau. If you spot him, you can scan his code and be entered to win one of the three feeding frenzy gift baskets.

**B. Plan Commission**

1. Chairman Report – *D. Gratton*: No Meeting

**C. Finance Committee –**

1. Chairman Report- *C. Braun*: No Meeting

**D. Personnel Committee**

1. Chairman Report - *K. Marose* reported that the committee approved training for both Clerk/Treasurer and the Deputy Clerk to attend virtual classes through the Clerks and Treasurers Institute. They performed the 6-month performance evaluation for Clerk/Treasurer Meagan Buchda and decided to remove her from probation.

2. ***K. Marose* motioned and *D. Gratton* seconded to approve Resolution 21-2022 (Approve to Remove Clerk Treasurer Meagan Buchda from Probation). Motion carried 6-0.**

**E. Public Safety**

1. Chairman Report – *J. Schuster* reported that Clay and Ashley Simmons came to the meeting to request that the ordinance be changed so they can have chickens in Juneau. They had some good points, and the committee is going to revisit the topic at the next meeting. They

questioned the attorney if a pilot program would be acceptable for chickens and Andrew said that he would investigate it. The committee had lots of questions that will hopefully be answered after the next meeting. The City is really short on crossing guards. The committee approved all the beer and liquor licenses. John discussed how the library is going to try some things to make their air conditioning unit quieter for their neighbors. There was some discussion about E. Center and N. Main and how the semis are having trouble getting around that corner. Dave had some drawings on how to improve the flow of traffic and was going to be sending them to MSA. The committee discussed about the house on N. Fairfield Ave. The City would like to move forward with removing this house. A. Griggs agreed that it is time to move forward, he will draft a letter stating if nothing is done the City is going to go ahead and start the condemning process.

2. ***J. Schuster motioned and J. Fude seconded to approve Resolution 20-2022 (Approve to Grant Beer and Liquor Licenses). Motion carried 6-0.***

#### **F. Public Works**

1. Chairman Report – *D. Gratton: No Meeting*

#### **G. Cable TV**

1. Chairman Report – *J. Fude: They discussed topics to film. Sweeney has reviewed the new server and it is working the way it is supposed to. The committee has raised the Camera Operators wage to \$15.00 per hour and they are still actively looking for some more cameramen.*

#### **H. Community Development Authority**

1. Chairman Report – *D. Wegener: No meeting*

#### **I. Recreation Committee**

1. Chairman Report – *K. Marose: Discussed that the concrete has been poured and the benches are on there way. Ashton is going to be getting more quotes for the park signs. The committee talked about having a drop box put in, they requested more information on that. Ashton is also gathering more information on the mutual use agreement. All the summer programs are up and going and she is very busy. She is having a hard time finding summer help.*

#### **J. Utility Commission Report by Common Council Representative**

1. Chairman Report – *R. Evans* Matt from MSA joined them to talk about progress on the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Reported that the soil testing has been completed and that work is nearing completion on the preliminary site plan. MSA is continuing to monitor the clean water program. Jim and John from Sensient joined the meeting to discuss contract issues and the wastewater treatment upgrade. The plant agrees with the contract details, but they are still having some issues at the corporate level. Utility department hired a new billing clerk, and she is doing well. N. Gahlman reported that there were two power outages last month. Work is going to begin to move power wiring underground on E. Oak Street in the next couple of weeks. 4 customers were disconnected in the month of May for having delinquent accounts. P. Gallun reported that the DNR is requiring that a backup generator be installed at pump #3 and that the cost of this will be over \$25,000 so the project will have to be bid publicly. There were 30 laterals that are going to need further investigation.
2. C. Braun mentioned how electric cars are going to become more popular and that the city is not equipped to handle that. She also wanted to remind everyone to pay their Utility bills, and that flushable wipes are not flushable.

***R. Evans motioned and D. Gratton seconded to approve Resolution 19-2022 (Resolution Authorizing Execution of the Department of Natural Resources Principal Forgiven Financial Assistance Agreement)-To approve AMENDED Resolution to include private businesses if possible. Motion carried 6-0.***

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

- A. Approve Provisional Licenses (45 days): Sandra Smith, Karissa Killian, Autumn Rennhack, Brandon Steger, Jennifer Coombs.

Recommended Denial: None

***J. Schuster motioned and J. Fude seconded to approve provisional license. Motion carried.***

- B. Approve Regular Bartender's License for 2022 (Expires June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023)

Recommended Approval: Jeremy Mason, Edward Spitz, Gerald Kjornes, Travis Thorp, Genina Butler, Stephanie Jacobs, Janet Merkes, John Hatter, Abigail Siegel, Turra Vance, Lisa Szopinski, Lisa Berger, Hayley Farina, Charles Dinger, Tine McQueen, Jennifer Doe, Karlee Robillard, Jenessa Knoll, Sherry Schmidt, Daniel Jahnke, Della Schoppe, Kristin Retzlaff, Holly Tank, Erica Fredenberg, Brett Bolman, Kallista McDaniel, Donna Chase, Rachael Merkes, Carrie Herrmann, Brian Cook, Sadie Gregory-Uttech, Emily Jurek, Sunee Madden, Ricki Budewitz, Ashlyn Peterman, Brenda Kroken, Amber Passig, Crystal Vitense, Derek Kotlowski, Rebecca Grede, Elizabeth Hathaway, Rachelle Muth, Amanda Schultz, Carol Soldner, Brandon Steger, Autumn Rennhack, Karissa Kilian, Sandra Smith, Jennifer Coombs, Tyler Marx, Zoie Hall, Heidi Brandt, Ashley McLain.  
Recommended Denial: None

- K. ***Fude motioned and K. Marose seconded to approve Regular Bartender's Licenses for 2022 (Expires June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023) for Jeremy Mason, Edward Spitz, Gerald Kjornes, Travis Thorp, Genina Butler, Stephanie Jacobs, Janet Merkes, John Hatter, Abigail Siegel, Turra Vance, Lisa Szopinski, Lisa Berger, Hayley Farina, Charles Dinger, Tine McQueen, Jennifer Doe, Karlee Robillard, Jenessa Knoll, Sherry Schmidt, Daniel Jahnke, Della Schoppe, Kristin Retzlaff, Holly Tank, Erica Fredenberg, Brett Bolman, Kallista McDaniel, Donna Chase, Rachael Merkes, Carrie Herrmann, Brian Cook, Sadie Gregory-Uttech, Emily Jurek, Sunee Madden, Ricki Budewitz, Ashlyn Peterman, Brenda Kroken, Amber Passig, Crystal Vitense, Derek Kotlowski, Rebecca Grede, Elizabeth Hathaway, Rachelle Muth, Amanda Schultz, Carol Soldner, Brandon Steger, Autumn Rennhack, Karissa Kilian, Sandra Smith, Jennifer Coombs, Tyler Marx, Zoie Hall, Heidi Brandt, Ashley McLain. Motion carried.***

**Adjourn Meeting: *J. Schuster motioned and J. Fude seconded to adjourn meeting at 8:15 p.m. Motion carried.***

Minutes Reported By:

Meagan Buchda