

Regular Ketchikan City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Sivertsen at 7:00 p.m., February 18, 2021, with the following members present via WebEx live video teleconference: Riley Gass, Janalee Gage, Mark Flora, David Kiffer, Abby Bradberry, Judy Zenge and Samuel Bergeron.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given by all persons via WebEx live video teleconference.

Mayor Sivertsen stated the Recital of Native Lands Acknowledgement.

Staff present via WebEx live video teleconference were Manager Amylon, Assistant Manager Simpson, Finance Director Johansen, City Attorney Seaver, Acting Port & Harbors Director Hilson, EOC Incident Commander Hoage, Electric Division Manager Donato, Electric Division System Engineering Manager Bynum, Water Division Manager Kleinegger, Deputy Clerk Lee and City Clerk Stanker.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE NO. 21-1924
INCREASING ELECTRIC RATES BY ONE AND ONE-
HALF PERCENT (1.5%)**

Mayor Sivertsen called the public hearing on Ordinance No. 21-1924 to order at 7:01 p.m. and requested public testimony.

As there was no testimony, Mayor Sivertsen declared the public hearing closed at 7:01 p.m.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE NO. 21-1923
INCREASING WATER RATES BY FIVE PERCENT (5.0%)**

Mayor Sivertsen called the public hearing on Ordinance No. 21-1923 to order at 7:01 p.m. and requested public testimony.

As there was no testimony, Mayor Sivertsen declared the public hearing closed at 7:01 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mayoral Sivertsen read a proclamation honoring Elizabeth Peratrovich Day.

Mayor Sivertsen informed there were several items laid on the table, including; a letter from the Ketchikan RESOURCE Steering Committee to Commissioner Crum and members of the Alaska Vaccine Allocation Advisory Committee; a letter to Representative Ortiz and Senator Stedman with regards to a request to re-appropriate FY 2020 designated legislative grant per AS 37.05.315, Grants to Municipalities.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD

Jai Mahtani commended the Council for bringing forward Resolution No. 21-2802, urging the federal government to issue a temporary waiver to the Passenger Vessel Services Act so we can have ships coming to American ports. He also commended the Council and the EOC for doing a job mitigating the COVID crisis and on the vaccine rollout. He urged the Council not to increase water or electric rates right now and to wait until the end of summer.

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Spencer Strassburg said it would be good idea to start thinking of some ideas for the future. He stated the City needs to be thinking of different ways to invest our finances in this changing environment. He informed the Klawock Heenya Corporation has a carbon credit project on Prince of Wales Island that might be worth looking into.

Kirk Miller with the Alaska Department of Transportation (DOT) said he was available to speak and answer Council's questions on tonight's agenda item regarding the postponement of Tongass Avenue improvement projects.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Minutes – Regular City Council Meeting of February 4, 2021

Moved by Kiffer, seconded by Flora the City Council approve the minutes from the regular City Council meeting of February 4, 2021.

Motion passed with Gass, Kiffer, Gage, Zenge, Bradberry, Flora and Bergeron voting yea.

Exempting the Procurement of the Annual Software Maintenance Agreement for the First City Libraries Consortium from the Competitive Bidding/Written Quotation Requirements of the Ketchikan Municipal Code – SirsiDynix

Moved by Kiffer, seconded by Flora pursuant to subparagraph 6 of Section 3.12.050(a) of the Ketchikan Municipal Code, the City Council exempt the procurement of the annual software maintenance agreement for the First City Libraries Consortium from the competitive bidding/written quotation requirements of the Ketchikan Municipal Code; authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement for the annual software maintenance services with SirsiDynix in an amount not to exceed \$29,149.81; and approve funding from the Library Department's 2021 First City Libraries Division Software and Equipment Maintenance Services Account No. 635.04.

Motion passed with Gass, Kiffer, Gage, Zenge, Bradberry, Flora and Bergeron voting yea.

Budget Transfer – Paramedic License Reimbursement

Moved by Kiffer, seconded by Flora the City Council authorize the City Manager to transfer \$4,524 from the Fire Department's 2021 Heating Fuel Account No. 525.03 to the Travel and Education Account No. 600.03 to provide sufficient funding to reimburse eligible Paramedics for the cost of their respective licenses.

