

Session 18-08 a Regular Meeting of the Homer City Council was called to order on March 27, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Bryan Zak at the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska, and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: ADERHOLD, ERICKSON, LORD, SMITH, STROOZAS, VENUTI

STAFF: CITY MANAGER KOESTER
CITY CLERK JACOBSEN
YOUTH SERVICES LIBRARIAN HAINES

Council met for a Worksession at 4:00 p.m. to discuss the Police Station Building Project and as Committee of the Whole 5:00 p.m. to discuss consent agenda and regular agenda items in Homer City Hall Cowles Council Chambers.

Department Heads may be called upon from time to time to participate via teleconference.

AGENDA APPROVAL

(Addition of items to or removing items from the agenda will be by unanimous consent of the Council. HCC 2.08.040.)

The following changes were made: **CONSENT AGENDA** Special Meeting Minutes from March 12th were not included with this packet and will be on the April 9th agenda for approval. **Resolution 18-032(S)**, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Requesting That the Alaska State Legislature Work Together to Find New Revenue Sources to Solve the State Fiscal Crisis and Fund Necessary Programs in the Capital Budget. Erickson. **ORDINANCES Ordinance 18-16**, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending Homer City Code Chapter 18.08, Codifying Certain Lease Policy and Procedures; Expanding Lease Review to include Recommendations by Appropriate City Commissions; Removing References to the Lease Committee; and Requiring Essential Lease Terms to be Approved by City Council. Erickson/Smith. Memorandum 18-035 from City Attorney as backup and red line comparison of existing code language and proposed language for HCC 18.08

ADERHOLD/VENUTI MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

MAYORAL PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

- A. City Recognition of Top 40 Under 40 City Manager Katie Koester

Mayor Zak read and presented the proclamation to City Manager Koester.

City Manager Koester commented she's humbled and honored to be able to serve her community as City Manager in her home town where she was born and raised, and is raising her children.

PUBLIC COMMENTS UPON MATTERS ALREADY ON THE AGENDA

RECONSIDERATION

CONSENT AGENDA

(Items listed below will be enacted by one motion. If separate discussion is desired on an item, that item may be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Regular Meeting Agenda at the request of a Councilmember.)

- A. Homer City Council unapproved Regular Meeting Minutes of March 12, 2018. City Clerk. Recommend adoption.
- B. **Memorandum 18-036** from Mayor re: Re-appointment to the Library Advisory Board. Recommend adoption.
- C. **Resolution 18-030**, A Resolution of the Homer City Council, Homer, Alaska, Approving a Five-Year Sublease at the Homer Airport Terminal for Flying Whale Coffee and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Appropriate Documents. City Manager. Recommend adoption.
- D. **Resolution 18-031**, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the Library Advisory Board Bylaws to Correct the Regular Meeting and Establish Guidelines for An Honorary Student Representative Position on the Board. City Clerk/Library Advisory Board. Recommend adoption.

Memorandum 18-038 from Library Advisory Board as backup

- E. **Resolution 18-032**, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Requesting That the Alaska State Legislature Work Together to Find New Revenue Sources to Solve the

State Fiscal Crisis and Fund Necessary Programs in the Capital Budget. Mayor/Council. Recommend adoption.

Moved to Resolutions - Aderhold

- D. **Resolution 18-033**, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Approving the Award of the Wastewater Treatment Plant HVAC Rehabilitation Project to the Firm of Woods Plumbing and Heating, Inc. of Anchorage, Alaska, in the Amount of \$322,816 and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Appropriate Documents. City Manager/Public Works Director. Recommend adoption.

