

Session 19-09 a Regular Meeting of the Homer City Council was called to order on March 26, 2019 by Mayor Ken Castner at 6:00 p.m. 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

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: **RESOLUTIONS Resolution 19-021(S)**, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Awarding the Contract for Ambulance Billing Services to the Firm of Systems Designs West, LLC of Poulsbo, Washington in the Amount of \$25.00 per Transport (All Inclusive) and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Appropriate Documents. City Clerk. RFP and proposal receipt log as backup

ERICKSON/VENUTI MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

MAYORAL PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

A. Recognition of Tanya McGee for 25 Years of Service at the Homer Food Bank

PUBLIC COMMENTS UPON MATTERS ALREADY ON THE AGENDA

Chris Logan, a managing partner of Cosmic SeaWeed, introduced CB Corey her business partner and thanked Council for the opportunity to address the Council and testify in support of Memorandum 19-038 regarding their new business. They are available to answer questions if needed.

Larry Slone, city resident, commented in support of Ordinance 19-13 and obtaining an engineer's evaluation of the condition of the seawall on Ocean Drive Loop. It's an issue that will continue to come up and its timely and important before continuing the conversation to spend money from the City coffers.

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 Special and Regular Meeting Minutes of March 11, 2019. City Clerk. Recommend adoption.
- B.
- C. **Memorandum 19-036** from Mayor Castner Re: Reappointment of Kate Finn, Marcia Kuzmaul, and Emilie Springer; and appointment of Robert "Gordy" Vernon to the Library Advisory Board. Recommend approval.

- C. **Memorandum 19-037** from Mayor Castner Re: Reappointment of Robert Archibald as the City's Representative on the Prince William Sound Regional Citizens Advisory Council. Recommend approval.

- A. **Memorandum 19-038** from City Clerk Re: New Marijuana Product Manufacturing Facility License # 19728 for Cosmic SeaWeed, LLC. Recommend approval.

- A. **Ordinance 19-13**, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Amending the FY 2019 Operating Budget to Fund a Coastal Engineer's Analysis of the Seawall by Appropriating \$8,369.78 from the Ocean Drive Loop Special Service District Account and \$1,837.27 from the City Seawall Reserve Account. City Manager. Recommended dates Introduction March 26, 2019, Public Hearing and Second Reading April 8, 2019

- B. **Ordinance 19-14**, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Approving a Noncompetitive Lease with Northern Enterprises Boat Yard, Inc. and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Appropriate Documents for a New Twenty Year Lease with Options for Two Consecutive Five Year Renewals for an Identified Sixty Square Foot Portion of City Tidelands ATS 612 at an Initial Annual Rate of \$3.65. City Manager. Recommended dates Introduction March 26, 2019, Public Hearing and Second Reading April 8, 2019

Memorandum 19-039 from Port Director/Harbormaster as backup

City Clerk Jacobsen read the consent agenda and the recommendations.

ERICKSON/ADERHOLD MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS READ.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

VISITORS

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS

A. Committee of the Whole Report

Councilmember Smith reported Council reviewed Ordinance 19-14 and discussed regular agenda items particularly amendments to the Council's Operating Manual.

B. Worksession Report

- March 19, 2019 Legislative Worksession

Councilmember Lord reported Senator Stevens provided an update from his perspective of working with the legislature, primarily the conversation revolved around the budget and he felt although the House and Senate are working well together, he pointed out differences in the ways the two bodies are approaching the budget. He expressed confidence in more education funding than what was originally proposed and a lot of his comments were similar to what he expressed during the Town Hall meeting he held the week prior. They also discussed the House Bill recommending doing away with daylight savings time and the City impact.

- March 26, 2019 Worksession

Councilmember Aderhold reported Council had their annual review of the Land Allocation Plan and there was discussion on questions regarding overslope development in the Harbor and adding the HERC to the plan as leased property. They also discussed the State retirement system PERS that municipalities are a part of, including the history, what the state and municipalities pay, and what may be coming in the future regarding the municipal portion.

