

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Cobb called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm in the City Council chambers.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

Mayor Dave Cobb	Council member Dorothy M. Moore
Council member Karen Ables	Council member Alan Sorum
Council member Mike Wells	Council member Steve McCann

Absent and excused: Council member Joe Prax .

Also Present:

John Hozey, City Manager
Sheri Pierce, City Clerk
Bill Walker, City Attorney

Members of staff and approximately 30 people were in the audience.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF January 3, 2011

The minutes from the meeting of January 3, 2011 were approved as presented.

V. PUBLIC APPEARANCES

VI. PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Mr. Mark Sullivan addressed the Council concerning the upcoming Tailgate Alaska/WESC event. Mr. Sullivan announced that the event would be held from March 25th – April 5th of this year and that it will be located at 29 ½ mile of the Richardson Highway. The Council asked how they could assist with the event. Mr. Sullivan stated that his needs from the City were minimal and that his main purpose for appearing before the council this evening was to introduce himself and to invite the community to come up to Thompson Pass to join in on the fun surrounding Tailgate Alaska. He stated that there would be barbeques and other events that the public is encouraged to attend.

Mr. Sullivan stated that his primary concern is keeping people safe. He asked that the City support local groups who help with the education efforts to keep people informed of the dangers of the backcountry. Mayor Cobb encouraged Mr. Sullivan to contact John Hozey or Lisa Von Bargaen should he need the city's assistance prior to or during the event. Mayor Cobb extended his appreciation to Mr. Sullivan and his crew in bringing this event to Valdez.

Colleen Stevens, Valdez Convention and Visitor's Bureau (VCVB), stated that the annual VCVB meeting will be held on Thursday, January 21, 2011 at the Civic Center at 6 pm. She stated that they would be looking at present and future programs and would be soliciting feedback from members and people in the community.

VII. CITY MANAGER/CITY CLERK/CITY ATTORNEY/MAYOR REPORTS

CITY MANAGER

Mr. Hozey reported that the Senior Center Sprinkler Project was nearing completion. He explained to Council that there was an issue which has surfaced surrounding one of the sub contractors who is not agreeing to follow through on the full scope of work as stated in the bid documents. Mr. Hozey stated that by working through the general contractor they are urging the sub-contractor to fulfill all necessary obligations. Mr. Hozey indicated that the work was clearly bid according to these specifications; however the sub-contractor does not want to complete the work as specified because it is not required by code. Mr. Hozey assured Council that they are holding him to the work as specified in the contract and if compliance is not reached the city will pursue the option of retaining the sub-contractor's performance bond.

Mr. Hozey stated that the Corbin Creek/Robe River Water Sewer Design Project is at the point where easement issues must be addressed. City staff is currently contacting residents to negotiate potential easements which must be included in the overall design.

Mr. Hozey stated that the Kelsey Dock Phase II Improvements Project is dealing with issues regarding the placement of the mooring dolphin. The original design would have limited the functional use of the East face of Kelsey dock. Mr. Hozey stated that the architect and staff have been working together to determine if relocating the mooring dolphin would provide for utilization of another fishing platform.

Mr. Hozey finalized his project update report by stating that the City Hall East Wing Improvement Project for the Police Department had begun and will be an ongoing project over the next several months and that the design firm for the Small Boat Harbor Additional Launch Ramp Float is in the process of finalizing the design.

Mr. Hozey announced that the joint steering committee recently met regarding the School Facilities Master Plan. He reported that the current status is to work with the architect on the "pros and cons" analysis. Mr. Hozey stated that this analysis will be ongoing during January and February and that the architect will meet with teachers, principals, and maintenance staff for their input. He stated that they will be doing an analysis of all the costs, not just the construction costs, for the three main options proposed. Mr. Hozey requested that a joint work session between the City Council and the School Board be scheduled for March 1, 2011. At that time, the analysis will be presented for their consideration. Mr. Hozey stated that following the review of this information by the Council and School Board, a public hearing would be scheduled to

get further input. Following this public hearing, the architect will be looking for a decision to be made on site selection. He reported that once the site has been determined an RFP process will take place to choose a final architect for the project. At that time, a building design committee will be formed to receive input from school principals, maintenance staff, teachers, and parents. Mr. Hozey said that the committee will then work through the design with the architect.

