

## 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 04, 2019**

6:30 p.m.

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

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER:

Burger 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 Burger Carlson, Edenfield, Williams, Slayton, Minnillo

McDonald attended by phone

#### 4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Burger moved to approve the agenda. Slayton seconded the motion.

MOTION: Move to approve the agenda.

BY: Burger/Slayton

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

NAYS: None

STATUS: Motion Passed

#### 5. MAYOR'S REPORT:

None

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## **6. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

### **c City Administrator's Report:**

#### **Meetings Attended and Updates:**

- A. POWCAC mtg May 28 at Hollis had a presentation on the 2020 Census from Barb Miranda. She stressed how important the census is as the results are used for the allocations of funding for all programs that use federal dollars, such as schools and PILT funds.
- B. Weekly construction meeting for Water upgrade project.
- C. I will be gone June 12-19 for the check up on my hip but will be working and can participate in the June 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### **Tasks and Projects:**

- A. Work is underway on the water treatment plant upgrades. The shed on the back is gone as is the old concrete walk way around the building and the portion of the building housing the generator. Electricians and plumbers were on site today to prepare moving electrical and plumbing that must be relocated to accommodate the work. Work was halted today when it was discovered a fawn was bedded down under the generator in the oil.
- B. Teri and I are still working through the process of how the city can issue tickets. To issue tickets on vehicles for example, requires getting the correct ownership of the vehicle as this is a critical part of the ticket the courts must have. The VPSO program at this time is hesitant to enforce municipal codes hence will not provide registration information to a city employee, the State Troopers can only enforce state. We are currently looking into the VPO program which is a step up from a VPSO and a step down from a City police officer. We are also looking at the possibility of contracting with Klawock who has discussed the idea in the past.

#### **New Business:**

- A. Resolution 19-06-04-01 is supporting the Rural Utility APT Power Extension to Greentree Heights. This is a resolution in support of the city filling for a grant but is not involved with the funding of the project as it is all grant funds. The city has been a pass through entity for grants in the past.
- B. Resolution 19-06-04-02 authorizing Davidson Landing to serve as an absentee voting location for Local Municipal Elections. Teri can address any questions.

#### **Ordinances for Introduction:**

- A. Ordinance 19-06-18-01 approving the City of Thorne Bay Budget for the Fiscal Year 2020. Teri and I can answer questions. Because it has been so busy the last few weeks my yearly budget narrative is still only in draft form and will be ready for the next council meeting.

**Expenditures over \$2000**

\$2,352 is to OVK for road grading

**Executive Session: YES**

**Harbors and Parks:** Both harbors are basically full and with two full harbors and facilities to maintain the workload is becoming more than one person can keep up with because this time of year it is a seven-day job. Guest are starting to arrive as almost nightly we have a boat in the guest moorage. Looks like in the last few days there has been fuel stolen from both Davidson Landing and the City Harbor and appears to be done by water to avoid the cameras.

**Streets and Roads:** Working on a plan to repair some of the holes that have developed in the asphalt and repair a couple of the sink holes. Now that most all the sand has been removed from the DNR pit that the city has been getting sanding material we will be looking at other alternatives to maintain the icy roads.

**Water and Sewer:** Work continues on water meter replacement. Sam will be on leave the next couple weeks so Dave will be the sole operator, so hopefully operations run smoothly. The I and I grant program will gear up now that the weather is nice.

**Solid Waste:** Discount dump day was successful. 42,850# which is consistent with the last couple years. But financially the city lost approximately \$4938. We also had the same couple of people bring heaping pickup loads of household trash, on person 3 large pickup loads piled cab high

**Law Enforcement:** Just waiting to hear any news about a new VPSO

**FIRE/EMS:** Klawock is looking for daytime employees to help cover Thorne Bay.

**Special Projects:**

**Library:** Library is closed this week for some remodeling, cleaning and the installation of a new upgraded computer system that the friends of the library purchased.

**d. City Clerk Report:**

No report given.