Motion passed with Gass, Kiffer, Gage, Zenge, Bradberry, Flora and Bergeron voting yea.

Liquor License Renewal Application – Ronald John McKinley

Moved by Kiffer, seconded by Flora the City Council approve the liquor license renewal application for Package Store: License No. 4057 for Ronald John McKinley, currently no premise.

Motion passed with Gass, Kiffer, Gage, Zenge, Bradberry, Flora and Bergeron voting yea

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 21-1924 – Increasing Electric Rates By One and One-Half Percent (1.5%); Establishing a Date for a Public Hearing – Second Reading

Copies of Ordinance No. 21-1924 were available.

Moved by Flora, seconded by Gage the City Council approve in second reading Ordinance No. 21-1924 increasing electric rates by one and one-half percent (1.5%); establishing a date for a public hearing; and providing for an effective date.

Manager Amylon informed the increase would not be effective until June 1, 2021.

Councilmember Bergeron stated his concerns regarding this increase, and that he would not be in favor of any rate increase at this time due to the pandemic.

Mayor Sivertsen explained that four dams were built, and Tyee and Swan were part of that. He stated at some point it became a divestiture where Southeast Alaska Power Agency (SEAPA) was formed. He said all the communities are inter connected, and we all share in the cost of that operation. He informed the rate structure of 6.8 cents has been consistent for over 20 years.

Councilmember Bradberry questioned the amount of power on average that comes from the northern communities, and vice versus.

In answer to Councilmember Bradberry, Manager Amylon informed Ketchikan receives about 50% of its power supply from Tyee that is owned by SEAPA, depending on weather conditions he couldn't say how much Ketchikan sends north at any given period of time.

Councilmember Bradberry questioned how much Ketchikan supplies on average to other communities.

Electric Division Manager Donato indicated we don't typically supply power north from KPU. He informed we generate for our own use, which is 50 to 55 percent of our power requirement. He said we look to SEAPA for the rest. He indicated most of our power comes from Swan Lake and a small portion from Tyee.

Manager Amylon informed that by joining together with Petersburg, Wrangell and Ketchikan was done through the Joint Action Agency which is SEAPA today. He said there are assured risks and a lot of risk is taken off the immediate shoulders of the three purchasing communities. He felt there would be a lot more risk and expense if we were trying to fund and operate these project individually.

Councilmember Bradberry indicated she has an issue in supporting this rate increase. She said she understands this is a project that needs to be done, but felt they should look at our community as far as what have we given them extra this year. She said she was disappointed in SEAPA and how they have interacted with our community members in regards to this fee and the pandemic.

Motion passed with Zenge, Kiffer, Gage and Flora voting yea; Gass, Bradberry and Bergeron voting nay.

Ordinance No. 21-1923 – Increasing Water Rates by Five Percent (5.0%) – Second Reading

Copies of Ordinance No. 21-1923 were available.

Moved by Gage, seconded by Gass the City Council approve in second reading Ordinance No. 21-1923 increasing water rates by five percent (5.0%); establishing a date for a public hearing; and providing for an effective date.

Councilmember Bergeron expressed his concerns regarding commercial ratepayers paying less than what we know it cost the City to produce it. He said as long as there is this inequity, we are asking residential ratepayers to continue to subsidize the commercial payers. He felt it was wrong and would not support this motion.

Councilmember Flora informed the commercial seafood processors have paid an annual increase of 35% based on a study from a consultant. He felt over the last three years their rates have been brought more in line to what they actually use, and the meters will solve the rest of that issue.

Councilmember Bradberry indicated our businesses have gone sixteen months without revenue, and with no end in sight. She urged the Council to wait until the pandemic is over before we add another burden onto our community members, and would not support this motion.

Councilmember Gage asked the Manager to explain the cost to provide water to the community. She stated as a disabled person herself the cost of disability wages haven't increased in twenty-five years. She stated those wages were never enough, and it is a problem that needs to be solved at the federal level. She said she didn't like to see a rate increase either, but we can't continue to kick the can down road.

