

MINUTES
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
FOR THE CITY OF THORNE BAY, ALASKA
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2020
TIME: 6:30 p.m.

1) **CALL TO ORDER:**

Edenfield 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) **OATH OF OFFICE:**

Mayor Oath of Office - Cindy Edenfield pledged the Oath of Office
Seat A - Thom Cunningham pledged the Oath of Office

4) **ROLL CALL:**

Those in attendance were: Edenfield, Burger, Kerkof, Rhodes, Craske & Cunningham
Cunningham joined the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

5) **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Edenfield Move to approve the agenda. Craske seconded the motion. There was no further discussion.

MOTION: Move to approve the agenda

F/S: Edenfield/Craske

YEAS: Burger, Rhodes, Edenfield, Kerkof, Craske

NAYS: None

STATUS: Motion Passed.

(Cunningham was not in attendance during the approval of the agenda)

6) **MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Edenfield provided the following report:

- Thanked the Community for their confidence in her and voting her into office of Mayor
- Encouraged the public to continue following the Governors Mandates. Continue Social Distancing, Follow proper hygiene. Encourage people to wear your mask while in the public and visiting any of the business.

7) **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

a) City Administrator Les Carter reported on the following:

- Following Governors Mandate, the City has closed the doors to the City offices and library. City Hall is still open for business at the City through email, phone, or the mail drop through the door.

- Working with Councilmembers Craske and Cunningham on the CDBG grant for a new fire hall at Davidson Landing.
- The City has a problem with Otters at the Harbor.
- Road conditions are in the best shape that they will be before the snow hits. City Employees did get Steep Road worked on and the residents are thankful.
- OVK and City Staff are working on the Kasaan and Subdivision Roads.
- Fish Cleaning station moved for the winter. When we put back in place it will be moved so not to interfere with float plane docking

b) City Clerk Report:

- Received the second round of CARES funding in the amount of \$109,259.25.
- U.S. Senators Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) and Maggie Hassan (D-NH) introduced legislation that extends the period during which States, Indian Tribes, territories, and local governments may use Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) payments, allocated under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. If enacted, this bipartisan legislation will allow the relief funds to be used until September 30, 2021, rather than the original deadline of the end of this year, December 30, 2020.
- Finance Report:

Name	Available Balance
QUICKBOOKS INCOME/EXPENSE	\$ 38,983.34
Total Income	\$1,108,364.82
Total Expense	\$1,069,381.48
Net Income	\$ 38,983.34
WELLS FARGO INVESTMENTS BALANCE:	\$1,035,192
Mutual Funds	\$620,504.54
Fixed Income	\$303,213.00
Cash/Cash Alternatives	\$111,474.32
FIRST BANK CHECKING	\$142,546.50
First Bank Checking	\$142,546.50
TONGASS FEDERAL CHECKING	599,083.23
<u>HEALTH PREMIUM</u>	<u>\$35,056.61</u>
<u>OCCUPANCY GEN.</u>	\$6,299.91
<u>40% SALES TAX</u>	\$113,047.69

<u>OCC TAX EMS/FIR</u>	\$13,500.54
<u>OCC TAX TOURISM</u>	\$9,211.11
<u>OCC TAX PARKS</u>	\$9,554.98
<u>OCC TAX HARBOR</u>	\$20,183.67
<u>WATER UTL R&R</u>	\$16,292.94
<u>SEWER UTL R&R</u>	\$14,649.84
<u>SOLID WASTE R&R</u>	\$13,983.08
<u>CHECKING</u>	<u>\$169,238.12</u>
<u>60% SALES TAX</u>	<u>\$98,069.77</u>
<u>HARBOR</u>	\$79,994.97
TOTAL CASH BALANCE	\$1,776,821.73

8) PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Patrick Tierney commented on the following:

Re: Parking on Rainy Lane

- The first comment I submitted shouldn't be used for support of any one idea, but for only history. Sheet two includes alternatives that I can support.
- Appreciate the notice provided for the public hearing.

Sherri Becker, SISD, commented on the following:

- Thanked the Administrator for clarifying the section of Rainy Lane that was being considered for the one way. SISD was unaware of that change.

9) COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Wes Craske commented on the following:

- Eric, Thom, Les and I met on Saturday for the CDBG Grant and hashed out a plan for what we are doing down there. I am pleased with the progress we are making.

10) PUBLIC HEARING:

- a) Public Hearing to consider a change in street use and parking on Rainy Lane.

The City has requested the public submit your comments and suggestions for Rainy Lane to the City Clerk by Tuesday, November 17th, 4pm.

Some of the options to be considered are as follows:

- i) One Way road with LIMITED PARKING
- ii) One Way road with NO PARKING
- iii) Two Way road with NO PARKING

Public Hearing Comments:

- **Church of Thorne Bay**

In regard to the public hearing on Rainy Lane we are not aware of any problems with the current situation and not sure why leaving the road as is not on the list of options to at least consider. The Church of Thorne Bay wishes to remain neutral hoping that the other homeowners on Rainy Lane would be able to choose what is best for their neighborhood.

➤ **Cirstyn Ellison, 924 Rainy Lane**

I would like to see a one-way street with limited parking (24-48 hours) to permit additional parking when needed for family, friends or overflow parking.

Rainy Lane is a very narrow street and most houses only have room for one vehicle per residence.

