MINUTES
FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
FOR THE CITY OF THORNE BAY
ALASKA, CITY HALL,
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MONDAY
October 17, 2016
6:30 p.m.

The meeting was preceded by a workshop at 6:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER:
Mayor Gould called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. PLEDGE TO FLAG:
The council and audience stood for the pledge to the flag.

3. OATH OF OFFICE:
Seat A - Raymond Slayton (3-Year Term), Raymond Slayton took his Oath of Office and the original signed Oath was given to the City Clerk.

Seat B - Risa J. Carlson (3-Year Term),
Risa Carlson read her Oath of Office over the telephone. The original signed Oath was received and filed by the City Clerk.

4. ROLL CALL:
Gould, Slayton, Edenfield, and Burger were present. Carlson, McDonald and Hartwell attended by phone.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
Gould moved to approve the agenda. Hartwell seconded the motion. There was no further discussion.

MOTION:	Move to approve the agenda
F/S:	Gould/Hartwell
YEAS:	Burger, Gould, McDonald, Carlson, Slayton, Edenfield and Hartwell
NAYS:	None
STATUS:	Motion Passed.

6. MAYOR'S REPORT:
Mayor Gould stated the City Council had received a Thank You card from Shelly Wright with Southeast Conference for the City's contribution to the Marine Highway Reform Project.
Mayor Gould reported that he would be out of town from December 6th to January 10th.

7. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

City Administrator, Wayne Benner, reported on the following:

- Meeting with Craig and Klawock Administrators to discuss financing of Municipalities
- Davidson Landing Restroom and Caretaker Facility project will begin moving forward in January. Some minor changes in location of the facility
- Previous RV Park tenant left the RV Park after writing over a thousand dollars in bad checks to the City.

City Clerk financial report:

City Clerk, Teri Feibel, reported on the following:

- Absentee Voting for the November General Election begins at City Hall on Monday October 24th, through Monday November 7th. Absentee voting is available during regular office hours.
- General Election will be held in the Council Chambers of City Hall on November 8, 2016, the Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. through 8:00 p.m.

City Clerk read bank balances for the City of Thorne Bay's Finance Accounts:

1. Tongass Federal Credit Union:
   a. Checking: $150,102.76
   b. Sales Tax Savings: $299,656.00
   c. Harbor Savings: $36,783.78
2. First Bank Alaska:
   a. Checking: $58,000.00
3. Wells Fargo Investments Account:
   a. Money Market: $674,360.81
   b. Bonds: $400,999.90

TOTAL OF ALL CITY ACCOUNTS: $1,619,940.32

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Thom Cunningham commented on the following:

- Absentee Voting available at Davidson Landing
- Proposition to repeal EMS/Fire rates was intended to only repeal the charge for house fires, not EMS rates
- South Thorne Bay Roads in need of grading. Requested they be graded before winter freeze.

9. COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Edenfield stated the Fire Rates that are in effect are only for fires that are in direct result of negligence, the city has never charged for a house fire that was not caused by negligence.

Gould stated the current City Administration and Council would not charge for a fire unless it was caused by a person's negligence. Gould stated he appreciated the public comments regarding the fire rates, and stated the City would consider the wording of the resolution for fire rates.

10. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Appointment of Mayor for the City of Thorne Bay, discussion and action item:

Gould expressed interest in being nominated as Mayor for Thorne Bay. Slayton Nominated James Gould for Mayor. Burger seconded the nomination. There were no other council members nominated. Burger moved to appoint James Gould as Mayor. Hartwell seconded the motion. City Clerk stated the term for James Gould as Mayor will be for the remainder of his council seat term of one year. There was no further discussion.

MOTION: Move to appoint James Gould as Mayor
F/S: Burger/Hartwell
YEAS: Hartwell, Carlson, Burger, Edenfield, McDonald, Slayton and Gould
NAYS: None
STATUS: Motion Passed.

B. Appointment of Vice Mayor for the City of Thorne Bay, discussion and action item:

Gould nominated Harvey McDonald to serve as Vice Mayor for the City of Thorne Bay. Burger seconded the nomination. The floor was closed to nominations with no further nominees on the floor. Gould moved to appoint Harvey McDonald as Vice Mayor for the City of Thorne Burger seconded the motion. Vice Mayor of Thorne Bay serves a One (1) Year Term, expiring on the Monday following the Certification of Election. There was no further discussion.

MOTION: Move to appoint Harvey McDonald as Vice Mayor for the City of Thorne Bay
F/S: Gould/Burger
YEAS: McDonald, Burger, Carlson, Hartwell, Slayton and Edenfield
NAYS: None
STATUS: Motion Passed.

C. Appointment of councilmember to run meetings in the absence of Mayor and Vice Mayor, discussion and action item:

Gould stated that Councilmember Carlson had no objection to continuing her appointment for running meetings in the absence of Mayor and Vice Mayor. Gould nominated Risa Carlson. Edenfield seconded the nomination. Hartwell nominated Raymond Slayton. The floor was closed to nominations. Slayton requested his name be withdrawn from the nominations since Risa was ok with running the meetings in the absence of Mayor and Vice Mayor. No further discussion.

MOTION: Move to appoint Risa Carlson to run City Council Meetings in the absence of the Mayor and Vice Mayor
F/S: Gould/Edenfield
YEAS: Burger, McDonald, Edenfield, Gould, Slayton, Hartwell and Carlson
NAYS: None
STATUS: Motion Passed.

D. Review and amendment of current rate charged for leased City tideland to Gary Anderson dba. Tackle Shack, discussion and action item:

Gary Anderson addressed the City Council regarding his request for the current lease rate charged to the Tackle Shack to be reviewed and amended for the winter months. Gould inquired what Mr. Anderson would request for action regarding the lease. Mr. Anderson stated he would request the same amendment as the City Council provided to other businesses in the same area, and for the same months that were requested and approved. Gould requested the City Administrator draft a lease amendment for the Tackle Shack lease of City Tidelands and bring it to the next meeting for the City Council to act upon. Hartwell stated he was in favor of approving the lease amendment for Mr. Anderson as the City Council has set a precedent for allowing modifications during winter months when business is slow. Slayton stated he too was in favor of Mr. Anderson's request. Slayton stated that the Tackle Shack and the Port were great for Thorne Bay, and Mr. Anderson providing a propane service in town was great for Thorne Bay so people did not have to travel to Craig to have their tanks filled. Slayton stated he believed that the City should do everything in their power to help local businesses thrive. Slayton reiterated his position in favor of amending the lease to benefit Mr. Anderson. McDonald and Gould stated they concurred with Slayton's comments. There was further discussion.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

No executive session was called.

13. CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mark Lisowski commented on the following:

- Community Discussions will continue the 22nd at 12:30, in the library. This is a continuation of discussion and community conversations that Mr. Lisowski commented on at the last city council meeting.

14. CONTINUATION OF COUNCIL COMMENT:

No further council comments.

15. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Gould adjourned the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

James Gould, Mayor

ATTEST:

Teri Feibel, CMC