In answer to Councilmember Gage, Manager Amylon informed in addition the cost of living goes up on an annual basis. He referenced the cost of shipping that everyone in the community incurs. He said wages increase and we are heading into negotiations with the unions for a new collective bargaining agreement, and felt the unions will be looking for some sort of concessions. He informed over the last fifteen years the City has been mandated to make improvements to our water treatment process by the federal government, and the regulations that come out of EPA. He said the City has incurred debt to be in compliance with these federal mandates, as is the aging infrastructure. He felt that in itself should be enough justification for rate increases, and then add to the fact for the last ten years the Water Division has never broke even. He went on to say this community also could be facing a mandate to spend in excess of \$70 million to build a water filtration plant, and add two to three million dollars a year in annual increased operating costs. He said we may be looking at similar mandates in the Wastewater Division.

Councilmember Gass said he has put a lot of thought into this and when we approved the budget we basically agreed on these rate increases, and would be in support of this motion.

Councilmember Bergeron didn't feel our rate structure is going to be enough to address our infrastructure needs, because our need is far in excess of this rate increase. He felt staff has done an exemplary job financing these unfunded mandates, and is grateful for the work that has been done.

Motion passed with Flora, Zenge, Kiffer, Gass and Gage voting yea; Bergeron and Bradberry voting nay.

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Mayor Sivertsen asked if there were any objections to hold the executive session now before we move into new business, and no objections were heard.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

Request for Executive Session – Negotiations of Lease and Operating Agreement for PeaceHealth Ketchikan Medical Center

Moved by Gage, seconded by Flora the City Council declare consistent with the City Manager's report dated February 2, 2021, it is in the best interest of the City Council to discuss the status of negotiations between the City and PeaceHealth for a new Ketchikan Medical Center lease and operating agreement in executive session in accordance with Ketchikan Municipal Code 2.04.025(a)(1) and (a)(3), which includes the need to discuss subjects the knowledge of which could have an immediate adverse impact on the finances of the City and to receive legal advice within the Attorney-client privilege.

Motion passed with Gass, Kiffer, Gage, Zenge, Bradberry, Flora and Bergeron voting yea.

The Council recessed in to executive session at 7:50 p.m. and reconvened at 8:21 p.m.

Mayor Sivertsen said the Council has completed its executive session to discuss the status of negotiations between the City and PeaceHealth for a new Ketchikan Medical Center lease and operating agreement, and no action was taken.

NEW BUSINESS

Vigor Alaska LLC Presentation Regarding the Ketchikan Shipyard

Adam Beck, Jill Mackie and Bergan Wieler with Vigor presented for the Council.

- 2012 Vigor purchased Alaska Ship & Drydock as a public/private partnership between the community, the state (AIDEA) and Vigor, and all three work together to provide a strong, stable, skilled jobs & economic opportunity/contribution.
- Discussed the interdependent partnership between Vigor, AIDEA, the City and the Alaska Marine Highway System (AMHS).
- Highlighted 2020 projects and jobs.
- Explained the average employment levels between 2003-2020, and the investment into training opportunities for employees.
- Detailed 2020 capital improvements, which allowed Vigor to retain core employees during slower times.
- Highlighted the passage of language in the US Coast Guard (USCG) Authorizing Act that should allow Vigor to bid on USCG repair/maintenance contracts originating in District 17 (AK).
- Currently have a few projects in the work and expecting a typically slow summer period.
- Discussed future outlook including pursuing future opportunities, support and advocating for legislative funding of AMHS operation, maintenance, repair and continued adherence to COVID-19 protocols.

Vigor representatives answered questions from the Council.

Resolution No. 21-2802 – Approving a Resolution of the Assembly of the Ketchikan Gateway Borough, Council of the City of Ketchikan, and the Council of the City of Saxman Urging the Federal Government to Issue a Temporary Waiver to the Passenger Vessel Services Act and Asking the CDC to Issue Technical Guidance to Allow Cruise Lines to Resume Operations in Alaska in 2021

Moved by Bradberry, seconded by Kiffer the City Council approve Resolution No. 21-2802 urging the Federal Government to issue a temporary waiver to the Passenger Vessel Services Act and asking the CDC to issue technical guidance to allow cruise lines to resume operations in Alaska 2021.

Manager Amylon informed this resolution has been approved by the Borough Assembly and the Saxman City Council.

Motion passed with Gage, Zenge, Kiffer, Gass, Bergeron, Flora and Bradberry voting yea.