Mr. Hozey stated that the city has received the final documents for the Water Sewer Master Plan which is currently under staff review. He stated that after the review is complete it will be brought to the City Council for their validation, comments, or revisions.

Mr. Hozey explained the need for the City to be ahead of the curve on Legislative Redistricting as discussed in previous meetings. Mr. Hozey stated that he is working with the IT department and a company in Anchorage to purchase a software program that will allow us to look at all possible redistricting scenarios. Census data can be entered into the program to determine options which would be most advantageous to the City. To complete this process, Mr. Hozey stated that he would need approximately \$7500 to purchase the software and bring it into operation. He asked the Council's permission to use their Contingency Fund to accomplish this goal. The Council expressed no objection.

Mr. Hozey reported that the 2011 Energy Assistance Program had been completed. The City issued 1,335 credits to qualified households at a total cost of \$731,500. The checks were delivered to the respective utility companies on Friday January 14th.

Council member Ables asked if administration had thought of other ways to apply this benefit to those in the community who do not have energy bills in their name. Mr. Hozey stated that they have looked at a number of different short comings related to the program. He stated that there are several issues to consider in dealing with them. He asked Council member Ables to give him specific examples of what she was referring to and he would look into resolving those issues if possible.

Mr. Hozey concluded with a statement to Council regarding Dean Cummings and his road issues with the City. He stated that administration is working with Mr. Cummings on the project. He stated that part of the problem with this project was the fact that the City did not have a lot of experience in accepting this type of road because most roads in Valdez are relatively flat. Therefore, the City was at a bit of a disadvantage from the beginning. Mr. Hozey explained that the other issue is that the road that was designed was not the road that was built. He stated that our inspectors did not have a design from which to inspect the road which had resulted in creating a number of challenges. Mr. Hozey stated that presently, the City is working with Mr. Cummings to resolve all issues and to move forward. Mr. Hozey also reported that it is his understanding that Mr. Cummings is now satisfied with where the project is headed.

CITY CLERK

Ms. Pierce announced details of upcoming meetings and stated that more information could be obtained by contacting her office. Ms. Pierce also announced that during the last few meetings there had been static and generally poor reception for radio listeners who tuned in to hear the council meetings. She explained that the problem had been resolved with the repair of a telephone line at City Hall. Ms. Pierce announced the upcoming plans to swear in 2 new police officers and 1 civilian position for the Valdez Police Department. She reported that the ceremony would be held at noon on January 20th and that the public was invited to attend. Ms. Pierce concluded with messages from local citizens expressing thanks to the City Council for the energy assistance they received.

CITY ATTORNEY

Mr. Walker stated that January 18th marked the opening session of the Alaska legislature. He indicated that there would be a lot of discussion of gas line issues insuring a very active session. Mr. Walker also reported that he had recently given a presentation on the All Alaska Gas Line in Kenai which was very well received. Mr. Walker also stated that during the previous week he had met with the new incoming commissioner for DNR, Mr. Dan Sullivan, who was very receptive to discussing LNG. He also reported that he had met with the Deputy Commissioner of DNR in a separate meeting. He indicated that there is a lot going on in regard to the gas line and wanted to make sure that the public was aware of the forward moving progress. Mayor Cobb stated that a radio spot for Mr. Walker to update Valdez citizens would be a great avenue to communicate gas line information. Mr. Walker stated that he would welcome that opportunity.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Cobb reported that Council member McCann had volunteered to sit as the city council representative on the VCVB Board of Directors. There was no objection by the city council.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA
IX.

1. Proclamations – 20th Anniversary Business Recognitions. Mayor Cobb read proclamations supporting four businesses for 20 years of business in Valdez. Mayor Cobb also presented the business owners with a framed copy of the proclamation as a gift of appreciation for their efforts.
 - a. A Rogue's Garden
 - b. Valdez Metal Works
 - c. Eagle's Rest RV Park
 - d. Prospector Outfitters

MOTION: Council member Moore moved, seconded by Council member Sorum, to approve all items on the Consent Agenda.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 yeas, 1 absent (Council member Prax), motion carried.

X. NEW BUSINESS

1. Approval of Contract Award to One Source Janitorial for a portion for the city's Janitorial services in the amount of \$72,700

MOTION: Council member Moore, moved, seconded by Council member Wells, to approve a contract award to One Source Janitorial in the amount of \$62,200.