Memorandum 18-037 from Public Works Director as backup

Item E. was moved to Resolutions Item B. – Aderhold

ADERHOLD/VENUTI MOVED TO ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA AS AMENDED.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

VISITORS

- A. Kachemak Bay Water Trail Committee, Dave Brann

Dave Brann and Robert Archibald updated the Council on the Kachemak Bay Water Trail. Mr. Brann gave a brief overview of the history of the water trail that has one end in Seldovia and the other out on the spit near the Fishin Hole. He highlighted some of the things they have accomplished and upcoming efforts:

- Water Safety and making good decisions
- Raising awareness for Stewardship of the bay
- Supporting youth activities and the HOWL program
- Diversity of recreational opportunities and accessibility for everyone to utilize the bay

Mr. Archibald and Mr. Brann showed a short slide show of photos of the work done on the trail of over the years and they reviewed several of the features of the Water Trail website www.kachemakbaywatertrail.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS/BOROUGH REPORT/COMMISSION REPORTS (10 minute limit per report)

- A. Borough Report

- B. Commissions/Board Reports:
 - 1. Library Advisory Board

 - 2. Homer Advisory Planning Commission

Franco Venuti, Planning Commissioner, commented on the City's 2018 Comprehensive Plan Update, noting the draft is available on the City's website and at City Hall. Public comments can be made on line until March 31st. It's important for Homer residents to know this is their plan. There will be a public hearing on April 18th at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Venuti is also the City's representative on the Borough Planning Commission and noted the Borough is taking input on their Comprehensive Plan update through March 31st and the draft is available at www.kbp.us and at the Annex Building on Pioneer Avenue. The draft plan will be revised prior to being submitted to the Borough Planning Commission and then to the Assembly for adoption. Lastly Mr. Venuti commented the Homer Advisory Planning Commission relies heavily on the support it gets from the Planning Department staff, Rick Abboud, Julie Engebretsen, and Travis Brown. Any success the Commission achieves is directly related to the diligence and professional support that comes from them. The City is fortunate to have this quality of talent at work in its organization and took this opportunity to publicly thank them. He also thanked the Council for their service and support.

- 3. Economic Development Advisory Commission

- 4. Parks Art Recreation and Culture Advisory Commission

Jon Sharp, Parks Art Recreation and Culture Advisory Commissioner, commented regarding their letter to the editor which discusses the Spruceview Park donated by Marvin Hansen that will come out in the next month or so, the recent HERC building walk-thru, the Karen Hornaday Park Master Plan and updated list of needs, work on the Kachemak Bay water safety signs, sidewalk prioritization rubric, campground host at Hornaday Park, and the library art lone for Stella's Starliner. He reported their new Chair is Deb Lowney and Vice Chair is Robert Archibald. Former Chair Matt Steffy was recently hired as the City's Parks Maintenance Coordinator.

- 5. Port and Harbor Advisory Commission

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

- A. **Ordinance 18-11**, An Ordinance of the City Council Of Homer, Alaska, Amending Homer City Code Sections 1.16.040, 7.04.030, 10.04.110, 19.08.120, 19.20.070, 20.08.010, and 20.32.020, Adding New Homer City Code Sections 5.08.030, 5.20.060, 8.12.800, 14.04.130, 19.02.100, And Re-Enacting Homer City Code Sections 5.24.060, 5.38.060, 8.08.150, 8.11.080, 13.08.170, 14.08.170, 18.20.090, 19.04.100, 19.08.120, 19.12.100 to Conform Homer City Code to State Law and to Clarify that Certain Code Violations may be Disposed of by Bail Forfeiture without a Court Appearance as Indicated in the Homer City Code Fine Schedules, and all other Violations Require a Court Appearance and are Subject to the General Penalty. City Clerk. Introduction March 12, 2018, Public Hearing and Second Reading March 27, 2018

Memorandum 18-029, from City Attorney as backup

Mayor Zak opened the public hearing. There were no public comments and the hearing was closed.

ADERHOLD/ERICKSON MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 18-11 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

- B. **Ordinance 18-12**, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending Homer City Code 21.54.325, Standards for Recreational Vehicles in the Marine Commercial District and Marine Industrial District. Erickson. Introduction March 12, 2018, Refer to Advisory Planning Commission March 27, 2018, Public Hearing and Second Reading April 23, 2018.

Mayor Zak opened the public hearing.