Postponement of the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities' South Tongass Highway – Tongass Avenue Improvements Project

Moved by Bradberry, seconded by Gage the City Council direct the City Manager to inform the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities of the City of Ketchikan's strong opposition to the postponement of the South Tongass Highway –Tongass Avenue Improvements Project to 2022 during the cruise ship season and urging the State of Alaska to either advance the project to 2021 or at least to schedule work outside the cruise ship season as detailed in the Acting Port & Harbor's Director's memorandum.

Kirk Miller, Regional Preconstruction Engineer with the State of Alaska, said he is in charge of all design for the south coast region. He explained the issues DOT is experiencing relative to the improvements on Tongass Avenue. Mr. Miller answered questions from the Council.

The City Council stated their strong opposition to postponing the Tongass Avenue improvement project until the summer of 2022 and requested that DOT do everything in their power to get the Tongass Avenue improvements under way as soon as possible for the sake of the community's safety.

Mayor Sivertsen thanked Mr. Miller for his presence tonight, even though it may have been uncomfortable.

Mr. Miller said they can double their efforts to work with the community and the City to see if we can get this figured out to get us back on track. He thanked the Council for their time.

Motion passed with Bergeron, Flora, Bradberry, Zenge, Gage, Kiffer and Gass voting yea.

**Proposed Topics for PeaceHealth Ketchikan Medical Center
Quarterly Presentation to the City Council at its Meeting of
March 18, 2021**

Moved by Bradberry, seconded by Gage the City Council direct the City Manager to advise PeaceHealth Ketchikan Medical Center of the City Council's acceptance and/or modification of the proposed topics of discussion for the quarterly update of March 18, 2021 and to submit requests for additional information as determined appropriate by the City Council.

Councilmember Bradberry said she would like to see an in-depth review on the vaccine, to include the numbers on how many have been administered, number of vaccines on hand and what efforts they are taking to help our community move forward in being vaccinated compared to other communities in Southeast, Alaska.

Councilmember Flora said he would like an update on a predictive model for a lack of cruise lines and the impact economically to our hospital for this year.

In response to Councilmember Flora, Manager Amylon said they will probably not have this information as staff met this morning with representatives of PeaceHealth to begin their review. He said it was very difficult to come out right now with anything definitive without knowing what the Center for Disease Control (CDC) is going to put out there. He said you will probably get an overview of what they are trying to do, but without any recommendations at this point. He explained PeaceHealth didn't want to put out parameters without knowing what the CDC is going to direct.

Motion passed with Zenge, Bradberry, Flora, Bergeron, Gass, Kiffer and Gage voting yea.

**2021 Community and Humanitarian Services Grant Funding
Agreements**

Moved by Gass, seconded by Flora the City Council direct the City Manager to enter into 2021 funding agreements with those organizations and for those dollar amounts as recommended by the Community Grant Committee in the amount of \$268,750 and authorize funding from the City Council's 2021 Community Grant Program Contract/Purchased Services Account No. 610.02.

Moved by Bradberry, seconded by Bergeron to amend the main motion to fully fund Women in Safe Homes (W.I.S.H.) request and add \$936 for a total of \$17,560, and reduce SE Senior Services Food and Fuel Program by \$400 to \$23,330.00 and reduce SE Senior Services' Care Coordination Program by \$536 to \$45,964.00.

Councilmember Zenge said she manages The Plaza, and four of the applicants rent space there, and asked if she could abstain from the vote. Mayor Sivertsen said he would permit her to abstain.

Councilmember Bradberry said in going through the process and asking questions of the agencies, Southeast Senior Services is not offering all their services and have not been during the pandemic. She felt we need to support those organizations that will be working all year around and through the pandemic.

Mayor Sivertsen said he has sat on this committee before and felt the committee members work very hard to provide funds to round out the community as a whole. He said he tends to support the committee process and their decision.

Councilmember Kiffer said he has been on the committee eight years in a row, would speak against the amendment. He said during the process money was taken from these two organizations to be given to another organization. He said he was opposed to that as well. He indicated every group

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going in knew there would be less funding from last year, and they would get less than requested. He didn't feel these recommendations from the committee need any further adjustments.

Motion to amend failed with Bergeron and Bradberry voting yea; Flora, Gass, Kiffer and Gage voting nay; Zenge abstain.