Council member Moore asked for clarification on the actual amount for this contract. Mr. Hozey replied that the amount listed in the agenda statement was incorrect. He explained that the amount listed in the agenda statement included \$10,500 which will actually be paid by the museum. So, the actual cost to the City was \$62,200.

Council member Moore asked the total amount the city will spend in 2011 for all City buildings for janitorial services. Mr. Hozey stated that the total amount would be \$203,700.

Council member Ables stated that the huge difference in price between the bidders for the job was concerning. Mr. Hozey agreed, stating that he was concerned as well but was willing to give the low bidder a chance to prove themselves. Mr. Hozey indicated that if the job was not being completed satisfactorily then Administration would come back to Council with a proposal to take care of janitorial needs in-house. Council member Ables stated that she has held a business at the airport for the previous twelve years and she believed the proposed price would barely cover the airport janitorial needs. Council member Sorum also stated his concerns with being able to complete the tasks for that amount of money.

Mr. B. J. Dell stated that he had worked for the company that previously had the janitorial contract. He expressed his concern with the low bid amount, based on his experience with what it takes to get the job done.

Ms. Desirea Roosma, part owner of One Source Janitorial, explained that they are running their Janitorial Company as a division of their company S&G Contracting. Ms. Roosma stated that S&G Contracting has held the contract for the City lawn maintenance for the past three summers. She stated that she felt they have been successful in providing excellent service to the City in regard to lawn care needs. She explained that in bidding this job she felt they were qualified and capable. She said that she and her husband have made sound financial choices and because of that have no debt associated with their businesses. She stated that because of that they need less to live on and therefore bid the contract as such. She explained that it was their responsibility to the citizens of Valdez to not ask for more money than what was needed

to live on. Ms. Roosma felt confident that their lawn business and the proposed janitorial contract would provide them with adequate money for all of their financial needs.

Council member Ables asked if she planned to do the work herself. Ms. Roosma stated that for approximately 7.5 months that she and her husband would be doing the work themselves and would hire part time help as needed in the summer.

Mr. Hozey clarified to Council that the City does indeed have a very positive experience in working with S&G Contracting for the City's lawn care needs and because of that relationship is willing to give them this chance. Mr. Hozey explained that time would be needed to put together an in-house proposal, as well as the need to allow the other janitorial companies to finish out their contracts for the year. Consequently, Mr. Hozey believed One Source Janitorial should be given the chance to fulfill the contract as proposed.

Council member Ables stated that she admired Ms. Roosma's willingness to sacrifice but that she still found it very hard to fathom being able to succeed at such a low bid. Ms. Roosma pointed out that the numbers work out to provide \$5000 a month for she and her husband to live on which is more than enough considering they do not carry debt.

Claudia Kipar, owner of Gulf Coast Inc., addressed the Council regarding her bid for the proposed janitorial contract. She stated that she has the experience of cleaning the City buildings and knows how much it takes to complete the job. She also stated that the City does not supply everything and the cost of those supplies adds up pushing the bid amount higher. She stated that the cost to provide janitorial service to the Comfort Stations in the summer time at 30 minutes each visit, twice a day, 7 days a week costs her business a minimum of \$10,000 just for those buildings alone. She stated that she's been in the business for over 10 years now, employs 10 employees and is proud to provide this employment opportunity for Valdez. She stated that with everything she has to pay including workman's compensation and insurance there is not much profit left in the end.

Council member Ables stated that the point of doing business is to get ahead. She indicated that she is very concerned about the low proposed bid in that it takes away from those out there that are trying to make a living. She stated that it takes away from other businesses and their possible successes.

Council member Wells asked Mr. Hozey if his comfort level was such that he felt they would be capable of meeting the City's needs. Mr. Hozey stated that he did not have a great level of comfort with accepting this bid. He said that all he has to go on is the fact that S&G does hold a contract with the City in which they perform satisfactorily. He stated that normally if he were to recommend that the Council not accept a low bid he would provide very good reasons for not doing so. Mr. Hozey explained that he does not have any good reasons for recommending that the City not give this company a chance. Council member Wells stated that since the City has a good history with them even

though in a different capacity that it was enough for him to vote to give One Source a chance. Mayor Cobb stated that based on what One Source had to say to defend their bid that he would like to give them a chance to perform the work. He pointed out that it is a one year contract and if it does not work we will learn from it.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 yeas, 1 absent (Council member Prax), motion carried.