Ray Kranich, city resident, commented in support of requiring a permit and enforcing a time limit for employee occupied RV's in the marine commercial and marine industrial zoning districts.

Don Tippy resident commented in opposition of a 180 time limit for employee occupied RV's in marine industrial and marine commercial zoning district.

There were no further comments and the hearing was closed.

Mayor Zak asked for a motion for the adoption of Ordinance 18-12 by reading of title only for second and final reading.

ERICKSON/ADERHOLD SO MOVED

Councilmember Smith commented that he's not in favor of imposing a time limit as there are businesses in the district that operate at all times of the year and a time limit could be detrimental to them.

SMITH/ADERHOLD MOVED TO AMEND LINES 50 AND 51 STRIKING WHAT IS CURRENTLY UNDER D AND HAVE IT READ ALL EMPLOYEE RECREATIONAL VEHICLES COVERED IN HOMER CITY CODE 21.54.325 MUST OBTAIN A PERMIT.

Councilmember Smith added it's a good idea to have a permit before placing or continuing to have the vehicle on the property. It gives us recourse and an ability to follow up with them, and help alleviate confusion.

Councilmember Lord commented in support of the amendment.

City Manager Koester noted this ordinance references a zoning permit is because the zoning rules and fine schedule apply.

SMITH/ERICKSON MOVED TO AMEND THE AMENDMENT TO READ MUST OBTAIN A ZONING PERMIT.

There was no discussion.

VOTE (secondary amendment): NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

There was no further discussion on the motion as amended.

VOTE (primary amendment): NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

ADERHOLD/VENUTI MOVED TO SEND THIS TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION FOR THEIR REVIEW.

There was no discussion.

VOTE (to refer to Planning Commission): NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

- C. **Ordinance 18-13**, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the 2018 Operating Budget by Authorizing the Expenditure of an Additional \$92,592 from the Sewer Reserve Fund to Complete the Wastewater Treatment Plant HVAC Rehabilitation Project. City Manager/Public Works Director. Introduction March 12, 2018 Second Reading and Public Hearing, March 27, 2018.

Memorandum 18-030 from Public Works Director as backup

Mayor Zak opened the public hearing. There were no comments and the hearing was closed.

Mayor Zak asked for a motion for the adoption of Ordinance 18-13 by reading of title only for second and final reading.

ERICKSON/ADERHOLD SO MOVED

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

- D. **Ordinance 18-14**, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending Homer City Code 1.18.020 to define the Term “Impartial,” Amending Homer City Code 1.18.030 by requiring City Council members to comply with Homer Workplace Policies, Procedures; Repealing Homer City Code 1.18.050 and Moving it to the Newly Enacted Homer City Code Chapter 1.19, Board of Ethics - Complaints, to Clarify the Preliminary Review process for Ethics complaints by the City Clerk and City Attorney prior to their transfer to the Board of Ethics or a Hearing Officer; Amending Homer City Code 1.18.060 to Prohibit Ethics Complaints based upon Actions taken in Accordance with Advice from City Attorney; and Repealing Homer City Code Chapter 2.80. Aderhold. Introduction March 12, 2018, Second Reading and Public Hearing March 27, 2018.

Memorandum 18-031 from City Attorney as backup

Mayor Zak opened the public hearing.

Larry Slone, city resident, commented regarding line 379 that item C doesn't require the attorney's advice to be in writing, and he expressed how it could raise issues if this only relates to verbal advice and people's recollection of what was said. The advice should be in writing to alleviate confusion and to create a paper trail.

There were no further comments and the hearing was closed.

ADERHOLD/VENUTI MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 18-14 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING.