Alaska Legal Services	\$ 20,760.00
First City Players	\$ 14,500.00
Historic Ketchikan	\$ 30,188.00
Ketchikan Area Arts & Humanities Council	\$ 44,812.00
Ketchikan Wellness Coalition	\$ 14,430.00
Ketchikan Youth Court	\$ 11,200.00
Love In Action	\$ 11,268.00
Rendezvous Senior Day Services, Inc.	\$ 20,000.00
Southeast Alaska Independent Living - SAIL	\$ 14,738.00
SE Senior Services - Care Coordination Program	\$ 46,500.00
SE Senior Services - Food & Fuel Program	\$ 23,730.00
Women in Safe Homes (WISH)	\$ 16,624.00
TOTALS	\$268,750.00

Main Motion passed with Gage, Bergeron, Bradberry, Flora, Gass and Kiffer voting yea; Zenge abstain.

Moved by Kiffer, seconded by Flora the City Council direct the City Manager to enter into 2021 funding agreements with First City Homeless Services and Ketchikan Homeless Shelter – PATH in the respective amounts of \$71,000 and \$60,000; and authorize funding from the City Council's 2021 Humanitarian Services Grant Program Contract/Purchased Services Account No. 610.02.

Councilmember Kiffer informed the funding for this comes out of the Marijuana Tax Fund.

Councilmember Gass said he has heard there may be an expansion of the new overnight warming center, essentially doubling the size of the building, and asked for confirmation.

Manager Amylon said it was only in context at this time, and the Council did accept a grant that was originally dedicated to W.I.S.H. for that purpose.

Acting Port & Harbors Director confirmed comments made by Manager Amylon. He explained the Council did accept the grant in order to do the expansion. He said they are currently trying to get some design work with First City Homeless Services to figure out what can be done to expand that building. He said in the future the Council will see some design drawings, but he wasn't sure when at this point.

First City Homeless Services: the Day Shelter and Overnight Warming Center	\$ 71,000.00
Ketchikan Committee for the Homeless - PATH	\$ 60,000.00
TOTAL	\$131,000.00

Motion passed with Bergeron, Bradberry, Flora, Zenge, Gass, Kiffer and Gage voting yea.

**Ongoing Review and Discussion of Cruise Related Issues –
Councilmember Bergeron**

Councilmember Bradberry questioned if there had been any meetings scheduled with Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA), or the individual cruise lines.

Mayor Sivertsen informed staff has reached out to those entities and sent them letters of invite.

Manager Amylon informed a letter was sent to Charlie Ball, President of CLIA in response to his letter requesting we schedule that meeting. He said staff suggested representatives of Skagway attend as well. He said they have not heard from Mr. Ball at this time, but as soon as they do they are prepared to schedule a meeting either in person or virtually. He felt it made sense to reach out to CLIA first.

Councilmember Kiffer said he didn't want to wait four or five months for CLIA to respond, and has no problem with going out to the individual lines.

Councilmember Gage questioned if we have contacted Skagway and the different southeast communities.

Manager Amylon said they had requested Skagway be included in their discussion with CLIA, because Skagway is considering an ordinance similar in nature to one that was brought forward. He indicated staff is currently meeting with Mayor Cremata and different port communities in southeast weekly. He asked for clarification from the Council relative to reaching out to the individual lines. He questioned if the subject of that is the ordinance we were contacting CLIA about, or is this a more wide-ranging status update of how the lines are dealing with circumstances we are trying to get through.

Mayor Sivertsen felt from previous conversations with Royal Caribbean that there is a willingness to get back to cruise. He stated they want to be here and we want them here. He said it would be worthwhile for us to have a conversation with the smaller individual cruise lines to see what we can jointly do to help each other.

Manager Amylon informed that staff is already doing that. He explained the Acting Port & Harbors Director Hilson and himself had a conversation about discussions they have had with UnCruise and Victory.

Acting Port & Harbors Director Hilson indicated they have compiled a list of all the independent cruise companies that come to Alaska. He said they started with UnCruise, Victory and American. He indicated UnCruise is gearing up and have plans to visit Alaska. He said these are small ships that range from 30 to 100 passengers. He stated Victory is a foreign flagship and is subject to the Passenger Vessel Services Act (PVSA) or the Jones Act, but are trying to work through that issue just like everybody else. He indicated American is smaller, but they have forwarded their COVID mitigation plan to the EOC. He cited other companies that staff would be contacting and letting them know Ketchikan is open for business.