2. Approval of Seasonal Use Structure Compliance Agreement with The Harbor Café

MOTION: Council member Moore moved, seconded by Council member McCann, to approve a seasonal use structure compliance agreement with the Harbor Café.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 yeas, 1 absent (Council member Prax), motion carried.

3. Approval of New Tagline Use by the City of Valdez

MOTION: Council member Moore moved, seconded by Council member Wells, to approve the new tagline for the City and Port of Valdez as "Opportunities in Every Season".

Council member Moore stated that there have been several taglines during her lifetime pertaining to Valdez of which she named several. She indicated that she likes the new graphics in the design in that it is a port hole that one can come into or go out of. She stated that she agrees that opportunities in each season should be promoted.

Council member Wells stated that the reality of the change is marketing and the new tagline is a step in that direction.

Council member McCann agreed stating that it does not give a warm feeling like some of the other taglines, but he felt the new tagline was important for the future of Valdez.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 yeas, 1 absent (Council member Prax), motion carried.

4. Approval of 2011 State and Federal Legislative Priorities

MOTION: Council member Moore moved, seconded by Council member Ables, to approve the 2011 State and Federal Legislative Priorities.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 yeas, 1 absent (Council member Prax), motion carried.

XI. ORDINANCES

1. Ordinance #11-01 – Amending Chapter 9.12, Section 9.12.070 of the Valdez Municipal Code Titled Fireworks, Explosives, Stench Bombs. First Reading. Public Hearing.

MOTION: Council member Wells moved, seconded by Council member Ables, to approve Ordinance #11-01. First Reading. Public Hearing.

Council member Moore stated that she was glad that fire hazard conditions were included in the ordinance.

Council member McCann and Council member Wells expressed their concern regarding the requirement that anyone using fireworks must be under the direct supervision of a person 21-years of age or older. They asked what the legal age was to buy fireworks. Council member Wells stated that he had discussed it with Police Chief Comer who did not know what the legal age was to buy them. Mr. Hozey indicated that he did not know the legal age to purchase them but that the City Clerk researched other ordinances in other cities and modeled this ordinance after those. Ms. Pierce indicated that other cities have used the requirement of supervision by a person 21 years of age. Mr. Walker indicated that he was not aware if there was an age restriction pertaining to the purchase of fireworks. Mr. Hozey stated that the State of Alaska regulates what type of fireworks are allowed to be purchased within the state of Alaska but does not indicate the age you need be in order to do so.

Mr. Hozey stated that the ordinance was brought forward because the Council asked for it; however he did not support it. He stated that as it is now the Police Chief has the authority to grant permission to use fireworks at various times of the year. Mr. Hozey prefers it this way because it allows the City to manage irresponsible activity. He stated that if you make it legal for everyone there is no way to enforce safety. Mr. Hozey stated that his recommendation is to let the ordinance fail as it is not needed.

Alan Crum, 10-mile resident, stated that his concern is in Mr. Hozey's explanation. He quoted Mr. Hozey as saying that the police could selectively enforce an ordinance as it stands. Mr. Crum stated that if this is passed it takes that selection out which is constitutionally questionable. Mr. Crum stated that if we are going to have an ordinance it should be enforced and currently it is not. Mayor Cobb asked for clarification on the current ordinance. Mr. Hozey explained that what will change is that everyone will have permission to set off fireworks on the 4th of July and New Year's Eve without having to gain permission from the Chief. This action would impede the Chief's ability to enforce safety issues. Mr. Walker clarified that the only time selective enforcement is a concern is when there are two identical situations and the enforcement action is different.

Council member McCann questioned whether the intent of the ordinance as suggested by Council member Prax was to also include the ability to sell fireworks within the city limits of Valdez. In Council member Prax's absence, Ms. Pierce clarified his reason for wanting this change to the ordinance as she understood it. She stated that his reason for having her draft a new ordinance centered on the fact that he strongly believed that there is no reason to have an ordinance prohibiting the use of fireworks if it is not going to be enforced. Currently, the ordinance is not being enforced at all on New Year's Eve

and the 4th of July. She also stated that Council member Prax did bring up the sale of fireworks in their conversation but that it was not the driving factor behind his request.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 5 nay, 1 yea (Council member Moore), 1 absent (Council member Prax), motion failed.

