

BIG LAKE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES:

6/8/21

704pm quorum is present

Agenda approved? Yes

Minutes approved? From 5/11/21- minutes not approved

Special orders of the day- "Thank you, Sandy Baker!!" Gift certificate issued.

Local Big Lake Business presentation:

Ak Mikes Crazy Subs: Cindy Reed Ak mikes crazy subs

Business speaker- YMCA reps- The Y has moved into the area because they thought there was a need, but they are having problems finding participants. Problem may be parental engaged or disinterest. Survey indicates no need for child care with interest in swimming lessons.

West Susitna meeting- Brad Swarts MSB. -Jessie Peterson AIDEA mgr. Studies suggest vast resources. Phase II was finished and presented to assembly in 2020. It will be roughly 100 miles long at intersect with Ashire Road and continue to the Parks or Port Mackenzie.

We are told "THIS ROAD ACCESS WILL BE KEPT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC," but rumors are it will not be kept open for public use and we need to watch that development. Proponents say without local support the project will not go forward. 2028 is projected construction start. Presenters indicate little traffic will come through BL from this project.

Council reminded Presenters of the BL Comp plan from 2018 which regulated truck traffic through downtown BL. This will be at least a 50-year time frame project.

Treasure report: Checking \$_____ & \$267.40 in savings.

Membership- 47 member's total.

Legislative: Kevin McCabe Dist. 8- He is trying to resolve the Big Lake Road issues (pot holes/ maintenance scheduling) Trying to get a "vehicle counter."

Mr. McCabe is in the minority caucus and the session has been frustrating as there was no organization for 30 days and no work could be started.

Jasmin, representing Senator Wilson - His office is also looking to help improve the Big Lake Rd.

Asked if Wilson supported the effort to "eliminate the certificate of need" for new medical facilities in Alaska?? Senator Wilson's representative couldn't comment on this.

Fire Dept. Report: There is a new fire department communications tower being installed out West Lakes Blvd. to help with communications in this area.

Assemblyman Tew report- Starting 7/1 Dump prices going down

The Houston High School rebuilding bid. from Hickel Construction was under budget. The new Mil rate 9.942% and the RSA is at 2.57 mill rate. Calcium Chloride will be applied to a little over 7 miles of roads in Big Lake for dust control. (From RSA meeting) Mr. Tew voted "no" on wetlands bill.

RSA 630pm meeting. Bill Harriet. He has issues with the extreme state of disrepair of West Lakes/ Beaver Lake roads. The whole road is mostly "Crack-seal."

Correspondence: discussed.

Recycling: Recycling... "Put it in. Sort it out. Make it clean and pack it out..." One of the challenges for any recycling effort is finding uses for recycled materials. If they can't "sell" the recyclables, then they still end up in the dump.

ICE- (Online equipment provider bid)- Council has asked ICE to please update their bid.

Biglakecommunitycouncil.com is the new web site and its up and going. It's being updated consistently now.

Persons to be heard:

Beagle Jarvis: Getting support for a city promotion reader board to be placed at the roundabout.

Public speaker Dan Mayfield: His concern is the Big Lake public access off of the south end of West Lakes Blvd. In 2008, this access was supported by the Big Lake Community Council and the MSB has since funded some upgrades.

Currently, there is a to remove the "easement." The MSB assembly is considering whether or not they should continue funding this law suit or let it drop

Public speaker Vern Monet- This easement was used heavily during the Millers Reach fire to get folks out of the fire in that area. It was again used as a staging point to look for the two snowmachine riders who went through the ice more recently.

Speaker Margaret Billinger- Really wants to get the Big Lake Chamber of Commerce jump started.

Public speaker Michelle Fassler- Looking for ways to combat crime and vagrants in our area. One method she suggests is to contact the local school administrators to get your area listed as a “drug free zone.”

Bill. Lions mini golf officially starting this weekend, mud volley ball in 2 weeks.

918pm

President Bill Gamble_____