

MINUTES

FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
FOR THE CITY OF THORNE BAY, ALASKA COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF CITY HALL
120 FREEMAN DRIVE

Tuesday June 18, 2019

6:30 p.m.

The meeting was preceded by a workshop beginning at 6:00 p.m. The public was invited and encouraged to attend

1. CALL TO ORDER:

McDonald called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. PLEDGE TO FLAG:

The audience and council stood for the pledge to the flag.

3. ROLL CALL:

Those present were: McDonald, Burger, Edenfield, Minnillo, Carlson, Slayton and Williams

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

MOTION: Move to approve the agenda.

F/S : McDonald/Minnillo

YEAS: Burger, Williams, McDonald, Edenfield, Slayton, Minnillo & Carlson

NAYS: None

STATUS: Motion Passed.

5. MAYOR'S REPORT:

- McDonald stated the City Clerk posted a request in the monthly newsletter for the public to review a drafted ordinance and provide feedback. This Ordinance was only a draft, and an attempt for us to get the public's comments on this issue.
- Comments were not provided to the City Clerk, but they were spread on social media.
- Requested that in the future the public provide comments and suggestions directly to the Clerk so we know if you are for or against an item.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

a. City Administrator's Report:

No report given.

b. City Clerk Report:

City Clerk commented on the following:

1. Reiterated what the Mayor stated in regard to the request for comments on the drafted ordinance. It was a draft and was put out requesting that the public provide feedback on the Ordinance so the city could bring forth an ordinance that would be acceptable to all.
2. Informed the City Council of the concerns expressed in regard to the Fisheries Association and their process for leasing Charter Halibut Permits.
3. Fisheries is a non-profit corporation that was put together to lease out Charter Halibut Permits on behalf of the City Council. The City of Thorne Bay was the eligible community quota entity, but a non-profit needed to be formed in order to apply to become a CQE and obtain IFQ and CHP.
4. The current issue is objection to the association disregarding their bylaws and leasing the permit to one applicant over another. The questions to be answered are who the oversight on this commission is.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Karen Petersen commented on the following:

- a) Greentree Heights Grant Application for getting power to the Subdivision from Rural Utility Services.
 1. This grant is 100% funded. No cash required to the City.
 2. AP&T will match by waiving \$3000 to customers for new utility connections
- b) Reported there were new computers, software and equipment at the library that were purchased with a Tier I Rasmussen Grant that the library received.
- c) Thank you to AML who provided free shipping for battery backups....
- d) With the excitement of the new computer equipment, the Friends decided to do an overhaul on the library and remodeled the bathroom and put in new shelving.
- e. Thank you to Sherri Cessnun for providing the shampooer used to clean the carpets.
- e) Thank you to Councilman Ben Williams who donated the lumber used to build the new library shelves.

Sean Kaer – Commented on the following:

- a. Commented on a road that had been built illegally over Tract A in the South Thorne Bay Subdivision. Explained the road was causing damage to the neighboring properties.

Eric Rhodes commented on the following:

- a. Suggested that the City Clerk provide a way that people could send their comments on items rather than calling .

Deann Minnillo commented on the following:

- a. Stated that she was still very upset about the way the Fisheries Association ran their meeting in May for the lease of a Charter Halibut Permit, and disappointed that it was not on the City Council's agenda to deal with.
 1. Minnillo explained her concern was how this Association was not awarding permits based on their written bylaws. Minnillo urged the Council to step up and settle how the situation was handled. Minnillo explained that during the Fisheries meeting, the City Clerk had explained that the bylaws clearly stated how a permit lease should be handled and was completely disregarded and had the chairman started yelling at her.
 2. The Association claimed that one of the applicants was not eligible because he didn't have all of the licenses required, however, the license they were claiming as a requirement was not written in their bylaws, and in fact, one of the long-time permit holders had never held this license. He leased the CHP and had an employee who held the license fish it. This is clearly not consistent.

- b. Stated she was concerned about the state of the Fire Department and the condition of the fire trucks and whether or not they worked properly.

8. COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Carlson inquired who managed the Charter Halibut Permits?

Slayton suggested that NOAA Marine Fisheries (NMFS) would be the ones to oversee the management of the Fisheries Association and CHP's.

Minnillo stated he had been in contact with NMFS and when he asked them, they said they were not the ones to manage them.

Williams requested a report on the Solid Waste baler repairs and an estimated timeline for when it will be up and running again. Williams asked the Clerk to place the baler expenses on the agenda for the next council meeting.

9. CONSENT AGENDA:

No consent agenda.

10. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Appointing a Planning & Zoning Commission for the City of Thorne Bay, discussion and action item:

McDonald stated that with only having two interested parties in the Streets Commission, the City felt it was best to combine both the Planning and Streets Commission. McDonald suggested that the Planning Commission set their meeting for the second meeting of the following month beginning at 6:30 p.m.

MOTION: Move to appoint the following to the Planning Commission.

1. *Brad Clark*
2. *Laura Clark*
3. *Gary Anderson*
4. *Sean McRae*
5. *Jim Baichtal*
6. *Bob Hartwell*
7. *Stan McCoy*

F/S: Burger/Carlson

YEAS: Burger, Williams, McDonald, Edenfield, Slayton, Minnillo & Carlson

NAYS: None

STATUS: Motion Passed.

11. ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION:

THERE ARE NO ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

12. ORDINANCE FOR PUBLIC HEARING:

- a) Ordinance 19-06-18-01, approving the City of Thorne Bay Budget for the Fiscal Year 2020, discussion and action item:

McDonald moved to approve Ordinance 19-06-18-01. Burger seconded the motion. There was no further discussion.

MOTION: Move to approve Ordinance 19-06-18-01

F/S: McDonald/Burger

YEAS: Burger, Williams, McDonald, Edenfield, Slayton, Minnillo & Carlson

NAYS: None

STATUS: Motion Passed.

13. EXPENDITURES EXCEEDING \$2,000.00:
THERE WERE NO EXPENDITURES EXCEEDING \$2,000.00

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Council may adjourn to executive session for the purpose of discussing pending or threatened 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.

15. CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC COMMENT:
None

16. CONTINUATION OF COUNCIL COMMENT:
Williams stated he felt strongly for the need to have Emergency Services here in Thorne Bay full time. Creating a position for Police Officer/EMS coordinator would be an added expense to the City, but the residents needed to have reliable services.

17. ADJOURNMENT:
McDonald adjourned the meeting at 7:26 p.m.

Harvey McDonald, Mayor

ATTEST:

Teri Feibel, CMC