C. Borough Report

Borough Assembly Member Kelly Cooper, commented about a random act of kindness and thanked the person who stacked the cord wood she had delivered to her pole barn, whoever it was. The School District requested an additional \$2,423,955 for their FY19 budget, which is the difference between the cap and what's actually funded, and an ordinance is being prepared to provide the funding. These funds may prevent some of the non-tenured teachers from being laid off. They'll be finalizing properties available for sealed bids and over the counter land sales next week, and the information will be available on her Borough web page and on the Borough's Land Management page. She identified potential impacts of the proposed State Budget to the Borough's general fund based on the Governor's proposed budget which includes elimination of the school bond debt reimbursement of \$2.6 million and the fish landing tax of approximately \$727,000, the loss of the Petroleum Property Tax of almost \$15 million, and the senior tax exemption. For the Borough to remain status quo for 2020, the general fund mil rate would have to be increased from 4.7 to 6.29 mil. Services area mil rates would be impacted as well, for example Nikiski Emergency Services would increase from 2.7 to 6.9, on top of the general fund mil rate. Anchor Point would go from 2.75 to 4.35 mils. The road service area would see theirs go from 1.4 to 1.87 mils. The reduction to education funding is a proposed \$22.4 million. She wants people to understand when they say the budget can be balanced at the State level without raising taxes, it's actually a cost shift and there may be taxes associated with that.

E. Commissions/Board/Committee Reports (5 minute limit per report)

1. Library Advisory Board

Mark Massion, Library Advisory Boardmember, reported the Board hasn't met since the last Council meeting. He commented regarding a meet and greet with a Library Director Candidate, the hiring process is coming along, and there will be a report at the next meeting on National Library Week.

2. Homer Advisory Planning Commission

Tom Bos, Planning Commissioner, reported the Commission has been having ongoing discussion on the permitting process, building locations and lack of a verification procedure for building locations, CUP triggers in various zoning districts, and climate action as it relates to the Comprehensive Plan. They approved a CUP for 5 single family residences in rural residential district, and heard a presentation from Fire Chief Purcell on building heights, fire department capabilities, and safety factors. He announced there is a vacancy on the Planning Commission, and he commended the City and Chamber on an incredible fishing tournament this weekend.

3. Economic Development Advisory Commission

Councilmember Smith commented the EDC had an interesting and well run meeting on the 12th and will let a Commissioner report at another time.

4. Parks Art Recreation and Culture Advisory Commission
5. Port and Harbor Advisory Commission
6. Americans with Disabilities Act Compliance Committee

Councilmember Aderhold reported at their last meeting the Committee went over the current draft of the Transition Plan and hopes to finalize it at their next meeting, then will bring it to Council.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

- A. **Ordinance 19-11**, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the 2019 Operating Budget to Appropriate Matching Funds in the Amount of \$40,097 from the HART Fund for Low-Impact Development Planning through the use of Green Infrastructure. City Manager/Public Works Director. Recommended Dates Introduction March 11, 2019, Public Hearing and Second Reading March 26, 2019.

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

Mayor Castner asked for a motion for the adoption of Ordinance 19-11 by reading of title only for second and final reading.

ERICKSON/VENUTI SO MOVED

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

- B. **Ordinance 19-12**, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the 2019 Operating Budget to Appropriate Funds in the Amount of \$42,646 from the Harbor Reserve Account for the Final Design of the Harbor Barge Mooring Facility. City Manager/Port Director. Recommended Dates Introduction March 11, 2019, Public Hearing and Second Reading March 26, 2019.

Memorandum 19-029 from Public Works Director as backup

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

Mayor Castner asked for a motion for the adoption of Ordinance 19-12 by reading of title only for second and final reading.

ERICKSON/VENUTI SO MOVED

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

ORDINANCE(S)

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

A. City Manager's Report

City Manager Koester reminded listeners about Tsunami Awareness Week and to go to the City's website to learn about what's going on. Tomorrow at 10:30 a.m. there will be a test of the warning system, followed by a notice that it was a test, and cell phones should show an alert if you're signed up to receive them. Saturday at 10 am there will be a fun run/walk on the Blue Line, which is the inundation zone. She said there are questions of why we evacuate below Pioneer and she clarified that in the event of an emergency, we want a very clear landmark that even a tourist may be able to identify. The reality is the inundation zone varies, its 50 feet, and the fun run will bring awareness to that.