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## 7. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

### **Rodger Longbotham commented on the following:**

1. Thanked councilman Minnillo and Edenfield for attending the meeting at Davidson Landing on June 3<sup>rd</sup>; Positive comments and outcomes
2. Extra thanks for Former Councilmember Hartwell and other Northside Residents who had a lot of positive light to Shed.
  - Explained the purpose of the meeting was to address problems and solutions that the city government should be focusing on.
3. Informed the council that residents had been provided the opportunity to participate in a survey to help identify these problems and solutions.
  - a. Question 1-Please identify three problem areas the City should focus on
  - b. Question 2 - Please provide suggestions, solutions for above named problems.
4. Results provided 10 areas of concern and Mr. Longbottom shared the top 5
  - i. Administration
  - ii. Council leadership
  - iii. Emergency Services
  - iv. Roads
  - v. Telecommunications

### **Patrick Tierney commented on the following:**

1. Thanked the council and citizen for the continued support of the yellow cedar project. The school planted in the park are two yellow cedar planted in honor of Arbor Day.

### **Sean Kaer commented on the following:**

1. Commented that the Harbormaster has the authority to address the issues of junked vehicles
2. In response to comments of people stealing at the harbor and being on camera, they need to be arrested.
3. Encouraged the City to fill the empty slips at Davidson Landing

**John Stram commented on the following:**

1. Encouraged the City to appoint individuals to the Planning and Streets Commissions that were advertised in December. He, along with 6 others submitted their applications and are interested in serving on these boards.

**Deann Minnillo commented on the following:**

1. Commented on the wonderful selection of materials that are provided at the public library. Encouraged people to visit the library to see everything they have available to residents..

**Brad Clark:**

1. Thanked the City for the lighting at Davidson Landing
2. Informed the council and audience that he had privilege to run a town hall meeting and work toward community, not division
3. Would appreciate knowing where the Council stands on the Zoning Commission.

**Eric Rhodes:**

1. Open Invitation to anyone wanting to volunteer for the fire department on Southside. Invited those interested to contact him for the application.

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**8. COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

**Minnillo commented on the following:**

1. Request for clarification from Mr. Sean Kaer, was he in favor or not in of cars being taken? Kaer replied he was in favor.
2. Requested an update on the City's position on appointing the Planning Commission?

**Slayton commented on the following:**

1. Inquired about the Charter Halibut Permits and concerns that were raised at prior meetings.

**Williams commented on the following:**

- 1. Requested the council consider hiring a part time Police Officer that would also serve as a First Responder. This position would be in charge of the EMS and enforcing the municipal laws.**
- 2. Williams stated that Law and Order and Safety are the responsibility of the council and we need let the people know we are doing something**
- 3. Commented that the City may need to consider an increased sales tax to fund a part time Police Officer position.**

**Carlson commented on the following:**

- 1. Commented on the Thorne Bay EMS and the need for having Klawock in the first place being that the TNB EMS Did not have a Doctor to sponsor them. Suggested that now there is a clinic next door, there may be a possibility of getting a Dr. to sponsor the EMS.**
- 2. Stated she also wanted a Planning and Zoning Commission formed.**

**McDonald commented on the following:**

- 1. Stated the hold up on the appointment of a Planning Commission was there were only 5 or 6 applicants and the City wanted 7, that way if one were sick, there would still be a quorum**
- 2. Commented on the law enforcement issues. The City has been working hard on getting the VPSO over here and have not getting anywhere.**

**Edenfield commented on the following:**

- 1. Answered Carlson's question regarding the Thorne Bay EMS having a Dr. to sponsor them. Thorne Bay EMS did not have a sponsor because they did not have a large enough squad. We have been providing training at the school, but most are older and cannot do the work anymore. Throne Bay EMS needs young abled bodies.**

2. We did get recognized by the Governor in 2009 for a 28-person squad and would like to get there again.

**Slayton commented on the following:**

1. Commented in favor of Councilman Williams's suggestion of a Police Officer position that headed the EMS.
2. Slayton commented that the council needed to do something for the City Law Enforcement and EMS. The problems are when people don't have the heart for the job it falls apart quick.

**McDonald:**

1. The only other option rather than a VPSO, would be a police officer, but I would suggest that they not be permitted to carry a firearm. The insurance on that is extremely costly.

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**9. CONSENT AGENDA:**

**a. MINUTES:**

- iii. Minutes of the May 14, 2019, Special City Council Meeting, discussion and action item:

Burger moved to approve the minutes for the May 14, 2019, Special Meeting of the City Council. Edenfield seconded the motion.

