

MINUTES
FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
FOR THE CITY OF THORNE BAY, ALASKA
COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF CITY HALL
120 FREEMAN DRIVE
Monday October 14, 2019

6:30 p.m.

There was a Workshop of the City Council 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. OATH OF OFFICE

Roger Longbotham pledged the Oath of Office

Eric Rhodes pledged the Oath of Office

Rosalyn Hert pledged the Oath of Office

4. ROLL CALL:

Those present: McDonald, Edenfield, Longbotham, Hert, Rhodes & Burger

Those that attended by phone: Williams

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

MOTION: Move to approve the agenda

F/S: McDonald/Rhodes

YEAS: McDonald, Edenfield, Longbotham, Hert, Rhodes, Williams & Burger

NAYS: None

STATUS: Motion Passed.

6. MAYOR'S REPORT:

McDonald commented on the following:

- Graffiti on the kid's bus stop at Davidson Landing. McDonald encouraged everyone to keep an eye out and if they know who is doing the graffiti, explain there are better ways to communicate. McDonald stated the City was working toward getting the graffiti removed.

7. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

a. City Clerk Report:

Training of Newly Elected Officials (NEO):

- Training will be held in Klawock at the Votech center. We had hoped for Thorne Bay, but there is a large turnout in interest, so we will need the additional space. The timing is looking like the third week in November.
 - o. Thorne Bay = 3
 1. Craig = 3
 2. Klawock = 2
 3. Kasaan = (Maybe 1)
 4. Whale Pass = Waiting on answer

Equipment Needs:

- City is putting out an RFQ for purchase of a new used 590 backhoe. The one we have is not safe to operate and the costs to repair would be high along with continued repairs that will keep coming up. The crew did find a used 420 Cat for \$39k out of Juneau, but we will continue with the RFQ process.

Kasaan/Goose Creek Road

- The City absolutely wants to work with OVK and work aggressively to obtain the funding needed to continue road repairs.

Water / Sewer Department

- Reconstruction and repairs of the water and sewer facilities is moving along nicely. There have been a couple of hiccups that interfered with the City's water operations, but Sam Sawyer, our Level II Water Operator, has done an amazing job in correcting the issues in a timely manner so not to disrupt water services to the public. They have an estimated completion date for that project of January with our water/sewer operators being trained on the new system the first couple of weeks.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Sean Kaer commented on the following:

- Explained there were opportunities for city's or nonprofit corporations to get equip from government, military etc., which could cut costs from \$39,000 to \$3,900.

Lavenia Sylvia commented on the following:

- Congratulated Rosalyn Hert, Eric Rhodes and Roger Longbotham on their election to the City Council, on behalf of Dennis Sylvia.
- Supported the city pursuing a firm to obtain a new administrator. Encouraged local applicants be considered and continued to provide suggestions for who should be involved with selection of qualified candidates.

9. COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Roger Longbotham commented on the following:

- Commented unfavorably of the City Council supporting the request for the City to fund Emergency Services Coordinator at the October 7th, 2019, Special City Council Meeting.
- Encouraged the City to publish the job announcement for the Administrator position as soon as possible.

Rosalyn Hert commented on the following:

- Supported the development of Emergency Services and encourage that the qualifications and plan be further defined, and that the Emergency Services Coordinator have EMT and fire experience.
- Commented that the public has expressed concern regarding the lack of Mayor and Administrator presence.

Eric Rhodes commented on the following:

- Supported the development and movement of the Emergency Services Committee but did not agree with how the proposal was brought forward.

Mayor McDonald commented on the following:

- City Administrator is currently working on ordering the street signs & no hunting signs.
- Library repairs have not been started. The work was to be completed through volunteer labor, though the City may need to look at hiring someone to complete it.

10. CONSENT AGENDA:

- a) September 17, 2019, City Council Meeting Minutes, discussion and action item:
- b) October 7, 2019, Special City Council Meeting Minutes, discussion and action item:

McDonald moved to approve the consent agenda. Burger seconded the motion. Longbotham stated that the Clerk had mentioned a few errors that she had corrected in the October 7th, 2019, meeting minutes. There was no further discussion.

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

11. NEW BUSINESS:

- a) Appointment of the Vice Mayor for a one-year term, discussion and action item:

City Clerk explained the process for voting on the Vice Mayor candidates. Two councilmembers filed interest in the Vice Mayor seat, Lee Burger and Roger Longbotham. The City Clerk suggested that the Council write the name down of the councilmember they would like to have appointed as the Vice Mayor, and then submit their votes to the City Clerk to tally. The member which received 4 votes would be the member that was voted upon through a motion of the Council. The council concurred and the tally commenced. 4 votes for Burger and 3 votes for Longbotham.

McDonald moved to appoint Lee Burger as Vice Mayor. Longbotham seconded the motion. There was no further discussion.

MOTION: Move to appoint Lee Burger as Vice Mayor for a one-year term
F/S: McDonald/Longbotham
YEAS: Edenfield, Long, Burger, McDonald, Williams, Rhodes, Hert
NAYS: None
STATUS: Motion Passed.

12. EXPENDITURES EXCEEDING \$2,000.00:

NONE

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Council May adjourn to executive session

NONE

14. CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC COMMENT:

Lavenia Sylvia commented on the following:

- Glad to hear Roger speak out that we should select administrator ourselves because it is part of the City council responsibility to do that
- Also, glad people have brought up the irregularity of committee or people being informed of information. There should be a greater effort to work with each other and keep people informed

Sean Kaer commented on the following:

- EMS – We have concerns about safety, we have fire trucks sitting here that are junk. We need to take care of and focus on the health of the people. We have setbacks that are too close for normal standards.
- Congratulated the new councilmembers on their election.
- Recall petition application being circulated to recall McDonald for his longtime absences. Hoped that the petition would be approved and that they could begin to collect the 50 signatures needed.

15. CONTINUATION OF COUNCIL COMMENT:

Longbotham commented on the following:

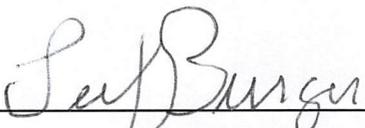
- This is the first community that I have heard of that we allow a long-distance mayor. I believe that the Mayor should be here for the best interest of the people.

McDonald commented on the following:

- Explained he would be out of town from the 24th of October until April but would be in constant contact with the office and attend the Council meetings by telephone. Explained he would be able to return to Thorne Bay if needed.
- McDonald stated he felt that he had job and I don't feel I have misled the community in being gone too long.

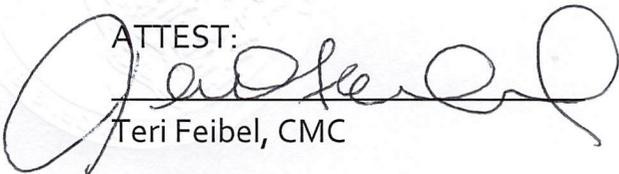
16. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor McDonald adjourned the meeting at 6:59 p.m.



Harvey McDonald, Mayor

ATTEST:



Teri Feibel, CMC

