

MINUTES

FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR
THE CITY OF THORNE BAY, ALASKA
MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2020
TIME: 6:30 p.m.

LOCATION: TELECONFERENCE/VIDEO CONFERENCING LINE

1) CALL TO ORDER:

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

2) PLEDGE TO FLAG:

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

3) ROLL CALL:

Those in attendance were: Hert, Rhodes, Stram, Burger, Longbotham Edenfield

4) APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Burger moved to approve the agenda. Edenfield seconded the motion. There was no further discussion.

MOTION: Move to approve the agenda
F/S: Burger/Edenfield
YEAS: Stram, Longbotham, Burger, Edenfield, Hert & Rhodes
NAYS: None
STATUS: Motion Passed.

5) MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Burger reported on the following:

- Stated that it was very important that people continue to practice proper hygiene, handwashing, keeping social distancing.

6) ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

a) City Administrator:

Meetings Attended and Updates:

- I apologize for my absence; I am in a required meeting with the Alaska State Troopers regarding the major vehicle accident on 9/11/20.
- SE Alaska Conference was 9/22/20 to 9/25/20. The biggest topic of the conference was the announcement by Murkowski that Alaska is going to be receiving our own "Roadless Act" amendment, and the legislature is reviewing ALL OPTIONS to increase the resiliency and reliability of the AMHS.

Tasks and Projects:

- The Stryker EMS equipment order is pending a final addition. The EMS Coordinator agreed that a Lucas V3 Automated CPR device would be a good addition to our capabilities. Stryker has added it to our quote. The new quote is for \$77,321.44. The

prior quote was for \$56,436.98 leaving an increase of \$20,884.46. I am seeking council approval to move forward with funding this invoice through the CARES act funding.

- Klawock Invoice vs. Thorne Bay Invoice: The council received an email on 9/23/20 regarding the City of Klawock refusing to pay any funds as outlined in the EMS MoU. There is currently an issue where Klawock is invoicing us for the use of their solid waste facility while our bailer was down, and we are invoicing them for us paying the EMS dispatchers. We have credited their invoice against ours which leaves a balance of \$8,919.94 due to the City of Thorne Bay. Klawock is stating they do not owe it and is refusing to pay it. I am seeking direction from the council as to if they want to move forward with referring the debit to legal counsel and / or collections.

Continuing Business:

- Break in at dump: There was a break in at the Solid Waste Facility. The suspects were seen on video surveillance and we are currently working with the VPSO and Alaska State Troopers to further the investigation. Would the Council want to offer a \$500 Reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the suspects?

New Business:

- Melody Moen – Tree removal: Melody Moen contacted me regarding removing some trees on the city easement that are blocking their viewshed of the bay. Area 1 and part of Area 2 as indicated on the map below. I explained that AP&T was doing some trimming and removal based on the utility easements and she may want to contact them to see if these trees would be removed. If they are not being removed, and with city council approval, I will work with the Moen family, and assisting with coordination with the US Forest Service to ensure all legalities are covered. The intended use of the downed trees would be to be cut and placed on the roadside (out of the way of course) and provided, free of charge, to the community for firewood. The fiscal and legal liability of this project will be the responsibility of the Moen Family. I am seeking Council comments and approval to move forward with this item.



Departmental Reports:

Water and Sewer:

Sam and Willy are working to get the sewage treatment plant prepared and ready for the fix being implemented to the UV Sterilizer system. It is being lowered almost 6 feet to allow for our surge flow.

Harbors and Parks:

We are currently recruiting for a Harbor Master. We have 3 applicants at this time.

Streets and Roads:

James Taylor is rapidly approaching his testing date for his Commercial Driver's License and has been practicing a lot lately.

Solid Waste:

Jason Jennings has returned from his time off and is doing an amazing job at the solid waste facility.

Library:

Report from Library Director Laura Clark:

- The Library is open and has added 2 new Volunteers increasing our hours open to serve our community. Many thanks to our new volunteers. We are currently ordering, and new items are now hitting the shelves. Come in for new middle school aged books and all kinds of new movies. Many of our movies are now kept behind the scenes, please ask and we happily share the new titles with you.
- Live Homework Help is back online, and we have new tools and a webinar to help high schoolers learn about the ways to pay for college.
- Come on in, we are here to help!

