

MINUTES
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
FOR THE CITY OF THORNE BAY, AK
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CITY HALL
TUESDAY
December 4, 2018
6:30 p.m.

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

1. CALL TO ORDER:

McDonald 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. ROLL CALL:

Those present were:

McDonald, Carlson, Edenfield, Slayton, Williams, Hartwell and Burger

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

McDonald moved to approve the agenda with additions of expenditures item B, and Executive Session. Hartwell seconded the motion. There was no further discussion.

MOTION: Move to approve the agenda with additions

F/S: McDonald/Hartwell

YEAS: Edenfield, Carlson, Burger, McDonald, Hartwell, Williams, Slayton.

NAYS: None

STATUS: Passed.

5. MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Report, December 4, 2018:

1. East Prince of Wales Fish and Game Advisory Committee will be holding a meeting on December 13th at 4:00 p.m., in the City Hall Council Chambers
2. City Council Meeting December 18th, I will we have a quorum for this meeting? I understand it is close to the holidays and some of us may be out of town and unable to call in.
3. Wayne is gone for the month of December but will be back by the beginning of January.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

a.) City Clerk Reported on the following:

- Ordinance for Introduction 18-12-18-01 – corrects the order sequence for the Harbor Violations and makes them consistent with the fine schedule sequence of offenses.
- Ordinances for Introduction 18-12-04-02 - addresses the inconsistent maximum deposit amounts for the City Utility and Harbor Accounts. The ordinance removes the dollar amount and replaces it with the wording “not exceed maximum deposit amount as set forth by resolution”

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Karen Petersen Chair for Friends of the Thorne Bay Library commented on the following:

- Explained the City had approached the Friends of the Library and asked about the possibility of moving forward with the basement floor of the library and allow the City to use part of it as a Community Center.
- Petersen explained the “pros & cons” of moving forward with the library in sections and joining the City for use as the Community Center
- Friends have spent years fundraising to help offset costs for the future library building.
- Explained that if the council voted to support exploring the option of the library, the next step would be to enter into an MOU between the Friends and City which would outline each step to be taken
- Assured the council that the money used for construction would not be spent in a “willy-nilly” fashion and discussed the efforts that have been put in to raise the funds.
- Petersen encouraged the City Council to submit the new library construction as a top priority in their legislative priority list to show the legislature that the City was serious about moving forward.
- Petersen reassured the Council that if they chose not to move forward with the new library as presented, that would also be ok, and the Friends would continue to fundraise as they have been. She continued that this loss of the Bay Chalet was an unexpected situation, and a lot of things that still needed to be considered.

Karen Petersen provided the following update on the Greentree Heights Electrical:

- Nothing is happening with that. I am tracking the Rural Utilities Grant Program, which is a grant that would be applied for through the City, but the funding h

Kim Redmond commented on the following:

- Thanked the City for putting up the Christmas lights around town.

8. COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Ray Slayton inquired if the Friends had a clear idea on how to move forward with the library project as proposed?

- Petersen responded that the Friends would sit with architect and may need to change plans such as the current footprint and look at details they would still want or may not want.

Hartwell stated he wanted to see the South Thorne Bay Road be the number one priority for the City priority list submitted to the Legislature each year.

9. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. MINUTES:

1. Approval of the Minutes November 20, 2018, Regular City Council Meeting, discussion and action item:

McDonald moved to approve the consent agenda. Hartwell seconded the motion. There was no further discussion.

MOTION: Move to approve the consent agenda, consisting of November 20, 2018, Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

F/S: McDonald/Hartwell

YEAS: Edenfield, Carlson, Burger, McDonald, Hartwell, Williams, Slayton.

NAYS: None

STATUS: Passed.

10. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **Resolution 18-12-04-01**, adopting the Alternative Allocation Method for the FY19 Shared Fisheries Business Tax Program and Certifying that this allocation method fairly represents the distribution in the Southern Southeast Area, discussion and action item:

McDonald moved to approve Resolution 18-12-04-01. Slayton seconded the motion. There was no further discussion.

MOTION: Move to approve Resolution 18-12-04-01

F/S: McDonald/Slayton

YEAS: Edenfield, McDonald, Hartwell, Carlson, Burger, Williams and Slayton.

NAYS: None

STATUS: Passed.