For safety reasons I fully support Rainy Lane becoming a one-way street. I ask that you consider short term parking in designated areas of the pull-outs.

➤ **Willie Austin 401 Rainy Lane**

Two-way with no parking.

➤ **Branzon Anania, Maintenance Director for SISD**

Speaking from SISD's maintenance department. Making the road in front of the district's maintenance shop one way would greatly increase the traffic around Rainy Lane. Our buses are stored at 409 Rainy Lane and we are able to move them in and out with little impact around the loop. Making this portion of Rainy Lane one way would force the district to use the loop with buses, dump trucks, trucks with trailers. and delivery vehicles currently do not drive around the loop at all. We will work with the city to accommodate any needed changes but would like to also make the city aware of the amount and size of traffic moving around the Rainy Lane loop if forced into a one-way situation.

Thank you.

➤ **Sue Edson, 412 Rainy Lane**

Two-way with no parking.

➤ **Rob Williams, 930 Rainy Lane**

One-way road with limited parking. However, my freight deliveries may go against the 1-way direction once a week.

For Parking vehicles will be in front of the store for approx. 10 min

For other vehicles as long as they are running and off asphalt

➤ **Patrick Tierney, 920 Rainy Lane**

Written Response to Public Hearing, November 17, 2020, Meeting Agenda Item 10), a), Public Hearing to Consider a Change in Street Use and Parking on Rainy Lane

Submitted by Patrick J Tierney, Co-Owner, Lot 15, Block 7

Tierney comment continued:

Sheet 2, Alternatives in Order of Preference and Support

Dear City Council,

After canvassing the neighborhood, I find that there is little, if any support for one-way street designations. One-way streets will cause extended travel routes, confusion and may limit access during emergencies.

Options to consider listed by level of support:

- 1) No Action. Do nothing other than efforts to maintain safe passage along the street.
- 2) Limited or no parking in areas with less than 24 feet useable area within the ROW. Post or otherwise mark areas where there is less than 24 feet of useable right-of-way as no parking. Leave the rest of the street as open parking with NO LIMITS other than the restrictions on abandoned or inoperative vehicles, large vehicles, boats and other prohibited parking.

We seem to be addressing this issue due to a certain few residents who abuse parking privileges and cause congestion. Why should the rest of us suffer because of the sins of the few?

The data presented in my first set of comments bears out the facts that issues with parking are occurring where the street/useable ROW is narrowest.

Use the no parking near fire hydrants and intersections to the advantage. Combined with a very few well-placed and descriptive signs, the situation could be resolved simply.

A few other suggestions for signs:

- 1) Caution Narrow Street
- 2) Caution One Lane Road
- 3) Caution Children At Play
- 4) No Parking This Side of Street (with arrow)
- 5) No Parking Either Side of Street (with arrow)

I do not support one-way street designation nor limitations on parking where there is 24 feet or more useable ROW available.

Thank you

11) NEW BUSINESS:

a) Amending the Short-term Rental Agreement with Papac Logging, increasing the rented area from 1.5 acres to 2 acres, discussion and action item:

Edenfield moved to discuss. Craske seconded the motion. Discussion included adding the requirement of a porta potty being available onsite for workers to use. Administrator Carter stated he would contact PAPAC to discuss options available and then bring the agreement back to the Council for consideration with the added requirement.

- b) **Organization of Comprehensive Development Action Plan Committee, discussion and action item:** *(Thorne Bay Comprehensive Plan 2035, projecting out 15-years of goals and objectives for the community and developing a "roadmap" to those goals)*

Rhodes stated that he had requested this item be placed on the agenda for discussion to update the last plan which was done in 2008. Rhodes suggested the City Contact the School Superintendent to discuss involving the students in development of the plan. There was further discussion. Edenfield stated that it was the duty of the Planning Commission to develop and review the Comprehensive Plan annually. Edenfield suggested that the Planning Commission review the document and get a committee together to update it. There was further discussion.

12) **ORDINANCE FOR PUBLIC HEARING:**

- a) **Ordinance 20-11-17-01**, a non-code ordinance amending the long-term 20-year lease of City Property between the City of Thorne Bay and GVA Corporation, aka Tackle Shack, to a ninety-nine-year tideland lease, discussion and action item:

Edenfield move to approve Ordinance 20-11-17-01. Burger seconded the motion.

Rhodes confirmed for the record that the lease was non-transferrable. Cunningham inquired why they wanted a 99-year lease instead of a 50-year lease. Clerk Feibel commented that it would be to secure their investment. There was further discussion.

MOTION: Move to approve Ordinance 20-11-17-01
F/S: Edenfield/Burger
YEAS: Burger, Rhodes, Edenfield, Kerkof, Cunningham & Craske
NAYS: None
STATUS: Motion Passed.

13) **CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Pat Tierney commented on the following:

- Check with the Corps of Engineer on the use of the tideland
- Offered to work with the City on the Rainy Lane issue and can be quite impartial when the public is involved

Sherri Becker

- Students would love to work with the City on a plan. Do what we can as soon as possible.

14) **CONTINUATION OF COUNCIL COMMENT:**

Eric Rhodes commented on the following:

- No action plus signage is what is most favored

Thom Cunningham commented on the following:

- If made one way, where would the one way begin?

15) **ADJOURNMENT:**

Edenfield adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.



Lucinda Edenfield, Mayor

ATTEST:



Teri Feibel, CMC