2. Ordinance #11-02 – Amending Chapter 8.20 of the Valdez Municipal Code Titled Nuisances. First Reading. Public Hearing.

MOTION: Council member Wells moved, seconded by Council member Moore, to approve Ordinance #11-02. First Reading. Public Hearing.

Council member Moore asked for clarification of what the new ordinance would do. Mr. Walker stated that the ordinance would first update the language of the code that was written in 1994 and reference the current State Statute. This ordinance would also create another level of appeal within the municipal code. He stated that in regards to abatement of buildings on someone else's property, definite precautions must be taken to make sure that everything is done correctly according to the law. He stated that cleaning up this ordinance ensures that things are done precisely to avoid legal ramifications. Council member Wells stated that he supported the changes as they were needed to clean up the process. Council member Moore asked if these changes would require the need for any additional personnel on the City roster. Lisa Von Bargaen, Community Development Director, stated that what Council member Moore was referring to was the abatement official listed in the ordinance. She stated that this position would actually be held by the City Manager or one of several different department heads.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 yeas, 1 absent (Council member Prax), motion carried.

XII. RESOLUTIONS

1. #11-04 – Authorizing that the Collection of Property Taxes Levied against Mobile Homes and Trailers be Collected in Accordance with the Procedures Established for Collection of Personal Property Taxes Within the City

MOTION: Council member Ables moved, seconded by Council member Moore, to approve Resolution No. 11-04.

Mr. Walker stated that the city currently classifies mobile homes as real property. As real property they go through the normal foreclosure process and therefore the City sometimes ends up owning something they do not want to own. He stated that the second challenge is that as real property, taxes on the mobile homes may not be waived. Mr. Walker also stated that there is also the issue of the City owning mobile homes through foreclosure and not knowing where the homes are since they are in fact mobile. He explained that the municipal code provides the ability for the city to classify mobile homes and trailers as personal property for the purpose of collecting a personal

property tax. This resolution would authorize administration to reclassify mobile homes and trailers from real property to personal property, eliminating many of the aforementioned issues.

Mr. Hozey stated that this would not change the dollar amount of the tax but would change the tax collection process. Mr. Walker stated that typically taxes become a lien against the property. By designating mobile homes and trailers as personal property, the taxes would be a personal obligation of the owner and would consequently follow an individual instead of the property.

Council member Wells asked if there was considerable cost associated with tax collection efforts on mobile homes as they are now. Mr. Walker replied in the affirmative.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 yeas, 1 absent (Council member Prax), motion carried.

2. #11-05 - Authorizing a One-Year Extension of the Land Use Permit for a Portion of Blocks 7 & 8, Valdez Town site with Harris Sand & Gravel

MOTION: Council member Moore moved, seconded by Council member Ables , to approve Resolution No. 11-05.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 yeas, 1 absent (Council member Prax), motion carried.

3. #11-06 – Amending Fees in the Community & Economic Development Department for 2011

MOTION: Council member Sorum moved, seconded by Council member Wells, to approve Resolution No. 11-06.

Council member Sorum stated that he supported the motion. He stated that the City seems to financially be doing fairly well and questioned why this change is not permanent. He proposed that if a point was reached where Community and Economic Development needed the money then it could be readdressed at that time. Mr. Hozey stated that he agreed with Council member Sorum but that it would require a code change. Council member Moore stated that in 2010 the building report showed that we were up in residential and commercial construction over the last several years and in 2010 those fees were waived. She stated that it makes sense to waive those fees permanently.

Mayor Cobb asked Mr. Walker if a code change would obligate future Councils or if it could be brought back and changed if needed. Mr. Walker said that future councils could bring it back and change it as necessary.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 yeas, 1 absent (Council member Prax), motion carried.

4. #11-07 – Amending the 2011 Budget in the Capital Projects Fund Related to Small Boat Harbor Project

MOTION: Council member Wells moved, seconded by Council member Moore, to approve Resolution No. 11-07.

