

Old Seward/Oceanview Community Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 28, 2015

- 1) **Meeting called to order** at 7:00 p.m.
- 2) **Approval of minutes** for December meeting. Gary Weber moved to approve the March minutes and Carolin Welles seconded. The motion passed.
- 3) **Treasurer's Report:** We have \$1906.15.
- 4) **Federation of Community Councils Report:** Our representative was unable to attend. The FCC is asking everyone to remember to wash their hands as this is cold and flu season.
- 5) **Guest presentations:**
 - a) Robert Ervine representing Craig Johnson's office was on the line.
 - i) Nine days into the session, things are just getting started. They are working on the capital budget, but there is also much talk regarding cuts this year.
 - ii) Rep. Johnson's office met with Wendy Lindskoog, Vice President, Business Management & Corporate Affairs for the Alaska Railroad on the right-of-way issue. The Alaska Railroad maintains its position on exclusive use, so Rep. Johnson's office is exploring legislation to find a solution.
 - iii) The legislature is anticipating the Mayor's budget for capital improvements next week, but some of the projects currently in the works include 120th Ave. lighting and the roundabout at John's and Klatt.
 - b) Erin Zawlor, a sixth grader at Oceanview Elementary, presented information on a malfunctioning light near Pettis and John's Road. The light poses a safety hazard for students on their way to school as it is still very dark in the mornings. Robert Ervine stated that he would bring the issue up with the Mayor's office when he meets with them next week.
 - c) Sen. McGuire's office was not on the line.
- 6) **Old business/Project updates:**
 - a) **LED for Parks** – new LED light projects for Hamilton Park, Oceanview, Pacific View needs the city's funding portion of the project and can't move forward until they chip in.
 - b) **John's/Klatt and other projects** – Nothing new to report, but there should be more updates in February and March.
- 7) **New business:**
 - a) **Letter regarding Alaska Railroad right-of-way** – A letter dated January 26 will be sent to the governor and legislature about the right-of-way issue on Friday, outlining the community council's position and concerns. The letter was passed around for everyone to view and comment on. There were no issues with the content of the letter, and it should arrive in mailboxes starting Friday.
- 8) Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.