CITY OF IQALUIT
CITY COUNCIL MEETING #01
JANUARY 14, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

PRESENT FROM COUNCIL
Mayor Kenny Bell
Deputy Mayor Janet Brewster
Councillor Romeyn Stevenson
Councillor Simon Nattaq
Councillor Kyle Sheppard
Councillor Solomon Awa

ABSENT
Councillor Joanasie Akumalik
Councillor Shelia Flaherty
Councillor Malaiya Lucassie

PRESENT FROM ADMINISTRATION
Amy Elgersma, Chief Administrative Officer
Jeanie Eeseemailee, Senior Interpreter/Translator
Tammy Ernst-Doiron, Acting City Clerk

PRAYER
Mayor Bell opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. with a moment of silence.

SWEARING IN

None

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Add:
9. New Business
    b) Cemetery Committee
    c) Cannabis Store
    d) FCM 2020 – June 2020

Motion #20-01

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson
Seconded by: Councillor Sheppard

Adoption of agenda as amended. **Unanimously Carried**

1. MINUTES

None

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

3. DELEGATIONS

None

4. AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

a) Amarinda Inga Alainga
b) 123 Go!

Mayor Bell stated that a new award known as the Mayor's Local Hero Award was being started. He explained the criteria to be selected was selflessness of activity, filling a need, and someone making a difference in the lives of vulnerable or marginalized groups within the community.

Mayor Bell went on to congratulate the two recipients for this award. He congratulated both Amarinda Inga Alainga and the members of the group 123 Go!.

Mayor Bell noted that eventually there would be a form to nominate people, but until that was ready, nominations could be e-mailed to him at the City or to get in touch with a councillor who will then bring it forward.

5. STATEMENTS

Councillor Awa stated that he was glad to be at the meeting. He indicated he felt there needed to be a better building for the employees. He as well congratulated the award winners. Mayor Bell agreed with Councillor Awa's statement about the building.

6. DEFERRED BUSINESS AND TABLED ITEMS

None

7. BY-LAWS

a) First Reading of By-law(s)

i) By-law No. 883 Mayor's Signature Mechanically Produced

Motion #20-02

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard
Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

First Reading By-law No. 883 Mayor's Signature Mechanically Produced. **Unanimously Carried**

b) Second Reading of By-Law (s)

i) By-law No. 883 Mayor's Signature Mechanically Produced

Motion #20-03

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard
Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

Second Reading By-law No. 883 Mayor's Signature Mechanically Produced. **Unanimously Carried**

Councillor Sheppard inquired if Mayor Bell was okay with everything as it was being presented and whether he was assured of the security practices in the By-law with regards to his signature being mechanically produced. Mayor Bell stated that he and Ms. Elgersma had discussions and he feels that all will be good.

Councillor Awa felt that perhaps Mayor Bell should confirm by e-mail when his signature will be used.

Mayor Bell indicated that had been originally thought of, but it was decided against as Deputy Mayor Brewster would be available to sign cheques should he be away. He noted that a list will be kept of everything Deputy Mayor Brewster signs, so they will be aware of what is being signed.

Councillor Nattaq inquired about the Inuktitut wording for a part of the By-law.

c) Third and Final Reading of By-Laws (s)

None

8. OLD BUSINESS

None

9. NEW BUSINESS

a) 2020 Arctic Mayors Forum

Mayor Bell stated there was a meeting in Tromso, Norway coming up that former mayor Madeleine Redfern signed up for. He noted that after reading all of the documents, he felt it was a good idea that they take part, as it was an opportunity to have a larger voice. He indicated that he and Ms. Elgersma would be attending the Mayors Forum and they would be leaving on January 24th. The Arctic Mayors Forum is from January 26th to January 27th and the Arctic Frontiers Conference runs from January 27th to January 30th. He stated the money would be taken from the Mayor's travel budget for both of them to attend.

Councillor Awa thought it would be a good idea to send Mayor Bell and Ms. Elgersma with a message from the City of Iqaluit when they attended the Arctic Mayors Forum. Mayor Bell agreed and stated he would forward all the documents to Council so they could see what the forum is about.

Councillor Sheppard pointed out that Iqaluit was one of the eleven founding cities of the Arctic Mayors Forum late last fall. He felt it was a worthwhile event and was pleased Mayor Bell and Ms. Elgersma were attending. He also indicated that if Mayor Bell was given the opportunity to recommend Iqaluit to host the Arctic Mayors Forum in the future, it would be a great idea. Mayor Bell agreed.

b) Cemetery Committee

Mayor Bell stated that everyone is aware that there are a number of issues with the cemetery. He noted that under the Cemetery By-law No. 328, a Cemetery Advisory Committee may be established. He explained that as meaning a committee could be established by Council for the purpose of carrying out the day-to-day management of the cemetery. He went on to explain how the Advisory Committee would be set up.