Special Projects:

b) City Clerk Report:

Clerk Teri Feibel provided the following report:

- **MAYORAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 3RD**
Those interested can complete a declaration of candidacy form with the City Clerk beginning October 13 and ends at 12pm October 16th
Absentee voting will begin on October 20th
- **NOTICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FOR THORNE BAY**
October 22nd 6pm Webex
October 24th 2pm Fire Hall

"The goals of the Alaska Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) are to provide financial resources to Alaskan communities for public facilities and planning activities which address issues detrimental to the health and safety of local residents and to reduce the costs of essential community services. The program may also fund Special Economic Development activities which result in the creation of jobs for low- and moderate-income persons. CDBG competitive grants are single-purpose project grants;

maximum of \$850,000 per community. There are three basic funding categories: community development, planning and Special Economic Development. CDBG programs utilize the resources of the Community Development Block Grant program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Approximately \$2 million is available for competitive grants for the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 20 grant cycle.”

➤ **NEO TRAINING:**

Newly Elected Officials in Brief... This session will be conducted via Zoom, including with teleconference option. All materials will be sent ahead of time

➤ **AMBULANCE PURCHASES:**

Ambulances were purchased and are on their way from Seattle. Total for both ambulances was \$114,800.00

➤ **IFA UPDATED SAILINGS**

Thank You to All of You ‘Holding Off’ to book your travel until those with critical transportation needs were met! Booking is now OPEN to Everyone!!

ALL persons wanting to travel between Ketchikan & Hollis ports during October and enjoy the 3-hour ferry ride on the M/V Lituya! We have space for WALK-ON PASSENGERS on all October Lituya Sail Days, and we still have space for VEHICLES on quite a few sailings! Call 866-308-4848 or go www.interislandferry.com to book your trip; for your convenience, Online Booking is now available for Lituya sailings as well! Thank You again to AMHS (M/V Lituya) for covering 2 SAILINGS per WEEK in OCTOBER 2020 for IFA (M/V Stikine)!

AMHS Passenger Screening Form & Face Covering Requirements:

In an effort to continue to keep passengers & crews safe, we must abide by AMHS COVID protocols. You must give your completed AMHS Passenger Screening Form to purser before boarding their vessel. AMHS also requires that all passengers (and crew) over 2 years old wear a face covering while on vessel unless you are in your vehicle or in a designated eating or smoking area.

➤ **CITY OF THORNE BAY REPORT**

Overall plan for expenditures from CARES:

The Thorne Bay City Council approved changes in the CARES spending plan outlined below:

EMS – \$362,965

Personnel - \$32,465 -costs for new coordinator position and increased stipends for dispatch and EMT’s through Dec. 30, 2020. (Starting Jan 1, the city’s general fund budget will assume these costs.) Coordinator position salary and benefits budgeted for 6 months. Reduce by 2 months (July and Aug.)- savings of \$11,680.

Medical Expenses – \$120,500 restock critical supplies to ensure preparedness for any future surge of the pandemic.

Equipment – \$190,000 Gurneys, ambulances + shipping

Travel and Training – \$15,000 expenses to increase the skills of EMS workers, both paid and un-paid.

Airlift Northwest - \$5,000

Employee wages and grant management – \$61,672

Money to cover employee expenses for work done specifically to alleviate and diminish the pandemic. Grant management dollars, \$24,000, were reduced to \$10,000 as it is anticipated the number of hours first allotted won't be necessary.

Public Health – \$6,222 cleaning supplies, sanitizer stations, re-stock MMRS tent

Grants to small businesses and non-profits - \$35,500.

In the 1st round, the city received 11 applications, so another round was advertised and four more were received.

Utility and Moorage Relief to residents – \$12,500

The city mailed applications to residents and received few returns. A 2nd round was advertised with an Aug. 21 deadline and 4 more applications were received, all of which were funded.

Repair and Expand Davidson Landing Facility (Thorne Bay's south side) - \$70,800

Davidson Landing will be upgraded as an 'incident command center' for south Thorne Bay

Communications – \$24,000 New radios will be purchased to replace old, outdated ones. Tablets will be purchased for council members who must attend meetings virtually.