**MOTION:** Move to approve the Minutes for the May 14, 2019, Special City Council Meeting

**BY:** Burger/Edenfield

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

**NAYS:** None

**STATUS:** Motion Passed.

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**10. NEW BUSINESS:**

- a) Resolution 19-06-04-01, Supporting the Rural Utility APT Power Extension to Greentree Heights, discussion and action item:

Burger moved to approve that we support with Resolution 19-06-04-01.

Slayton seconded the motion. McDonald explained that this was for APT to get a grant. There was further discussion.

MOTION: Move to approve Resolution 19-06-04-01  
F/S: Burger/Slayton  
YEAS: Williams, Slayton, Carlson, Burger, McDonald, Edenfield & Minnillo  
NAYS: None  
STATUS: Motion Passed.

- b) **Resolution 19-06-04-02**, Authorizing Davidson Landing to serve as an absentee voting location for Local Municipal Elections, discussion and action:

Burger moved to approve Resolution 19-06-04-02. Williams seconded the motion. Williams asked about who man would, how when and where. City Clerk explained. There was further discussion.

MOTION: Move to approve Resolution 19-06-04-02  
F/S: Burger/Williams  
YEAS: Carlson, Burger, Minnillo, Slayton, McDonald & Williams  
NAYS: Edenfield  
STATUS: Motion Passed.

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## 11. ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION:

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

Burger moved to approve ordinance 19-06-18-01. Carlson seconded the motion. McDonald stated the budget was a living document. We cannot put solid numbers in, so through the years we do have needs to amend for variations that come in. There was further discussion.

MOTION: Move to approve Ordinance 19-06-18-01  
F/S: Burger/Carlson  
YEAS: Burger, Slayton, Edenfield, Minnillo, Williams, Carlson & McDonald  
NAYS: None  
STATUS: Motion Passed.

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## 12. ORDINANCE FOR PUBLIC HEARING:

NONE



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**13. EXPENDITURES EXCEEDING \$2,000.00:**

- a) Authorizing an expenditure exceeding \$2,352.00, to Organized Village of Kasaan for road grading, discussion and action item:

Burger moved to approve the expenditure to OVK. Slayton seconded the motion. No further discussion.

MOTION: Move to approve Expenditure  
ÔDUÍÁ Burger/Slayton  
YEAS: Carlson, Minnillo, Burger, Slayton, McDonald, Edenfield & Williams  
NAYS: None  
STATUS: Motion Passed.

**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.

- a) The City Council may adjourn to executive session to consult with the City Attorney on legal matters, discussion and action item:

Burger Moved to adjourn to executive session to consult with the City Attorney on legal matters. Minnillo seconded the motion. McDonald invited City Clerk and City Administrator to attend.

MOTION: Move to adjourn to executive session to consult with the City Attorney on legal matters  
ÔDUÍÁ Burger/Minnillo  
YEAS: Carlson, Burger, Slayton, Minnillo, McDonald, Edenfield & Williams  
NAYS: None  
STATUS: Motion Passed.

Reconvened at 8:12

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**15. CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Rodger Longbothom commented on the following:

1. **Conflicting Election Date on the City Website.**

**Brad Clark commented on the following:**

1. Invited people to attend the town hall meetings that they are holding. There will be three more meetings and are held first Monday of every month. Next meetings will be:
  - a. July (Goose Creek)
  - b. August - (North Thorne Bay)
  - c. September - (South Thorne Bay)

Encouraged to participate, no attacks on anyone and encourage all to attend. Trying to keep positive as can, no attacks allowed on Politian's.

**Eric Rhodes commented on the following:**

1. Requested the City Council change the way the Mayor is elected. Alaska Statutes Title 29.22.30 (d), says the Mayor of a Second-Class City can be elected two ways:
  - a. by the council, from the council, and
  - b. Elected by public.

**Jon Stram commented on the following:**

1. Requested that the City get started with the Planning Commission based on current applicants and continue to notify people of additional vacancies.

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**16. CONTINUATION OF COUNCIL COMMENT:**

**Mark Minnillo:**

1. Inquired if there was a conflict if more than 3 council members attended a function.

City Clerk stated that if it was a publicly noticed event, no action was taken, then there was no conflict. It just needed to be noticed to the public, and open to the public.

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**17. ADJOURNMENT:**

Burger adjourned the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

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Harvey McDonald, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Teri Feibel, CMC