ADERHOLD/LORD MOVED TO AMEND SECTION 4, LINE 380, PAGE 122 OF THE PACKET, HOMER CITY CODE 1.18.060(C), TO ADD THE FOLLOWING AFTER THE WORD "ATTORNEY" AND BEFORE THE WORD "SHALL": "PROVIDED IN WRITING, DURING A COUNCIL OR COMMISSION MEETING OR ACKNOWLEDGED BY THE CITY ATTORNEY IN RESPONSE TO A COMPLAINT"

Councilmember Aderhold commented this is intend to address the issue raised in the comment. She noted it's also understood there is a recording of Council and Commission meetings as well as minutes if there is question of what someone thought was said versus what was actually said.

VOTE (amendment): NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

ADERHOLD/ERICKSON MOVED TO AMEND SECTION 5 LINE 418, PAGE 123 OF THE PACKET TO TO ADD THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE TO THE END OF HOMER CITY CODE 1.19.010 D: "IF NO QUORUM OF THE BOARD CAN BE ESTABLISHED DUE TO CONFLICTS OF INTEREST OR OTHER CAUSE OF RECUSAL, THE PRESENT MEMBERS OF THE BOARD SHALL DIRECT THE CLERK TO TRANSFER THE COMPLAINT TO A HEARING OFFICER."

There was no discussion.

VOTE (amendment): NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

Councilmember Smith expressed this has the appearance of limiting the ability of the voters to challenge something that is done by their city officials, regardless if it's under legal advice or not, so he has a hard time fully supporting this. If we're wrong, we're wrong and that proves out during the process. He feels the process is important as a check and balance for the actions we take as elected officials regardless of who our legal representation is. It makes it almost like you cannot contest us because we have legal advice telling us you can't.

Councilmember Aderhold commented in the process as outlined currently, the clerk would receive the complaint, it would go to the city attorney for review, and if the city attorney reviews and says I've provided guidance or advise to city council on how to act, then the clerk would provide that reasoning to the complainant. The complainant that point, has the option to revise their complaint to something the Councilmember did specifically that was not under the advice of the City Attorney or can take it through a different process to challenge the city administration. She believes this clean things up and puts the city less at risk.

Councilmember Lord appreciates the clarity in this revision. There are ways of recourse if a member of the public believes the city attorney or city administration is acting incorrectly. As a Councilmember, if she gets advice on something and trusts the advice, the idea she can have an ethics complaint brought against her as an elected official does not seem like the right path for correcting it. She thinks there is a lot to this ordinance that is valuable, in addition to that.

Councilmember Smith commented he doesn't have any problem with this, he just struggles with the point he mentioned because he trusts the process.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

- E. **Ordinance 18-15**, An Ordinance of The City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the 2018 Operating Budget by Authorizing the Expenditure of an Additional \$29,550 from the Public Works Fleet Reserve Fund for the Purchase of a Brush Cutter. City Manager/Public Works Director. Introduction March 12, 2018, Second Reading and Public Hearing March 27, 2018

Memorandum 18-032 from Public Works Superintendent as backup

Mayor Zak opened the public hearing. There were no comments and the hearing was closed.

ADERHOLD/ERICKSON MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 18-15 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

ORDINANCE(S)

- A. **Ordinance 18-16**, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending Homer City Code Chapter 18.08, Codifying Certain Lease Policy and Procedures; Expanding Lease Review to include Recommendations by Appropriate City Commissions; Removing References to the Lease Committee; and Requiring Essential Lease Terms to be Approved by City Council. Erickson/Smith. Recommended dates: Introduction March 27, 2018, Refer to Port and Harbor Advisory Commission; Second Reading and Public Hearing May 14, 2018.

Memorandum 18-035 from City Attorney as backup

Mayor Zak asked for a motion for the Introduction of Ordinance 18-16 by reading of title only.

ERICKSON/ADERHOLD SO MOVED

Councilmember Lord requested when the Port and Harbor Advisory Commission reviews the ordinance, they address the CPI requirement that is removed in this ordinance as there is a fiscal impact to the city. Her understanding is commercial leases generally have some sort of a CPI provision for working through inflation over time, and that's important as we have 15 and 20 year leases. The appraisals are valuable for fair market value and idea that we don't have any mark for inflation, over the course of a lease someone could potentially get hit with a really large increase if there's no CPI over time. It seems like a substantial thing to pull. She would like more feedback from the Commission regarding this.