Council member Moore stated that she did not have a problem with combining things but wanted to make sure that every detail is covered so that we can later go back and see where the money originated and where it was transferred to for the auditors as well as any grant funds that were given. Mr. Hozey stated that this is the precise reason to make these changes so that the money may be tracked with the projects. He said that in the CIP fund, each project has a distinct budget which requires a resolution to move money in and out of. The projects themselves are more dynamic than that. He explained that when they are envisioned they often require two like items. Mr. Hozey stated that problems occur with this and the projects end up being split apart though the money is still in one account. He reported that resolutions like this allow money to be moved around so it can be properly tracked for each project.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: 6 yeas, 1 absent (Council member Prax), motion carried.

XIII. REPORTS

1. Building Permit Report Year End 2010
2. Building Inspection Report Year End 2010

Council member Moore stated that she appreciated seeing these reports.

XIV. COUNCIL BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

COUNCIL MEMBER McCANN

Council member McCann commented on the economic options presented in the City Manager's report. He stated that Mr. Hozey had written an economic options report in 2006 when he first came on board with the City. Council member McCann stated that he was very impressed with the report and encouraged everyone to read it. He stated that he felt that the Council should get together and discuss the ideas presented by Mr. Hozey. Council member Wells and Mayor Cobb agreed. Mayor Cobb stated that he and Council member Wells have met with Mr. Hozey about it and agreed that it is a critical part of the strategic planning needed for the City. Mr. Hozey stated that preliminary discussions have taken place on how this will fit into the larger planning effort they will be taking on in 2011.

COUNCIL MEMBER ABLES

Council member Ables stated that she supported moving forward on master planning and economic development because that is what will sustain us into the future. She also

thanked Mr. Sullivan for bringing back Tailgate Alaska and congratulated the businesses recognized tonight for all of their dedication and hard work.

COUNCIL MEMBER MOORE

Council member Moore asked the Mayor about the school funding sheet provided in the packet and if those numbers would be the same for the school district. Mr. Hozey replied in the negative. He stated that those numbers represented City budget numbers only. Council member Moore stated that we do have five years where the City has funded them over the cap. Council member Wells stated that he asked Mr. Hozey to put these numbers together because of the comments he has heard in the community. He stated that he knows we always fund over the cap but he wanted to see actual numbers as he feels they are very important. He stated that having the actual numbers allows him to properly respond to comments he hears.

Council member Moore asked who is on the audit committee since the audit is approaching. Council member Ables stated she is on the committee along with Mayor Cobb. Council member Moore stated that there would be a beginning meeting before the audit and an exit meeting and that those on the committee would need to attend.

Council member Moore commented on Mr. Walker's public opinion piece in the Anchorage newspaper. She stated that it was very good and encouraged everyone to read it.

MAYOR COBB

Mayor Cobb stated that he had asked Ms. Pierce, Mr. Hozey, and Mr. Walker to be a part of the Redistricting Committee. He stated that if there are any other Council members who would like to sit on the committee to let Ms. Pierce know. He also asked former Mayor Cottle to sit on the committee as well. He stated that he has a real concern that other people will be making the decision in regard to what the district will look like that will include Valdez. He stated that there will be court cases over this and we need to be prepared. Council member Moore asked for a definition of what redistricting is and why we have to do it. Mr. Walker replied that a census is done so that for every person there is one vote. Every 10 years they try to divide it up in a way that there will be equal representation per district. Mr. Walker applauded the efforts to get a head of the game stating that being involved at this stage is crucial. Council member Moore asked if the national restrictions have changed in the last 10 years. Mr. Walker replied in the negative. He stated that there are national criteria we have to fit into and it is challenging for the State of Alaska since it is so large and the population is relatively low.

Mayor Cobb stated that the Port Authority held its annual meeting on the previous Saturday in Anchorage and they discussed the action plan for the upcoming year. He stated that there was a need for them to be at the legislature pushing as a team to make sure that the All Alaska Gas Line is still on the table. He stated that there is a huge effort

to push the Bullet Line concept which would only give gas to Matsu Valley, Anchorage, and Kenai. He stated that there is a lot of talk in the news and newspaper surrounding this issue right now. He said that they would be pushing hard to make sure that the people of Alaska are aware of an alternative which is the All Alaska Gas Line.

XV. COUNCIL TRAVEL

Council member Moore stated that she would be traveling to Anchorage on January 19 – 21st for RCAC. Council member Sorum will also be attending.

Mayor Cobb will be going to the AML meeting in Juneau and will not be present at the next Council meeting on February 7th.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business Mayor Cobb adjured the meeting at 9:00 pm.