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Councilmember Sprinkle
Councilmember Tidwell
Councilmember Marney
Councilmember Ringstad
Mayor O'Neill
Date: September 14, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. 5233

A RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE, SERVICE, AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF LONG-TIME CITY EMPLOYEE WILLIAM "BILL" ROGERS

WHEREAS, William "Bill" Rogers began his employment with the City of Fairbanks in May 2009, bringing with him decades of experience and a deep commitment to excellence in drafting and design work; and

WHEREAS, Bill faithfully served the City of Fairbanks as an Engineer Assistant II and was regarded by colleagues as the City's primary draftsman, diligently keeping the City up to date with AutoCAD Civil 3D standards; and

WHEREAS, prior to his service with the City, Bill worked from 1983 to 2009 at Stutzmann Engineering, where he served as the primary draftsman and successfully transitioned from manual drafting to digital drafting; and

WHEREAS, Bill's knowledge and expertise were further demonstrated through his work helping instruct the Civil Drafting Technology college course beginning in 2009, sharing his skills with future professionals in the field; and

WHEREAS, Bill had a gentle and kind spirit and was known for his good-natured humor at work, often lightening the mood with a blend of wit and sincerity that was appreciated by colleagues; and

WHEREAS, Bill was known among coworkers for his dedication to accuracy and high-quality standards, famously sending "Bill's Rant" emails to remind others of proper drafting practices when things began "getting sloppy" in the office; and

WHEREAS, beyond his service to the City, Bill and his wife June, contributed to the community as downtown business owners of McCafferty's, A Coffee House, Etc., and as musicians with their band Sand Castle; they met in 1981, bonded through their music, and were married on May 15, 1982, sharing many wonderful years performing, often on Friday evenings at McCafferty's; and

WHEREAS, Bill was very proud to be a grandfather to five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren, was actively involved in their lives, and was deeply loved by all of them; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Valerie Therrien and June Rogers became close friends through their service on the City Council, and Bill's warm demeanor—always greeting Councilmember Therrien with a hug—left a lasting personal impact; and

WHEREAS, Bill was also an active participant in the Fairbanks arts community, acting in and contributing to several local independent and university-produced films, where he shared his creativity, talent, and support for local storytelling; and

WHEREAS, although Bill's official job title was "Engineer Assistant", he was the best member of the Engineering Department for matters pertaining to surface drainage.

WHEREAS, with very little direction, Bill could take concepts requiring the mending of many complicated parts and produce a biddable and buildable design on time.

WHEREAS, Bill Rogers passed away suddenly on August 11, 2026, and his many years of devoted service, his humble and steady presence, and the profound impact of his loss on City staff and the broader community are deeply felt; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to honor Bill's memory and extend heartfelt condolences to his family, including his wife and former City Councilmember June Rogers, and to the many friends, coworkers, and loved ones who mourn Bill's loss; and

WHEREAS, a memorial for Bill will be held on October 10 at 2:00 p.m. at the Chapel of Chimes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAIRBANKS as follows:

Section 1. The Fairbanks City Council formally honors William "Bill" Rogers for his many years of service, professional excellence, and meaningful contributions to the City of Fairbanks and its residents..

Section 2. A copy of this resolution is to be presented to Bill's family with sincere appreciation for his life, service, and legacy.

Section 3. The effective date of this resolution is six days after adoption.


Mindy O'Neill, Mayor

AYES: APPROVED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Ringstad
APPROVED: September 14, 2026

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


For D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk


Thomas A. Chard II, City Attorney