She also highlighted information in her written report about moving the City of Homer to a two year budget. She explained the budget process is a lot of complicated work but it doesn't change much from year to year. The Mayor is looking at putting us on a two year cycle and having more accountability measures built into it. She wants to talk to Council and the public before launching in to it.

B. Bid Report (Informational Only)

There was brief discussion clarifying this report is informational only to advise the Council and public about Invitations to Bid and Request for Proposals that are open and available at the City.

PENDING BUSINESS

- A. **Ordinance 19-09(S)**, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Accepting and Appropriating a \$100,000 Service Extension Fees and Authorizing the Extension of City of Homer Water Services to Lot 2B, Puffin Acres Milepost 3, East End Road in Kachemak City. Mayor/Smith. Introduction February 11, 2019, Public Hearing February 25, 2019, Postponed to March 11 and March 26, 2019.

Mayor Castner announced there is a motion on the floor to adopt Ordinance 19-09(S) by reading of title only for second and final reading that was postponed from March 11th, and opened the floor to discussion.

Councilmember Lord noted the reason for postponing was because Kachemak City Council was meeting and we were waiting to see what happened there. She explained she didn't attend and didn't see anything in the packet and asked if there was any information provided from that meeting.

Mayor Castner responded he and Councilmember Smith attended the meeting and they're in the weeds about what's next. He asked if they were going to write a letter supporting this and they said yeah, we're going to write a letter but we're not going to object to it. They are anxious to talk about what could come next once this is dispensed with.

Councilmember Aderhold commented she's opposed to this particular action because it seems arbitrary that someone comes to us and says we'll give you money and then we accept it, especially without something from Kachemak City in writing, she's not willing to pass this. She's willing to enter into a conversation with Kachemak City about what it might look like to bring water into Kachemak City, but thinks that will be a long discussion.

Councilmember Venuti is also opposed, she doesn't think good planning doesn't come from a reaction to a single developer, property owner, or resident. It's a terrible precedence for hodge-podge development without considering the broader picture of where or how our community want to see itself in the future. Personally she doesn't feel this is a good location for affordable housing because it doesn't fit into our plan, and these residents would be far from existing services and wouldn't be able to vote in city elections, serve on commissions, and be a part of our community, and those are things she would encourage them to do because it's a part of our population that isn't well represented. She looked up some history of the developer and their developments in Ketchikan, Kodiak, and Sitka were built outside city limits. They seem to prefer to build outside city limits and she doesn't think it's the best choice for us.

Councilmember Smith commented the matter at hand is water. There is infrastructure there and a number of problems exist with the way it was constructed in the first place. We had a Council that said by resolution we aren't going to provide water to somebody but yet they

established a fee schedule that included them, the responsibility to pay for it, and put stub outs, so there's a contradiction there. Effectively the city residents on the other side of the road who have the 53%, got a 25% discount because they're city residents and get to use HAWSP money but didn't have to pay for the 47%, so they're really getting a 70% discount off the infrastructure, no other city residents get that and he thinks continuity is important. He thinks it's our obligation to recoup that money, it belongs in the HAWSP and we shouldn't be subsidizing it with City tax dollars. We talk about doing things in the best interest of the City and having metered water at this location is in our best interest, and infill is in our best interest. He thinks the ideas of interruptability have validity. The city has the ability to interrupt service when we want to and have cause, which means if they don't pay, their interrupted. He thinks there are ways to ensure we maintain control and if they're getting their water by truck, there's no reason they can't get it by pipe. He's in favor of this because it makes sense. He prefers something on a larger scale, but Kachemak City has to go through their process.