- B. **Resolution 18-12-04-02**, supporting the City's efforts to secure options for a new community center through options provided, discussion and action item: (Options to review are 1.) move forward with the New Library in stages, using the basement as the new community center; 2.) Repair current Bay Chalet; 3.) Build or buy modular building to be used as Community Center; 4.) Do nothing, remove Bay Chalet and find another location to host events (School, Church, etc.)

McDonald moved to approve Resolution 18-12-04-02. Hartwell seconded the motion. Discussion included the following comments:

City Clerk Comments:

The City Clerk provided the City Council with an outline of options for the repair or reconstruction of the Bay Chalet Community Center.

Options to consider for replacing/repairing the Bay Chalet:

1. Repair current building,
2. Construct a new building in the existing location,
(Each of these options would require the City to go out to bid for a quote, so cost is unknown at this time)
3. House the new Community Building within the basement of the proposed new Library basement. (This cost will be determined within the MOU as mentioned below)
 - Option number 3 would require the city to enter into an MOU with the Friends of the Library, which would outline exactly how the process would work.

- Once the MOU is drafted and both parties agree on the language, the City Council would vote on the agreement.

The City Clerk stated there were not enough details to make a decision as to which option would be best for the City, so the resolution presented was simply requesting the support of the council to enter into further discussions with the Friends on the Library option and continue exploring the costs for repairing or replacing the Bay Chalet.

STEPS TO TAKE IF MOU IS APPROVED BY COUNCIL AND FRIENDS:

- Discussions with Architect (possible site visit)
- Complete a Phase One Budget that would pay for architect, site preparation and perhaps foundation pouring.
- Convening a Fund-Raising committee (Friends)

Council Comments included the following:

Williams stated that he felt trying repair the building in its condition would only be a waste of City finances.

McDonald agreed with Williams comments.

Williams moved to amend the motion to approve the Resolution striking the option of repairing the building.

Hartwell seconded the amendment to the main motion.

Carlson stated it seemed premature to remove the option of repairing the building, and encouraged the City to find out exactly what it would cost for repair, replacement, and library options.

Williams agreed to remove his amendment as long as the City wouldn't be paying an engineer to provide an estimate of repairs. Williams added that his concern was for the possible cost for an engineer or contractor to provide the estimate for repairs.

Slayton clarified to the council that the final "THEREFORE" in the Resolution states that the City Council is only supporting the City exploring all options to repair or replace the Bay Chalet.

MOTION: Move to approve Resolution 18-12-04-02

F/S: McDonald/Hartwell

YEAS: Edenfield, Carlson, Burger, McDonald, Hartwell, Williams, Slayton.

NAYS: None

STATUS: Passed.

11. ORDINANCE FOR PUBLIC HEARING:

- A. Ordinance 18-12-04-01**, a Non-Code Ordinance, Authorizing the Sale of Municipal Owned Property, located in the Deer Creek Subdivision Lot DC4, to James Atkinson, discussion and action item:

McDonald moved to approve Ordinance 18-12-04-01. Burger seconded the motion. There was no further discussion.

MOTION: Move to approve Ordinance 18-12-04-01

F/S: McDonald/Burger

YEAS: McDonald, Hartwell, Williams, Edenfield, Carlson, Burger, and Slayton.

NAYS: None

STATUS: Passed.

- B. Ordinance 18-12-04-02**, amending Title 13-Utilities; Chapter 13.02-Application for Services, and Title 18-Harbor, Chapter 18.20-Registration and Stall Assignment, discussion and action item:

McDonald moved to approve Ordinance 18-12-04-02. Carlson seconded the motion. Hartwell stated he asked the City Clerk to look into the possible requirement of the City needing to pay interest on deposits held from customers for city services. The City Clerk stated she had looked into his question and found that by State Statutes, the City was required to pay an interest no deposits held, but that the Statutes did not state the interest rate to be paid. City Clerk stated that moving forward, the City would need to amend their Code on how deposits are handled and establish an interest rate.

MOTION: Move to approve Ordinance 18-12-04-02

F/S: McDonald/Carlson

YEAS: Edenfield, Carlson, Burger, McDonald, Hartwell, Williams, Slayton.

NAYS: None

STATUS: Passed.

12. ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION:

- A. Ordinance 18-12-18-01**, amending Title 1.16.035 –Minor Offense Fine Schedule Correcting Sequential Order, discussion and action item:

McDonald moved to approve Ordinance 18-12-18-01. Burger seconded motion. City Clerk explained the ordinance corrected the subsection numbering for the offenses listed in Title 18, City Boat Harbor. There was no further discussion.