Councilmember Bradberry said in addition we need to find out what we need to do, and how are we going to expand together. She said we need to ask what we need to do to get to a good working relationship for the future.

Councilmember Gass felt it was important to include our two main large partners in these conversations.

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Councilmember Flora said he would like the Council to understand where we are aligned and/or divergent with Skagway so we are on the same page as we can with that community, and present a united front to the lines.

Councilmember Gage agreed with comments made by Councilmember Flora.

Councilmember Gass said in response to Councilmember Flora, we need to negotiate with what is best for Ketchikan, even if Skagway goes in a different direction.

Councilmember Bradberry indicated we are in a competitive market now, and we can't play the same game. She felt we should have a conversation with our partners prior to passing this ordinance.

Councilmember Gage explained we raised our rates in 2019 before COVID hit. She said she has never been contacted by the cruise industry, and they seem to be contacting people outside of the Council and those folks are wanting us to contact the lines. She cited other areas that have come together in order not to be divided by the cruise industry, and it is not our job to cater to them.

Mayor Sivertsen explained we have an obligation to maintain and manage the Port in a financially responsible manner. He stated we have had conversations with the industry about rates, and they stated we need to give them warning. He felt there is an opportunity here to work as a region as the dynamics have changed since COVID. He said he was looking for a rate structure that will allow us to do the maintenance we need to do, and potentially put some money away for future projects. He said he appreciates the Council comments and interest, but we need to stick to the facts as we move forward.

Ongoing Review and Discussion of State of Alaska COVID-19 Health Mandates – Councilmember Bergeron

EOC Incident Commander Hoage provided the Council with an update. He stated today the EOC reported two new positive cases, and in the past seven days, there has been 21 positive cases. He explained how the EOC calculates the community's positivity rate, and our current 14-day positivity rate is at 2.77%. He stated the community's positivity rate can change from day-to-day depending on how many people are tested and how many people test positive. He said on average since October we have about two positive cases per day and about 100 tests per day. He continued, when we see an outbreak like we have seen recently, there is an increase in testing which helps keep our positivity rate a little bit lower. He said of the 21 new positive cases, six of those are community transmission and 15 were close contact cases. He explained the nice thing about close contact cases is that they know where they came from, however, 40% of those cases came from quarantined close contact. He stated one of two things can cause this; 1 - Someone chose not to quarantine even though they should; 2 - Public health is not doing effective contact tracing or not contact tracing quick enough to tell them to quarantine. He explained currently contact tracing complete within 48-hours is at 92% so it is more likely that people are not following the quarantine recommendations. He implored the community that if you are told to quarantine to please follow those guidelines. He detailed the anticipated impacts of the expired State of Alaska emergency declaration such as; health orders have been changed to health advisories such as testing to get into Alaska is no longer mandatory, it is voluntary though free testing is still available at the airport; there will be some regulation rollbacks; expedited procurement; and regulation rollbacks regarding healthcare facilities. He informed the community has been operating under the federal and local emergency declaration and hope to continue to receive federal funding for approved authorized operations. He said drive-up testing is still available and they are expanding the criteria to allow for more testing. He stated the State of Alaska has a federally approved plan to distribute the vaccine. He said the local vaccine distribution has been going very well and public health has been

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able to obtain an additional 180 doses for February to be distributed by PeaceHealth. He informed Walmart is now able to provide the vaccine and Safeway will be distributing soon as well. He said in March our allocation has increased from 600 doses to 700 doses plus whatever number Walmart, Safeway and KIC receive to distribute. He provided a list of local clinics and pharmacies that are providing the vaccine.

EOC Incident Commander Hoage answered questions from the Council.

VOUCHERS

Moved by Flora, seconded by Bradberry for approval of vouchers to Millard & Associates Architects, LLC in the amount of \$302.50.

