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Gwichyaa Zhee Gwich'in Tribal Council

Regular Council Meeting – May 13, 2014

Tribal Conference Room

Opening prayer was given by: Janet Cadzow

Call to Order: 1st Chief Nancy James called meeting to order @ 6:00 PM

Roll Call/Quorum Established:

Present: Nancy James, 1st Chief, Edward Alexander, 2nd Chief, Tony Peter, Seat C, Gerald Alexander, Seat E, Michael Hardy, Seat G

Excused: Ginessa Peter, Seat D, Michelle Vandyke, Seat F

GZGTG Staff Present: Liana Harriman, Diana Peter, Janis Carroll, Delores Solomon

Tribal Members Present: James Kelly, Belva Ansaknok, Audrey Fields, Jerene James, Stephanie Hinz, Louie Fairchild, Trey Peterson, Charles Harriman, Craig Fleener Jr., Charlet Kelly-Spencer

Non Tribal Members: Vera Englishoe

Tribal Member Comments:

There was a comment made by Audrey Fields regarding her son. Her son was accused of burning down a garage downtown, and was threatened by several tribal members. She believed that his life was threatened, and also he got beat up at a dance at the tribal hall. She asked if there was a petition going around to blue ticket him. She wanted to know why there was a meeting, including council and tribal members without giving notice to the individuals in question. No matter what the situation there needs to be due process for all tribal members who are under question for any criminal mischief.

Belva – We need due process, these boys were running because there were people running after them. Wouldn't you? You should be innocent until proven guilty.

Discussion – This was not a meeting held by the tribal council, but a neighborhood watch. There are a lot of people in town who are scared for the safety of their families. There have been too many fires here and people have a right to be nervous. In the future when we have a tribal member who is accused of a crime there will be due process.

Call out - We will hold a community meeting at the hall and include local organization and community members to discuss how we will deal with the alcohol problem with our youth in Fort Yukon. We need to include our elders and the youth also for their input on the matter.

Charles Harriman thanked the council for the donation of quick tickets to the senior class.

Approval of minutes: The minutes are not approved at this time

Approval of agenda:

Motion made by Tony Peter to accept agenda with additions, 2nd by Ed Alexander, 2nd Chief

Motion approved unanimously with 0 objections

Council Member Travel Reports:

Gerald – Went to the self-governance meeting in Washington D.C., it was a good meeting he has a lot of info to share with the council if they are interested. He got information on funding for a new VPSO vehicle, a holding cell and an office building.

Ed – Had a government to government consultation with Fish & Wildlife Service. CATG drew up a white paper with Hobbs - Strause. There were 7 points and it was requested to be sent out to the council. They did rule in our favor for the land change. They will come back this fall to follow up with us.

Staff Reports:

Motion by 2nd Chief, Ed Alexander to accept recommendations 1 & 2 of Shirley's proposal for a fence in her report. The fence will outline the main road in front of the tribal hall. 2nd by Gerald Alexander.

Motion withdrawn due to a brief discussion about the funding

Directive – Shirley will meet with Janet to come up with a draft proposal including where the money will come from.

NEW BUSINESS:

Maintenance Painting –

Ed would like Housing to write up a proposal for cost on painting the Tribal Office Bldg., the Youth R Us bldg and the Red Shop behind the school. He would like to hire 2 staff members and also include youth employees to complete the project.

Directive – Housing to come up with proposal for this project.

Burnt house – G.A. Director, Delores Solomon has come up with a proposal to clean up the burnt houses around town. She has been working with Paul Shewfelt, City Manager to draw up a proposal with a budget. Not only burnt houses, but unsafe old structures also.

Directive – Delores will work with Janet and Paul as to where the money will come from. The City will go 50/50 with us on cost.

Motion by 2nd Chief, Ed Alexander to move forward with project. 2nd by Tony Peter.

Motion approved unanimously with 0 objections

Addie Shewfelt Building – Ed would like to make a proposal to purchase the Addie Shewfelt building and the land surrounding it. We can renovate it and the land around it, we can then use the building for office space.

Directive – Get an appraisal on the building and pursue the purchase. Do a research of the land and the facility and bring it back to the council. (Shirley)

OLD BUSINESS:

MOA Enhanced I.D.’s – This MOA is between the Tribal Council and Homeland Security.

Motion made by 2nd Chief, Ed Alexander to accept the MOA on the enhanced tribal I.D.’s. 2nd by Gerald Alexander.

Roll call vote:

Nancy James, 1 st Chief	yes
Ed Alexander, 2 nd Chief	yes
Tony Peter	yes
GiNESSA Peter	excused
Gerald Alexander	yes
Mike Hardy	yes
Michelle Vandyke	excused

Motion approved

NCAI – there will be a NCAI Mid Year Meeting in Anchorage on June 8th – 11th. The chief recommends that all council will go. Also Ed suggested that we send Stephanie Hinz, Executive Director, Shirley Fields, Realty, and Liana Harriman, Tribal Operations Director

Directive – The council will attend if possible. We will send Stephanie, Shirley, and Liana. Liana will do the travel request.

TTP MOA – The City roads are currently maintained by the City. The MAP21 agreement expires in September. We want to add the city roads in our inventory, we need to take over the MOA. Paul Shewfelt is supporting us on this.

Directive – Have Larry Bredeman develop the MOA and bring it back to the council for approval. Also we need to renew our contract with Larry, we need to meet with him. Bring him in for

the transportation meeting so the council can meet with him. Have Strause – Hobbs write up a new contract for him.

Resolutions:

Motion made by Tony Peter to adopt resolution 14-13, for TCC to consolidate and provide programming under a PL 102-477 plan. 2nd by Gerald Alexander.

Discussion – council will approve this today, but we will move away from TCC in the future and manage our own money. We will introduce a resolution to BIA & start the procedure to take over our own programs.

Motion approved unanimously with 0 objections

Motion made by Mike Hardy to adopt resolution 14-14 for Low income home energy assistance program. 2nd by Gerald Alexander.

Discussion – This resolution will be in effect until FY15. We will draw up a resolution for the next meeting to give BIA 1 ½ years notice for the council to take over the program.

Motion approved unanimously with 0 objections

Motion made by 2nd Chief, Ed Alexander to adopt resolution 14-15 to send Paul Shewfelt to represent the tribe at the Yukon River Inter-tribal Fish Commission meeting in St. Mary's. 2nd by Tony Peter.

No discussion

Motion approved unanimously with 0 objections.

Donation Request:

Motion by 2nd Chief, Ed Alexander to donate \$1200.00 to Tony Peter to help support him in the Yukon 800. 2nd by Gerald Alexander

No discussion

Roll call vote:

Mike Hardy	yes
Gerald Alexander	yes
Edward Alexander	yes
Nancy James	yes
Tony Peter	recused
GiNESSA Sams	excused
Michelle Vandyke	excused

Motion approved

Executive session @ 8:05pm

Stephanie Hinz signed the contract

Out of executive session @ 8:30pm