MOTION: Move to approve Ordinance 18-12-18-01

F/S: McDonald/Burger

YEAS: Edenfield, Carlson, Hartwell, Williams Burger, McDonald and, Slayton.

NAYS: None

STATUS: Passed.

B. Ordinance 18-12-18-02, amending Title 1-General Provisions, Chapter 1.01 – Code Adoption, adding Section 1.01.035-General Clean-up, discussion and action item:

McDonald moved Ordinance 18-12-18-02. Slayton seconded the motion. The City Clerk explained the ordinance provided the City Clerk authority to make changes to the City's Code that were of a general cleanup in nature, such as grammatical and spelling errors. McDonald stated he wanted the City Clerk to inform the Council of any corrections that were to be made within the code.

MOTION: Move to approve Ordinance 18-12-18-02
F/S: McDonald/Slayton
YEAS: Edenfield, Carlson, Burger, McDonald, Hartwell, Williams, Slayton.
NAYS: None
STATUS: Passed.

13. EXPENDITURE EXCEEDING \$2,000.00:

A. Authorizing expenditure of \$7,425.00, to First City Electric for helipad Lighting materials, labor, shipping, travel, room & board, and overhead, discussion and action item:

McDonald moved to approve the expenditure of \$7,425.00, to First City Electric for helipad lighting repairs. Hartwell seconded the motion.

MOTION: Move to approve the expenditure of \$7,425.00, to First City Electric for helipad lighting repairs
F/S: McDonald/Hartwell
YEAS: Burger, McDonald, Edenfield, Carlson, Hartwell, Williams, and Slayton.
NAYS: None
STATUS: Passed.

B. Authorizing the expenditure of \$3,055.98 to Alaska Power Company for line extension at Davidson Landing for power to the floats, discussion and action item:

McDonald moved to approve the expenditure of \$3,055.98, Alaska Power & Telephone for a Line Extension at Davidson Landing Harbor. Burger seconded the motion. There was no further discussion.

MOTION: Move to approve the expenditure of \$3,055.98, to Alaska Power & Telephone for a Line Extension at Davidson Landing Harbor
F/S: McDonald/ Hartwell
YEAS: Edenfield, Carlson, Burger, McDonald, Hartwell, Williams, Slayton.
NAYS: None
STATUS: Passed.

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Council may adjourn to executive session for the purpose of discussing pending lawsuits in which the city has an interest, which are matters, the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have adverse effect upon the finances of the City:

McDonald stated he was not aware of lawsuits. Slayton stated pending lawsuits and communications.

Slayton moved to adjourn to executive session for purpose of pending lawsuits and communication. Williams seconded the motion.

Adjourn 7:10 pm

Reconvene at 7:33 p.m.

MOTION: Move to adjourn to executive session for purpose of pending lawsuits and communication
F/S: Slayton / Williams
YEAS: Edenfield, Carlson, Burger, McDonald, Hartwell, Williams, Slayton.
NAYS: None
STATUS: Passed.

15. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Karen Petersen made the following comments:

- Commented that she would still bring forth an MOU to the City Council even if the City was exploring all options.
- Stated that she believed the City and Friends could continue to move forward without obligating the City to any action until something hits the ground.

McDonald stated it was his desire to continue discussions with the Friends of the Library. McDonald stated he would work with the Friends and Wayne on drafting the MOU and would bring to the City Council for review.

Kim Redmond commented on the following:

- Suggested that the City consider relocating the Helipad to another location within the Sort Yard. He continued to comment that the current Helipad location is ideal for bringing in barges and loads of wood because of the high water there.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Williams requested the City Clerk put together a policy on how the City would implement the interest account and how would it be credited to the customer. Williams suggested a credit on the customer's account.

Carlson asked the City Clerk if the City was still considering changing the way residential household garbage pickup was charged in regard to homes that have one trash can per week verses two cans per week. Carlson explained that this topic had come up a few years back by Jim Gould, and she wanted to know if the City was still considering this change.

McDonald stated he would find out about the residential garbage billing and get back to the City Council.

ADJOURN:

McDonald adjourned the meeting at 7:44 p.m.



Harvey McDonald, Mayor

ATTEST:



Teri Feibel, CMC