Motion passed with Gass, Kiffer, Gage, Zenge, Bradberry and Flora voting yea; Bergeron abstain.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Amylon reminded the Council for the meeting of March 4, 2020, the Ketchikan Wellness Coalition will be presenting their 2020 Community Health Needs Assessment. He said he would like to schedule a meeting with the Mayor for next week relative to the discussions made tonight. He said by his count we now have five different issues that Council wants to discuss:

- Pending job description of the port & harbors director.
- Requested meeting with CLIA, regarding the ordinance that was brought forward with a different manner of assessing the passenger wharfage fee.
- Direction tonight to talk about reaching out to different cruise lines, status update and fostering a continued relationship with our customers.
- A response plan to the possibility of a no cruise ship season, and how we are going to handle that. He said that work is underway and one of the things was knowing what the response plan the Biden administration is proposing. He informed staff has those numbers now and they are not good.
- He said he received an email from Councilmember Flora regarding a discussion the Port & Harbors Advisory Board had relative to future direction of the port and the harbors, and how we were going to manage the facilities and our relationships with our other parties that are involved. He said it is clear to him there are many different opinions of the Council on how we need to manage it, and the Council will need to come to a consensus regarding this matter if you want to move forward.

Schedule of General Government and KPU Appropriated Reserves Through the City Council Meeting of February 4, 2021

In his report, Manager Amylon attached for Council review a schedule of the current balance of Appropriated Reserves of the various funds of General Government and KPU through the City Council meeting of February 4, 2021.

Week 15 and 16 Photo Album Production Report – Pierce Arrow XT Ascendant 100' Mount Platform Vehicle

Manager Amylon attached for Council review week 15 and 16 Photo Album Production Report for the period ending January 29, 2021 and February 5, 2021.

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January 30, 2021 and February 6, 2021 Photo Album Production Report – Ford F550 Super Duty 4x4 Mini Pumper and Associated Equipment

Manager Amylon provided for Council review is the January 30, 2021 and February 6, 2021 Photo Album Production Report for the Ford F550 super Duty 4x4 mini pumper and associated equipment.

Recommendation for Accepting Ketchikan's United States Coast Guard City Recertification Application

Assistant Manager Simpson updated the Council with the acceptance by the United State Coast Guard board to recertify Ketchikan as "A Coast Guard City" for 2021. She informed the mayors will receive a formal acceptance letter from the Coast Guard Commandant within the coming weeks. She indicated staff will keep the Council informed of these details. She said Ketchikan's successful recertification was made possible through the many individuals, businesses and organizations that not only supported the application, but Coast Guard personnel and families each and every year. Manager Amylon thanked Ms. Simpson for all her efforts in undertaking that endeavor.

K.P.U. MANAGER'S REPORT

Project Status Reports of the KPU Division Managers – January 2021

General Manager Amylon attached for Council review the project status reports of the KPU Division Managers for the month of January 2021.

Reports of January 2, 8 and 14, 2021 Power Outages

General Manager Amylon attached for Council review a memoranda from Electric System Engineering Manager Bynum regarding the power outages of January 2, 8 and 14, 2021.

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Notice of Inquiry (NOI) – Requiring New Financial Assurance Measures for Hydroelectric Projects

General Manager Amylon provided for Council consideration a memorandum from Electric System Engineering Manager Jeremy Bynum indicating the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) has issued a Notice of Inquiry (NOI) seeking comments on the possibility of the agency requiring new financial assurance measures for hydroelectric projects. He informed they intend to file comments with FERC in response to the NOI, and a draft of comments will be submitted to the Council for review prior to the March 29, 2021 response deadline.

CITY CLERK'S FILE – None

CITY ATTORNEY'S FILE – None

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS - None

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Bergeron thanked the Council for their spirited debate tonight, as we all have various viewpoints on various topics.

Councilmember Gage asked the chair with regards to these late meetings if there could be a break at some point.

Councilmember Gass agreed with comments made by Councilmember Bergeron regarding the debate tonight and looked forward to future discussions.

Councilmember Kiffer said he appreciates the input tonight from peoples pets.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS – None

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the Council adjourned at 10:27 p.m.

Robert Sivertsen, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kim Stanker, MMC
City Clerk

FYI ITEMS INCLUDED

Alaska Legal Services Corporation's Quarterly Activity Report – October Through December 2020

Southeast Alaska Independent Living (SAIL) Annual Activity Report – October Through December 2020

Love in Action Activity and Financial Report for the Month of February 2021

Ketchikan Area Arts & Humanities Council's Quarterly Activity and Financial Reports – October Through December 2020

First City Homeless Services 2020 Annual Activity Report

Lake Levels and System Generation Report for the Month of January 2021

Water Utilization Study Report – January 2021