Food Bank mileage reimbursement for deliveries - \$200

Amount of grant \$573,859.52

7) PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Patrick Tierney Commented on the Following:

- Parking limitations. Encouraged the council to review the plan for parking in Thorne Bay and addressing parking all over Thorne Bay. The proposed limitation of parking on Rainy Lane would prohibit people who visit businesses to park.
- Encouraged the council to take the time, look into the history, look into the facts, look into the realism of what Thorne Bay has available for parking in town, and what we need to deal with going forward.
- Offered to help work on this issue, do and see what I can do to help.

8) COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Eric Rhodes commented on the following:

- Encouraged the public to participate in the Community Development Block Grant Public Hearings. Rhodes explained the importance of having public involvement during the application process.
- Three ways the public can participate and have their voice heard in the CDBG;
 1. Public Hearing October 22ND, via WebEx at 6pm,
 2. Public Hearing October 24th at 2pm in person at the at the Fire Hall across from City Hall, or
 3. Complete the Survey that has been posted around town, on the City website and available at City Hall.
- Explained that the CDBG Grants are based on our score of poverty. It's incredibly .

important that we take advantage of the opportunity as we see the Federal and State funding being dried up in some areas, this is still accessible to us.

Burger commented on the following:

- The trees that are being requested for trimming or removal are not on private property and the City should be able to handle internally.

Hert commented on the following:

- Not in favor of removing trees to help someone's view of the bay. Would agree to trim trees, but not to remove them.

Stram commented on the following:

- Commented that if the trees were on the persons property, they could have them removed.

9) CONSENT AGENDA:

a) MINUTES:

- a) Minutes for the September 1, 2020, Special City Council Meeting, discussion and action item:
- b) Minutes for the September 15, 2020, Regular City Council Meeting, discussion and action item:

Burger moved to approve the minutes of the September 1st and 15th, City Council Meetings. Hert seconded the motion. There was no further discussion.

MOTION: Move to approve the minutes of the September 1st and 15th, City Council Meetings
F/S: Burger/Hert
YEAS: Stram, Longbotham, Burger, Edenfield, Hert & Rhodes
NAYS: None
STATUS: Motion Passed.

10) NEW BUSINESS:

a) Certifying the Results of the 2020 Regular Municipal Election, discussion action item:

Burger moved to certify the results of the October 6, 2020. Edenfield seconded the motion. Clerk Feibel read the Election Results for the record.

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION

As confirmed by the Thorne Bay City Council, upon completion of the final canvass of ballots on the 9th day of October 2020, final election results are:

Council Seat C: (3-Year Term)

Thom Cunningham – 84 votes

Gregory Kerkof – 114 votes

Gregory Kerkof is hereby elected to Council Seat C, with a vote of 114

Council Seat E: (3-Year Term)

Jon Stram – 105

Kim Redmond – 104

Jon Stram (incumbent) is hereby elected to Council Seat E, with a vote of 105

Council Seat G: (1-Year Term)

Wes Craske – 78

DeAnn Minnillo – 59

Robert Hartwell – 69

Wes Craske is hereby elected to Council Seat G, with a vote of 78

MOTION: Move to certify the results of the October 6, 2020, Regular Municipal Election.
F/S: Burger/Edenfield
YEAS: Stram, Longbotham, Burger, Edenfield, Hert & Rhodes
NAYS: None
STATUS: Motion Passed.

b) Renewal of SISD Lease renewal for use of City Tideland for placement and operations of a restaurant, discussion and action item:

Burger moved to approve SISD Lease Renewal. Edenfield seconded the motion. Hert clarification of the sublease of AK49 through the school. Hert requested clarification regarding AK49 and the sublease with the School. Clerk stated it was the School who paid the monthly lease of the City and AK49 had the sublease with the School for operating and they paid the school. Stram expressed his appreciation to AK-49 for their operation days and hours. Their pizza is excellent along with the rest of their food and services. Burger agreed that they are doing great, especially with increased limitations in Thorne Bay with COVID.

