

Council meeting Feb. 5, 2024

Present: Mayor Chris Lelle; Councilmen, Doug Koestel, Tommy Buchanan, Sally Brown and Sharon Johnson; Clerk, Kathy Bridges; Attorney Brian Dempsey

Visitors: Beth Buchanan, Scott Morgan, Paul Brown, Mason Orr and Morgan Ervin with the Barrow Journal and Sandy McNab

The Mayor opened the meeting at 7 with the Pledge of Allegiance

Lelle asked for a motion to approve the Jan. 8 minutes and Sharon Johnson pointed out an error on page 2 (next to last paragraph). Sally Brown made a motion to approve the minutes with the correction, Sharon Johnson seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Lelle asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the Jan. 20 workshop and Brown made the motion to approve. Johnson seconded and the motion carried with Doug Koestel abstaining from the vote since he was absent from the meeting.

The Mayor opened the public hearing concerning the adoption of the Unified Development Code and the Zoning Map. No comments were heard, the public hearing was closed, and the regular meeting began at 7:06.

Doug Koestel made the motion to adopt the UDC and Zoning map, Sally Brown seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Brown made a motion to add lifting the moratorium on development to the agenda and the motion passed unanimously. The moratorium was lifted by unanimous vote.

The Mayor asked for comments on the contract presented by the auditors, Walker, Pierce and Tuck. Attorney Dempsey advised adding a cancellation clause to the contract before approving it. The item was tabled.

Brown made a motion to amend the agenda to add working meetings on the last Monday of each month at 7 p.m. to the agenda and with a second by Koestel the motion passed unanimously. The next working meeting would be Feb. 26 before the March 4 meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 with a motion by Tommy Buchanan.