Motion #20-04

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Brewster

It is recommended that Council appoint a Cemetery Advisory Committee that shall consist of a City councillor as Chair, representatives of NTI and QIA, religious leaders, a City administrative representative, and an Elder. The City staff will work with the organizations to engage them in the Advisory Committee.

Unanimously Carried

Deputy Mayor Brewster indicated that she thought Councillor Akumalik was interested in being on the committee.

Councillor Sheppard noted that he trusted adequate terms of reference for the committee would be drafted and there would be guiding principles to lead the committee in their work. Mayor Bell agreed and stated that he would as well be taking an active role on the committee.

Motion #20-05

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Brewster

Council recommends that Councillor Akumalik be appointed as Chair of the Cemetery Advisory Committee.

Unanimously Carried

c) Cannabis Store

Mayor Bell stated he felt it was time that the City of Iqaluit got a cannabis store. He noted that every other major city and most smaller cities have a cannabis store in their towns. He stated that cannabis has been legal for some time now. He indicated it would be good to make a recommendation to the Government of Nunavut to make a move on opening a store in Iqaluit.

Councillor Sheppard noted that he supported the idea. He inquired whether Council had a preference that it be a government run store or a private store. He felt that was an important part of the recommendation.

Mayor Bell indicated it was a good point and felt the City could say either a government or a private store be opened in Iqaluit.

Councillor Nattaq reiterated that he had the same comments as before regarding what type of building it would be. He felt the store should have no windows to look inside the store and the colouring should be something dark on the outside, and the building should be kept clean.

Mayor Bell indicated that Council has had some feedback into the situation with the Government of Nunavut and they do have all the information. He also stated that the

Government of Canada has some very clear laws about the way stores can look, and one of them is that you can't see inside.

Motion #20-06

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard
Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

Council recommends writing a letter to the Government of Nunavut requesting that a cannabis store be opened in Iqaluit.

Unanimously Carried

d) FCM 2020 – June 2020

Mayor Bell stated they were looking for the nomination of two Council members and an Administrative representative to attend the FCM conference in Toronto from June 4th to 7th, 2020. Ms. Elgersma noted Administrative staff would talk about that amongst themselves.

Councillor Stevenson felt new councillors could benefit from attending the conference. He suggested that at least one new councillor, if not two, be nominated if they are interested and available. He felt that Deputy Mayor Brewster and Councillor Awa would be two good councillors to be chosen.

Councillor Sheppard nominated Deputy Mayor Brewster and Councillor Awa as the two councillors to attend the conference. He also stated that he would like to be an alternate if the opportunity arose later down the road.

Councillor Stevenson agreed that Councillor Sheppard be chosen as the alternate.

Motion #20-07

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard
Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

Council recommends that Deputy Mayor Brewster and Councillor Awa attend the FCM Conference in Toronto in June of 2020, and that Councillor Sheppard be chosen as the alternate councillor to attend.

Unanimously Carried

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

11. CORRESPONDENCE

a) Inuit Broadcasting Corporation – Verbal

Mayor Bell indicated that the IBC were looking to host a Council member for a live on-air radio show on February 4th. It would be for Episode 4 and it is called Change. Mayor Bell explained a bit about what the topic of the radio show would be about.

Councillor Awa stated that Councillor Lucassie would be a perfect choice.

Mayor Bell agreed, and also noted there should be an alternate chosen in the event that Councillor Lucassie is unavailable. Councillor Awa was chosen as the alternate.

Motion #20-08

Moved by: Councillor Awa
Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

Council recommends that Councillor Lucassie attend the Inuit Broadcasting Corporation's live on-air radio show on February 4th, and that Councillor Awa be chosen as the alternate councillor to attend.

Unanimously Carried

12. IN CAMERA SESSION

( ) as per Section 22 (2) (a) CTV Act and By-law 526 Section 67

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion #20-09

Moved by: Councillor Sheppard
Seconded by: Councillor Stevenson

Council adjourns at 6:30 p.m.

Unanimously Carried

Kenny Bell
Mayor

Amy Elgersma
Chief Administrative Officer

Approved by City Council on the 28th dated January,2020.