Councilmember Lord said she's had a lot of interesting and across the board conversations about this over the last week. She thinks there's a significant order of operations and she thinks we have to act in our best interests looking into the future as well. That means not putting ourselves in an awkward bind when we've set up a highest dollar bid on access to water. She believe the first conversation we need to have in the community is the resolution of whether or not we provide water outside the city limits. She believes piped water is fundamentally different than hauled water, piped water incurs a better property benefit than hauled water. It raises interesting questions to her of what's a boundary, why do we have a line, and what does the line actually mean. To her that's as important of a question of how do we have a solvent utility. Even without taking a position on whether water should go to the 16 lots on the Kachemak City side, she doesn't believe its responsible or good governance to not first answer what our boundaries mean to us as a community, and as such she cannot support this ordinance.

Councilmember Stroozas commented this ordinance isn't about the other 16 lots that front the water line, it's about a special application and he's not supportive of stranded infrastructure, as he previously brought forth an effort to allow those lots to hook up. This is different and to be able to take this \$100,000 and generate some revenue is a sound business decision. This money goes into HAWSP which helps future Homer residents with getting water in the future at a discounted rate.

Councilmember Erickson commented one of the things about being out East Road she sees a lot of issues that go on. Having a larger facility that has had hauled water, up to two to three times a day she realizes that there's some significant safety issues on the road with water trucks going across the street two or three times a day, with the fill point is across the street from the lot. There are a lot of people going fast out there and a lot of potential for more accidents on that corner. It's no man's land with the City of Homer on one side of the road and Kachemak City on the other, you're kind of caught on who's going to show up in an emergency. On the other hand she has an employee who's next to it and building a house and really wants

the water. She conflicted because there are people in Kachemak City who want it, but that's a Kachemak City issue. None of us have any say where this housing will go, it's not in the City so we have no way to say that's not going to work, and putting low income housing will help build up the East End more than it is, so we'll have to deal with the water issue at one point or another. She thinks it's helpful to collect this money and put it back in the fund.

Councilmember Lord questioned for clarification that the Kachemak City share of the waterline portion was calculated at \$265,069.88. With this ordinance we'd be accepting \$100,000 that would go into our fund, and would not be changing or impacting that dollar amount at all. Section 2 of the ordinance reads that it's an independent agreement and will not be applied to any future agreement to extend water to the lots along East End Road and Kachemak City that fronts the water main. She wants to be really clear that's the case under the proposed ordinance and she thinks the idea the ordinance states it doesn't change the city's policy on extending water outside city limits. It's right to have the discussion whether the policy should be changed, and we should have it. To pass an ordinance to take an action that says we have a policy, but this isn't going to effect it, were just doing this one off thing, is fundamentally antithetical to good governance. It's a good business move, but we aren't a private business, we're working in the public's best interest for the long haul. She thinks their mandate is substantially different and the considerations are as well.

Mayor Castner commented he sponsored this ordinance. It is a one off deal, he supports the project, and thinks it's not good form for people say wrong project, wrong place. If you have \$3 million to put up a 28 unit deal, no one is stopping you from building it in the city limits. As far as he's concerned, the ship has sailed as to whether are we going to deliver water. When we allocated a quarter million dollars to Kachemak City, we also tacitly agreed to push water through the pipe. Lastly, it's metered water which means we get metered sewer, and if we had water delivered there, they'd pay us for 3000 gallons of sewage because that's the deal we have with Kachemak City. He stated that as sponsor he stated he's got a yes vote sitting on the table to be used if necessary.

Councilmember Erickson raised a question on the meter fee for sewer, but there wasn't an answer available.

VOTE: YES: SMITH, STROOZAS, ERICKSON
NO: VENUTI, ADERHOLD, LORD

Mayor Castner voted yes to break the tie.

Motion carried.

B. **Resolution 19-012**, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the Council's Operating Manual Regarding Telephonic Participation, Re-Organizing

Sections, Clarifying Language, and Adding Appendices for Homer City Code Excerpts.
City Clerk.

