

President Steve Beardsley called to order at 19:00

Introductions; Steve, Mike, Nancy in attendance. Roselynn later

Agenda:

Addition to new business. Noise abatement. New business Item C
Nancy B and Nancy J moved & seconded.

Minutes of last meeting: Matt Moved to approve; Dave 2nd

Treas report \$1751.97 + \$0.13 interest.

FCC report. Nancy B. No one from mayor or school board in attendance. Attorney talked about how to manage municipal grants. Working on the website to make it more up to date. If we have pics – can put those on.

Candidate Forums coming up.

No comments from Rep. Kopp. Probably busy.

Assemblyman John Weddleton \$4.5M for SAP program.
Drones and Seward Highway policing. None after May 1 – crisis?
Attention to Ballot 7 – he introduced. It's in the mail.
Meeting about info: 25 March at Rabbit Creek

Mayor Liaison Katie Dougherty just back in town, so no mayor office report.

Brian Robbins – Municipal Assessor: Presentation about annual property Valuation Report: Assessor functions – Value Property and Administer exemptions. That's it.

Budget determines the amount of taxes to be collected. Mayor and assembly do not have free reign to collect anything they want. Tax Cap limits.
Personal Property evaluation + land and Improvement valuation – exemptions gives total taxable value. Mill rate is total tax revenue / tax base

Mill rate times assessed value gives the tax liability.

Even if valuation goes up, the mill rate will go down due to tax cap of how much in taxes can be collected.

Low oil prices affect us quite a bit. Still bright spots in oil discoveries occurring.

Brian showed lots of indicators of the economy's health. Nothing really strong shows either way.

About 64% of tax base in Anchorage is residential. On average, Anchorage residential assessments are about 4% to 6% below the sale price.

Assessment happens on 1 Jan and must be mailed out by 15 Jan. Have 30 days [until 13 Feb roughly] to appeal. Only the owner of record on 1 Jan has the right to appeal.

www.muni.org/pa
907.343.6500

Conversation about the system is that the assessed value is not necessarily correct. Folks can write to Assembly members to ask for a better session.

Senator von Imhof from Juneau;

Senate Bill 26 – permanent fund restructure. Headed to House now. Similar to Governor's bill. Percent of market values to 5.75% and reduced after 5 years to 5%

70% to general fund & 30% to dividends. Spending cap for \$4.1 B based on . . .

Governor's budget was \$4.2B and House budget is also about \$4.2B. Number may morph over next 30 days.

3 years review on the cap and indication by governor is his budget falls within range of the cap. 1:1 draw revision. When greater than \$1.2 B threshold, we'll decrease the draw on the permanent fund.

Q: Inflation proofing?

Inflation proofing only happens within the provision of the bill after \$1.2B and anything above 5.25% the fund can keep the excess.

House is finished testimony on budget. Then it will be brought to Senate.

Uber Bill is being voted on tomorrow – Thursday

To contact: Her newsletter will be out and Nextdoor will show Senator von Imhof's contact info.

Also working on confirmation for different boards.

Time left in designated sessions goes to 17 April. Speculation it will go beyond then. But Natasha is hopeful they will end then. Only about \$150M off at this point. Capital budget is only \$115M. And federal budget of \$3B.

There will be a discussion about oil tax credits. Robust discussions are going on now. HB247 is being rewritten now. If we can pay tax credits down now, that

Base Student Allocation – discussion : lots going on. Senate has stated 5% cut and has not settled on education. Senator Hughes is dropping a bill to raise cap on fund balance. Anything saved must go back to state. With new bill, if they save more, the new bill will allow those districts to keep the savings.

Per diem issue- what's up?

->Per Diem is linked to federal government. They're on short term per diem. Can change to long term to go to a lower rate. Financially it may make sense. Realistically for folks to uproot themselves to go to Juneau, it's expensive and difficult to arrange. 2 to 3 times the rates in Anchorage or in the Valley.

Question on \$4B money grab? Seaton PFD dividend? Part of HB 57. Operating budget.

->Governor got about \$700M last year with the dividend reduction. PFD is being capped at \$1000 for the next three years.

- ASD board member: Mike Miro: Planning and Construction. Makes up bond proposals.
 - ➔ School bonds: Brochure handed out at meeting shows that almost 8 million square feet of buildings. So ASD needs \$80M per year to keep their properties up to date. Backlog by not spending that amount will cause more leaking roofs, etc. Systems that need to be replaced and updated in the brochure shows that almost 50% of ASD schools are 50+ years old. Average lifespan on a roof is 25 – 28 years. Ventilators for classrooms – parked cars allow exhaust into classrooms and changing to a more central system will better the air in schools. HVAC in West High is 40+ years old. Parts are custom made to keep it running.

Seismic at West / Romig from last January's earthquake shows need for update as well as to get rid of relocatables.

Debt paid off since 2015 is about \$120M. If bond proposal passes, there is a net decrease in property taxes due to bonds. Closing Mt. Iliamna, board pays \$2M to make that change.

Amount of assessed property value and indebtedness.

Q: does BSA cover Maint and Operations money, etc.

A: Price per student for maintenance and operations is on the ASD site.

Q: Life cycle cost with deferred maintenance; By spending money can you make some efficiency that will help with the operating budget?

A: Life cycle costs on the new systems will not show in numbers shown on the bond proposal.

Detailed questions have some answers on the website. If the bond measure does not pass, the costs just get larger as time goes on.

Eric Gunderson. Anchorage Tomorrow. Member: Roads, Parks public safety and fire trucks, and upgrades at the police station. Total package is \$46.3M Retiring \$36.~

Anchoragetomorrow.org

Props 2, 3, 4, 5, & 6. \$12.00 per \$300k home.

AnchorageTomorrow is a volunteer organization; Engineers, small engineering companies, etc.

James Smallwood – running for School Board:

Bruce on Hancock. Sunny Hills West – Jarvi & Hancock hostead patents – their patents reserved the RR right of way. Once a patent is issued, it's unassailable. It seems a new patent was not issued. He's open to hearing information about how the patents were changed. It seems there is some mistakes in the AKRR assessing of the situation.

New Business:

A. Anchorage Park Foundation Grant: Johns Park – if we get the grant it will be announced in May. Moved by Matt, second by Nancy B to go ahead with the grant

B. Board of Directors met to look at application for MOA Alcohol and Marijuana Board. Board of OSOVCC responded that restricting grow and sell operations within our boundaries. Letter was submitted to state. Our research shows that this cannot occur on a 1A property.

Limited cultivation is known as “home grow” Approved locations by State of Alaska have been located on all types of properties. They have lease to purchase contract with owner. Owner financing with current owner. Current owner is aware of the plan. Business owner is an electrical businessman. He's aware of electrical requirements.

- Steve: Process has gone through the OSOVCC process. Owner plans to initiate with muni and then plans to apply through the state. It seems the applicants are in compliance with the state, but the Muni is vague at this point. A point of interest is if the applicants need to schedule a meeting per Muni or per OSOVCC requirements.

C. Noise abatement: Commercial dirt farm at 120th and AKRR. We're talking with various agencies to see how any noise abatement regulations need to be addressed.

John Weddleton: Assembly members can recommend voting positively on Proposition 7.

Motion to Adjourn: Nancy B

Second: Carolyn Wells

Adjourned 20:51