MOTION: Move to approve SISD Lease Renewal
F/S: Burger/Edenfield
YEAS: Stram, Longbotham, Burger, Edenfield, Hert, Rhodes
NAYS: None
STATUS: Motion Passed.

c) Appointing Election Judges for the November 3rd, 2020 Mayoral Election, discussion and action item:

Burger moved to appoint Cherish Carter, Sue Edson, Laura Jennings, Monica Douglas, Abby Cook and Serena Williams as Election Judges for the November 3rd, 2020, Mayoral Election. Hert seconded the motion. City Clerk Feibel stated that there would be three election judges placed at each location for voting. Polls will be open at City Hall and Absentee Voting at Davidson Landing. There was no further discussion.

MOTION: Move to appoint Cherish Carter, Sue Edson, Laura Jennings, Monica Douglass, Abby Cook, Serena Williams as election officials for the November 3rd, 2020, Mayoral Election
F/S: Burger/Hert
YEAS: Stram, Longbotham, Burger, Edenfield, Hert & Rhodes
NAYS: None
STATUS: Motion Passed.

11) ORDINANCE FOR PUBLIC HEARING:

- a) Ordinance 20-10-06-01 amending Title 2 – Administration and Personnel, Chapter 2.56, City Property, Amending 190 Lands Available for Leasing- Classification of Lands, discussion and action item:

Burger moved to approve Ordinance 20-10-06-01. Rhodes seconded the motion. The City Clerk explained that the Ordinance was a Public Hearing, and the Public is invited to comment on the Ordinance. Clerk explained that the amendment would add the term lease of up to 99-years for Tideland Leases. Even though the tideland lease may be up to 99-years, does not meant that all tideland leases would be that long.

Hert stated that she wanted to be sure that if the property changes owners, that the lease is re-evaluated and renegotiated. Clerk confirmed that was true.

MOTION: Move to approve Ordinance 20-10-06-01
F/S: Burger/Rhodes
YEAS: Stram, Longbotham, Burger, Edenfield, Hert, Rhodes
NAYS: None
STATUS: Motion Passed.

12) EXPENDITURES EXCEEDING \$2,000.00:

- a) Expense of \$77,321.44 to Stryker for EMS Supplies discussion and action item:
Burger moved to approve the expense of \$77,321.44 to Stryker for EMS Supplies.

Burger moved to approve the expense of \$77,321.44 to Stryker for EMS Supplies. Stram seconded the motion. Hert confirmed that it was only for medical supplies and not ambulances. There was further discussion.

MOTION: Move to approve the expense of \$77,321.44 to Stryker for EMS Supplies
F/S: Burger/Stram
YEAS: Stram, Longbotham, Burger, Edenfield, Hert & Rhodes
NAYS: None
STATUS: Motion Passed.

13) CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC COMMENT:

McDonald commented on the following:

- Confirmed that the Clerk read his comments regarding the Ferry.

Patrick Tierney commented on the following:

- Pruning rather than removing trees as mentioned on SOUTH TNB

14) CONTINUATION OF COUNCIL COMMENT:

Longbotham commented on the following:

- Expressed appreciation to the candidates that ran for office and looking forward to working with the new council.

Hert commented on the following:

- Regarding the No Parking Issues – Rainy Lane needs to have something done, I travel a lot and that corner there to Shoreline Drive is a very dangerous corner.
- There is not enough room on Rainy Lane for a two-lane road and in favor of a one-way road.

Rhodes commented on the following:

- Regarding the reward for the stolen items, I don't believe the council needs to vote on a reward and it could be administrative decision.
- Parking needs to be reviewed carefully. We do not want to jeopardize someone's business

Burger commented on the following:

- Suggested a time limited parking vs no parking and on corners, need to be able to see if people are coming or going

Stram commented on the following:

- Regarding Parking, the City needs to be generous for long-time residents. We cannot make more land. Work with residents on this.
- Appreciated those who worked on the election and thanked Kim Redmond for running such a good election. Loved good spirits around town.

Hert commented on the following:

- Congratulations to all who ran for Council. Encourage that everyone out there who is interested, even if you do not win, do not stop being involved. There are other elections. Continue to be active.

15) ADJOURNMENT:

Burger adjourned the meeting at 7:37pm


Lucinda Edenfield, Mayor

ATTEST:

Teri Feibel, CMC