Memorandum 19-033 from City Clerk as backup

Resolution 19-012(S), A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the Council's Operating Manual Regarding Telephonic Participation, Re-Organizing Sections, Clarifying Language, and Adding Appendices for Homer City Code Excerpts, **and amending policy directives under council conduct statement of mayor and council and public comment/testimony time limits.** City Clerk/**Mayor.**

Mayor Castner announced there is a motion on the floor to adopt Resolution 19-12 by reading of title only was postponed from March 11th, and opened the floor to discussion.

ERICKSON/ADERHOLD MOVED TO SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION 19-012(S) FOR 19-012.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

There was brief discussion clarifying the language in the substitute was proposed by Mayor Castner to better clarify the language regarding statements made on behalf of the Council and the process for public comments.

Mayor Castner asked if there were objections to the substitute and announced hearing none the substitute is adopted.

City Clerk Jacobsen explained that ruling adopted Resolution 19-12(S) and if there are still amendment to be made the resolution needs to be reconsidered.

ADERHOLD/SMITH MOVED TO RECONSIDER.

There was no objection.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

The motion to adopt Resolution 19-12(S) was back on the floor for discussion.

Councilmember Aderhold said she had amendments to propose to the attachment A document.

ADERHOLD/ERICKSON MOVED TO AMEND LINE 819 TO REMOVE WORD AT AND INCLUDE BEFORE TO READ REVIEW THE AGENDA BEFORE 11:00 A.M.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

ADERHOLD/ERICKSON MOVED TO ADD A PARAGRAPH AFTER LINE 869 TO READ THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE IS THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL'S OPPORTUNITY TO ASK QUESTIONS OF CITY DEPARTMENT HEADS AND DIVISION DIRECTORS REGARDING DEPARTMENT ISSUES ON THE REGULAR AGENDA.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

There was no further discussion.

VOTE (main motion as amended): NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS

- A. **Resolution 19-020**, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Supporting State of Alaska House Bill 43 to Exempt the State from Daylight Savings Time and Change the Time Zone for the State. Erickson.

Mayor Castner asked for a motion for the adoption of Resolution 19-020 by reading of title only.

ERICKSON/SMITH SO MOVED

Councilmember Stroozas noted Europe is considering doing away with daylight savings time. He also commented his preference of not changing the time zone for Alaska.

Mayor Castner commented about research he did on day light savings time and the incidence of heart attacks around these two days is so significant that for health reasons alone its worth doing away with.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

- B. **Resolution 19-021**, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Awarding the Contract for Ambulance Billing Services to a Firm to be Disclosed in an Amount to be Determined. City Clerk.

Resolution 19-021(S), A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Awarding the Contract for Ambulance Billing Services to the Firm of Systems Designs West, LLC of Poulsbo, Washington in the Amount of \$25.00 per Transport (All Inclusive) and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Appropriate Documents. City Clerk.

Mayor Castner asked for a motion for the adoption of Resolution 19-021 by reading of title only.

ERICKSON/VENUTI SO MOVED

LORD/VENUTI MOVED TO SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION 19-021(S) FOR 19-021

Councilmember Smith said he'd like to know how the proposals stacked up against each other as far as the points going through the RFP process to understand how they fell in competition with each other.

City Manager Koester and City Clerk Jacobsen explained the process where proposals are confidential until the contract is awarded.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

There was no further discussion on the main motion.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE

Larry Slone, city resident, clarified a comment he made to Council at the last meeting regarding some of them being emotionally unbalanced. What he meant was to encourage them to find an appropriate balance point on the continuum scale with emotions and rationality on opposite ends. He recognizes Council's consideration and concern for the well-being of family, friends, and our community and thinks they are emotionally balanced in their personal lives.

Last time he wanted to remind them that in deliberations as Councilmembers they put up filters that can minimize their intent to build community and it comes out different than they intended. He used an example of the situation with Enstar and the frame of reference they use with respect to their valuation based on the stock holders preface, and of us being a Country Bumkin in the big city buying a vehicle from Honest John Enstar.