Councilmember Venuti requested the Commission look at line 176 – 178 regarding the City Manager approving short term leases. She agrees with the change and would like the Commission's feedback. She also asked for their feedback regarding lines 550-553 regarding financing and extending lease terms. She thinks that has been an issue in the past.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

There was comment confirming this will go to the Port and Harbor Advisory Commission for review and input.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

A. City Manager's Report

City Manager Koester commented briefly regarding scheduling a worksession for the Police Station Building and will email Council to confirm a date.

In response to comment from Councilmember Stroozas, City Manager Koester explained the Chamber of Commerce very generously gave her a case of toilet paper when she was their speaker. It's part of their shop local campaign and she can't think of a better way to highlight the need to buy our basic goods locally than gifting toilet paper.

Councilmember Venuti noted the work on Pioneer Avenue being postpone to 2019 and asked if there is a way to ensure it doesn't get postponed again because it's in pretty sad shape. City Manager Koester replied she could draft a letter or resolution to DOT asking them to maintain their schedule and highlight the dire necessity of it.

B. Bid Report

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

COMMITTEE REPORT

- A. Employee Committee Report
- B. Americans with Disabilities Act Compliance Committee

PENDING BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS

- A. **Resolution 18-034**, A Resolution of the Homer City Council Requesting the Alaska Department Of Transportation And Public Facilities (AKDOT/PF) Install a Crosswalk on Lake Street where Grubstake meets Lake Street as Part of the Homer Lake Street Rehabilitation Project. Smith.

Mayor Zak asked for a motion for the adoption of Resolution 18-034 by reading of title only.

ERICKSON/STROOZAS SO MOVED

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

- B. **Resolution 18-032**, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Requesting That the Alaska State Legislature Work Together to Find New Revenue Sources to Solve the State Fiscal Crisis and Fund Necessary Programs in the Capital Budget. Mayor/Council.

Resolution 18-032(S), A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Requesting That the Alaska State Legislature Work Together to Find New Revenue Sources to Solve the State Fiscal Crisis and Fund Necessary Programs in the Capital Budget. Erickson.

ADERHOLD/VENUTI MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 18-032 BY READING OF TITLE ONLY.

Mayor Zak asked for a motion for the substitution of Resolution 18-032(S) for 18-032.

ERICKSON/LORD SO MOVED

There was no discussion on the motion to substitute.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

Councilmember Smith commented when we originally sent them a memo or reso last year, we didn't take a stand on how they solved, rather than they needed to solve it. Without know what new revenue sources they are proposing, he's hesitant to just say find a new revenue source and we'll be in support of it.

SMITH/ERICKSON MOVED TO AMEND THE TITLE LINE 8 STRIKE TO FIND A NEW REVENUE SOURCES AND LINE 53 AND 54 STRIKE BY FINDING NEW REVENUE SOURCES OF REVENUE.

Councilmember Venuti commented she is opposed to more cuts in the budget so we have to open up the possibility for revenue sources. She thinks they need to look at other revenue sources and we are open to other sources.

Councilmember Stroozas proposed they be specific and make suggestions on ways to create new revenues. He knows a lot of people don't agree, but perhaps support a state sales tax to do this.

Councilmember Aderhold noted it's consistent with language they've used in other requests.

Councilmember Lord supports the need to find new revenue sources.

VOTE: YES: SMITH, ERICKSON

NO: VENUTI, ADERHOLD, LORD, STROOZAS

Motion failed.

ADERHOLD/STROOZAS MOVED TO AMEND THE SPONSOR TO MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

VOTE (substitute as amended): YES: ADERHOLD, LORD, VENUTI, STROOZAS, ERICKSON

NO: SMITH

Motion carried.

COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE

Debbie Speakman, Executive Director of the Homer Chamber of Commerce, congratulated the City Manager and thanked her for her presentation at the last Chamber meeting. She thanked the Port and Harbor for their efforts and professionalism in another successful Winter King Tournament. She reported there were 1264 anglers, 384 boats, and 170 fish landed. She also thanked the Police and Fire Department. Ms. Speakman reminded listeners the Clean-Up day is May 10th.

Mayor Zak thanked Ms. Speakman and the chamber staff for all their work.

COMMENTS OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney Wells was not present.

COMMENTS OF THE CITY CLERK

City Clerk Jacobsen had no comment.

COMMENTS OF THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Koester had no comment.

COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR

Mayor Zak reiterated the Chamber Directors comments of the successful Winter King Tournament and its huge impact on the economy, also recognized the volunteers in the community and great organizations making a huge difference. The bottom line, our budget would not happen without all the efforts. It's wonderful to be in this community.

COMMENTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Councilmember Venuti recalled March 27, 1964 she was in Kodiak and knows what it's like when a city doesn't have a plan. The home she lived in was washed away and they had to live in the high school, and they didn't know where they were supposed to go. It was a long time ago, but she is very glad that the City has a plan. When she ran for council one thing that was important to her was the City's emergency plan. She announced the college will be having a Deck Hand class coming up soon and also the Career and Job Fair on March 30th.

Councilmember Smith said Happy Easter and Good Friday. He commented his grandfather was the Mayor of Anchorage when the '64 earthquake hit, it was something that emotionally broke him because of the devastation. He agrees its really is important to have a plan. He congratulated Terry Kadel, the new Fire Chief, it will be great for the department. He recalled

when he met the City Manager, the first thing he asked was how to pronounce her last name. He shared his reminder with the Mayor to say no to the “O”, when pronouncing Koester.

Councilmember Lord congratulated the City Manager and the new Fire Chief. She also thanked Public Works Director Meyer for the table of facility costs for maintaining our major city buildings. It’s something that’s been challenging for her to understand. She’s mainly heard about the cost to maintain the library, she noted it’s the largest building and based on square footage, it’s the least expensive by a fair amount. She also commented her understanding is the Big Brothers Big Sisters program will no longer be funded in the City of Homer. As a former Big Sister and longtime member of the program she recalled a woman who worked in the rural villages who expressed how important this program is, and shared data from villages who had matches and the drop in suicide rates and substance abuse, and how vitally important it is to have kids connected with adults who are safe and loving. Without a program here it is even more on our shoulders to be looking out for the youth in our community. She hopes there may be a future for Big Brothers Big Sisters again here and thanked everyone who has worked in the program.

Councilmember Aderhold commented about the dire straits of Wrangell and their need to replace their entire water system. She expressed her appreciation for the Public Works Department that maintains our water system and keeps it up to snuff, and the Planning Department for their work to make sure our watershed is protected. She also commented regarding the Pebble Project EIS. The website is www.pebbleprojecteis.com and the ACOE has released a notice of intent to prepare an EIS for the Pebble Project, which launches the Public National Environmental Policy Act for the project. There will be a 30 day scoping process April 1-30, and she encouraged people to get their comments in. There will be a scoping meeting in Homer on April 11th. There will not be actual public testimony at the meeting, but there will be other ways to testify, so be aware of that.

Councilmember Stroozas commented after being gone on a nice vacation and playing a lot of golf, there is no place like Homer. He’s glad to be back.

Councilmember Erickson thanked the community’s first responders. It’s a hard job and there are a lot of things going on. It’s important that our Troopers and Policemen know we appreciate them in the midst of all the things happening in our world. She added that it’s nice to see the sun coming out and green grass starting to pop up.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council Mayor Zak adjourned the meeting at 7:46 p.m. A Worksession is scheduled for Tuesday, April 3, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. The next Regular Meeting is Monday, April 9, 2018 at 6:00 p.m., Special Meeting at 4:00 p.m., and Committee of the Whole at 5:00 p.m. All meetings scheduled to be held in the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

HOMER CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 27, 2018

MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK

Approved: _____