

12/14/21 Council Minutes

703pm

Quorum present/ Jody Riddell & Terry Gorlick absent.

Agenda changes: Please add to new business: Discussion of Assemblymember Tew proposed amendment to change MSB code on gravel pits & "time and materials" bid for road contract to change maximum gravel extraction from 2000 yards to 20,000 yards, per year.

Assemblyperson Tew will also present on Dec 21st an ordinance to cancel current road service provider (McKenna Bros) as of 6/30/22 for "convenience" and use the Big Lake RSA as an experiment in road service billing. This change to the current RSA contract came with no public input or comments. These two were added to the evening's agenda.

Agenda approved: Jill 1st/ Becky 2nd agenda change.

Minutes approval: Jill. Missing approved / (with changes) Becky, Dave.

RSA list presentation by: Bill Haller: There was a meeting last Nov. Roughly 30 people were in attendance. Draft RIP list was made. On Jan. 12th this RIP list will be ratified and motion to approve RIP list at that time. They recommend in the BL RSA six small road projects that need to be done in the BL RSA area.

During the RSA meeting, Calcium chloride application was discussed and generally, folks don't like CC being applied to road in the Big Lake area. RSA recommends that no more money will be spent on CC until there is an environmental impact survey completed.

New news: Apparently, Purinton pkwy will be developed all the way to Port Mackenzie and acquisition of ROW is in the process right now. Much of the new route will bypass Burma Rd. State funding going to go to pay for the project. Ryan's Creek Road is not going to be paved this year. Moved to 10th spot on the RSA list. There is just "No funding." QQ - Echo Lake paved? No, just preparation for paving will occur. (Ditches, hills culverts etc.) Road upgrade not asphalt. BILL- North Shore bike path maintenance- RSA asked MSB for more info regarding what its defined as. (Bike, multi, motorized?) Public wants this particular trail to not be maintained. Lake Lucile drainage comes through Big Lake and empties into either Meadow Creek or Jolly Creek. Depending on freeze-up/ breakup, there are two 80-acre parcels involved with river banks up stream that are barely 6" higher than water of the creek. 2 spots over flow and create problems downstream where Jolly Creek runs.

Council has \$15,042.71 in checking and \$267.48 in savings.

Membership report: There are over 50 paid members to this point.

Legislative report: Kevin McCabe will be hosting a meet and greet town hall Saturday at Big Lake Family restaurant at 1030. Senator Wilson will also be there.

QQ-Redistricting lawsuits? No take from Wilson. MSB is over populated and would be over maximum numbers by Feb and should not be such a big area as proposed by the redistricting board. The Board wants our area to include Valdez and run North to Anderson. The 18th of January is when the new session starts in Juneau.

No assembly report: Assemblyman Tew absent

Fire service report: Chief Hightower: In the month of Nov. there were 70 calls made to 911. This is kind of a "high average" for this time of year. Cold snap causes some calls due to alternative heating sources being used. Please be careful with alternate heat sources.

Recycling: Steve hawk- reduce, reuse, recycle and reclaim, repurpose. Can be used to recycle plastic/paper. Keep stuff out of land fill.

Jill: No assembly report? She has notes from Assemblyman Tew, can she read it? Bill No: Its best to wait on Assembly report to be given by Assemblyman Tew so he will be available for questions after report.

Council Correspondence: "Gearing lot subdivision"- The plan is to divide 58 acres into 3 lots. - no council objection.

Correspondence: Letter from the Babcock's who live on Echo Lake rd. They "support MSB road plan to pave echo lake road to sun or Necressen Dr."

Persons to be heard: Mr. Tew has added RSA resolution regarding ending McKenna Bros. RSA Road contract in June 2022 "for convenience" in Big Lake to implement a time/ materials payment method in BL as a test. This idea was included as a "consent agenda item" which are difficult to defeat because they are not voted on by themselves but are included in a "group" of other bills to be considered for vote. To pull an item from that list, another Assembly member needs to "pull the item" so that item then comes up for discussion. Time and materials idea has not been made public for input at this point in time.

1. Currently, road maintenance is a set cost per mile price. Budgeting will always be a guessing game with a T&M quote. This will also require a MSB employee to contact contractor to assign the project each and every time.

Dec. 21st is when this subject will be at the Assembly, so give input to the MSB asap. Another assembly member needs to pull it off the consent agenda for it to be more fully discussed at the Assembly level. Contact other members to stop this process.

Bill Haller: T &M contacts have been tried before in early 2000s and did not work. He asked that this info be made public to the other assemblymembers so they can see that this has failed in the past. No input was taken from public prior to Assemblyman Tew proposing this. He also wants to increase the amount of gravel that can be extracted from private gravel pits from 2000 yards per year to 20,000 yards per year. No public input was taken before putting this before the MSB Assembly.

Haller- Gravel pit- If we do not regulate the gravel pits, they could become problem areas in the future as many problems could occur.

Persons to be heard:

Lynn McCabe- 1030am Saturday there is a "meet and greet" with Rep. McCabe and Senator Wilson this Saturday at Big Lake Family Restaurant.

Geno Ausoveto- Agrees with echo lake road development and upgrades.

Ben Tew- BLCC agenda should be emailed one week in advance so more research should be done when the public has longer notice of subject matter of meetings.

Jill- web page person to do the job of putting the agenda on the Council web page.

Jeff- Minutes and Agenda were posted on Council web page one week prior to this meeting.

Ken Walsh- strong advocate of agenda out in time through email mailing list.

Ken Walsh. Believes it is time for planning and zoning in the MSB is needed.

Jerry Dewhurst- Lives on Echo Lake drive. Please consider supporting upgrades. CC- lasts a week. Rain puts inditches. Does not last.

Announcements: Bill Haller: Please support "free open skating" by purchasing a raffle ticket where you could win multiple prizes from some great local sponsors.

Please support the Big Lake Grizzley cache and its efforts to feed & clothe many Big Lake elementary school students.

Also, the cement barriers set up to obstruct access at the B.L. North Public access are still in place. They are to be removed Dec. 1st, per agreement. They are still in place and public works will be asked to remove them (they have been removed on 12/14/21)

BILL=Jan 11th at 7pm RSA is Jan 12th and RIP will be finalized. Get out and give them your input so they know your needs. Be sure to email Assemblyman Tew your input on roads, calcium chloride, canceling McKenna Contract or other important borough subjects.

Meeting adorned at 838pm