COMMENTS OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

COMMENTS OF THE CITY CLERK

City Clerk Jacobsen commented that she'll be preparing the next Council Packet using the agenda management program that Council approved in the last mid-year budget amendment. She explained there will be a slightly different look to the agenda and packet and she looks forward to any questions or feedback.

COMMENTS OF THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Koester had no comment.

COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR

Mayor Castner followed up on Mr. Slone's comments because at the end of the last meeting he chided Mr. Slone for what he thought was a comment he didn't want to see delivered in the Chambers. He was reminded the right of the public to speak their mind is just that, and he apologized to Mr. Slone the next day. As a teaching moment he said when words like that come, people stop listening, so if you want to come up and say "You guys are a bunch of idiots", you should wait until the last six seconds to do it.

COMMENTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Councilmember Lord had no comment.

Councilmember Smith commented First Friday is next week and John Fenske's work will be on display at the college. He shared that his family purchased a piece of John's artwork that his dad loved as a gift for him. He passed along a podcast to a Library Board member called The Room of Requirement that's about libraries, and he encourages others to listen to it. He's going to Las Vegas to attend his daughter's wedding.

Councilmember Venuti expressed her disappointment because she didn't know the Mayor was going to vote, she thought that was one of his campaign promises, but maybe she misunderstood. If she'd known he was going to vote she probably would have encouraged the people who called her to call him as well as a voting member, because she received so many calls about the water. She doesn't understand because he sat through the public testimony,

and she's a little fearful because Kachemak City wasn't willing to write a letter of support and that raises a red flag. She accepts the vote, but is disappointed that she didn't send her calls the Mayor's way to hear their thoughts and feelings also. She commented about looking at Ocean Drive as a first time visitor, there seem to be some areas that are becoming junky and its building up quickly, and she encouraged people to contact Planning if they have concerns. Just because it's an industrial site doesn't mean it should be accumulated with unlicensed cars and motor homes with broken windows. There is a podcast, www.homeralaskapodcast.com where a gentleman is doing a wonderful job interviewing our local residents. It's been very interesting to listen and learn about the people in our community. Lastly she commented tomorrow is the 27th and they'll be testing the tsunami warning sirens. She asked that the community take a moment to remember those who lost their lives in the 1964 earthquake.

Councilmember Erickson said this is her favorite time of year because the Mayday trees are starting to bud and you can see little tiny green leaves. It's fun and makes her happy. She encourage people to start cleaning up when they're out and about, as the snow is disappearing. She thanked the Chamber for their work at the Winter King Derby. She wished everyone a great couple of weeks and enjoy the sunshine.

Councilmember Aderhold commented that the Mayday tree is pretty but it's an invasive weed. There was an expression of racism that happened in our community last week and it upset her a lot. She found it very appalling and hurtful. She knows there's racism in the community and she think it's something we need to address. She appreciates those who have reached to those affected and hopefully we'll continue to do that in an open and public way. It's also an opportunity for each of us to reflect on our own biases. She gave a brief update on the KPB Election Stakeholders Group. There have been presentations on the election process by the Borough, the State Division of Elections, and the Anchorage vote by mail effort that have all been very valuable and she's glad to be part of the group. In things that are heard about voting, the ability of people to vote, voter fraud and so forth in the national news, she's been really impressed in the processes she's hearing about at the local and state levels to try to make sure that ensure everyone who is a registered voter can vote, those who aren't registered to vote can't, and that people only vote once. She's been really impressed by the integrity of our system here in Alaska and locally.

Councilmember Stroozas said it's good be home after travelling and visiting family. He shared some of the challenges of participating telephonically. He reported that the Chamber Winter King tournament had 1402 anglers, 450 boats, and a young lady from Eagle River won and she was the first woman to win the tournament. There were record proceeds and a record pay out. He heard Ravn ferried full planes of people coming to fish. The tournament has a lot of legs under it, our community was well showcased, and we should all be proud of the display Homer puts on, for events like that.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council Mayor Castner adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m. The next Regular Meeting is Monday, April 8, 2019 at 6:00 p.m., 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.

Melissa Jacobsen, MMC, City Clerk

Approved: _____