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Northeast Community Council

Minutes – October 19, 2017

Call to Order: 7:07 PM

Pledge of Allegiance:

Introduction of the Board:

Board Members Present: Rick Irwin, David Ulmer, Kristy Wood, John Ziv, Carla McConnell, John Laux and Kevin Smestad

Board Members Not Present: Selina Metoyer, and Stu Grenier

Approval of Meeting Agenda: Bob Ruepke moved to approve of the agenda and seconded by Selina Metoyer. The Agenda was approved

Executive Report: We meet and set the agenda. We wanted to do a safety meeting, but we decided to wait until next month.

Treasure's Report: Bob Ruepke reported our current balance is 848.71 in our account.

School Board Report: was not there

Legislative Board Report:

Legislative Reports:

Senator Giessel, her aide was there, he was the helpful of the grill master at the picnic. House Bill 111 was to create a working group to discuss the Oil Tax.

Senator Bill Wielechowski, Dave an aide for Mr. Wielechowski said that they hope they pass SB54. They hope to do a snow plowing meeting to do a better job than last year. It will be for State and City roads.

Representative Gabrielle LeDoux, she said that she heads to Juneau next week. The house might make stricter penalties for SB91 and SB54 fixes. There are some good ideas of SB54 is good. She believes some version will pass. The Governor wants some type of revenue, i.e. like taxes and she believes nothing will happen due to the Senate don't want to move on revenue.

Representative Ivy Spohnolz, she said that she is optimistic that some type of revenue bill would come out of the special session. This will come after SB54. The department released 4 different reports for health care. They will help create health care costs. Alaska and Washington DC go back and forth as the most expensive health care in the nation.

Representative Lance Pruitt, his aide said that SB54 will take up most of the time.

Assembly Reports:

Assembly Person Amy Demboski was not there.

Assembly Person Forrest Dunbar, spoke about the ordinance that reduces the 15 days to 10 days. 5 days was okay, but the Assembly did 15 days and now they are looking into 10 days. There is more homeless than the City thought there was expected. Many of the facilities are full and they are looking at 150 beds short right now. There are 11 churches that are cold shelter churches. Providence gave 1 million dollars to work on the homelessness. Some better news there was 500,000 dollar variance due to collecting money through the fines. The Mayor has decided not to put the Bus Barn in the area off of North Lights.

Assembly Person Pete Petersen, said if anyone has an open afternoon, tomorrow they have a 4 hour budget meeting. This is the beginning of the budget cycle. There is an ordinance to be introduced Tuesday from 15 days to 10 days. He said they are adding 2 more ambulances to the fleet.

Assembly Person Fred Dyson was not there.

Special Assistant to the Mayor: George Martinez: The Mayor is doing a town hall on opiates. In regards to fines for traffic, there was some bad letters and some minor tweaks that cleared up problems of people that paid traffic fines this year. They are expanding the child library and it started in Mr. View. Two meetings ago the Assembly voted to bring a Youth person to the City.

Community Concerns/Community Activities Report(s): A special request...Gabrielle LeDoux wanted to present a Certificate/Citation to James Odom due to the work on 4th and Boulin. The second person, she wanted to honor is John Laux contributions on health care. James Odom asked about the new part. Krisit Wood said this would be a MOA park and will fall over Parks and Rec. The trash will be picked up by volunteers and Mr. Odom believes that there will be a lot of trash. Carla McConnell mentioned a Park Patrol to help keep the park clean and useable. We spoke about crime and what we can do in our parks and our neighborhoods. Carla McConnell said that the Muldoon Farmers Market is closing up for the year and is looking for volunteers next year.

Business:

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Minutes: None for this month

Community Reports:

Alcohol Committee: Carla McConnell mentioned that Wings and Things is starting up and is a brand new office.

Bylaw Committee: Someone said there is nothing.

CIP Committee: Kevin Smestad said there is nothing

Parks Committee: Kristi Wood said the Parks Committee meets every third Thursday at 6pm and they will be going over the money to spend for Chantsnu Muldoon Park. They are beginning Ice Ribbon for skating. 2 more weeks to wrap up the park.

Picnic Committee: Kevin Smestad said he wanted to thank everyone for helping and we will be looking to move into June.

Trails Committee: David Ulmer said there is nothing

Marijuana Committee: John Laux said there is nothing.

Federation of Community Councils: Bob Ruepke said Dick Traini that the budget kicks off next week. Dave Donley from the School Board showed up and he did a good job. Bob had a flier for ASD, check out the table. The cannabis business gave a presentation in regards to onsite consumption. The Transportation workshop will be November 6th. Voting by Mail will start next year.

Community Patrols: Kevin Smestad said he is looking for volunteers.

The meeting adjourned motioned with a unanimous approval at 8:47pm.