

MINUTES
FOR SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF THORNE BAY, ALASKA
COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF CITY HALL
120 FREEMAN DRIVE
FRIDAY March 20, 2020
5:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Burger called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

2. PLEDGE TO FLAG:

Audience and Council said the Pledge to the Flag

3. ROLL CALL:

Those present were:

McDonald, Burger, Edenfield, Stram, Hert, Longbotham & Rhodes

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Sean Kaer commented on the following:

- Commended Eric Rhodes for his quick response in getting the triage tent to Klawock for setting up medical camp. And further noted that he understood the tent to be compromised due to neglect. Encouraged administration to step up and be responsible for the trailers to keep them in good condition.
- Commended Roger Longbotham for commented at a meeting for the Kasaan Road, that there was not a division, no separation between North and South side.
- Expressed appreciation for both Longbotham and Rhodes and stated that they are doing what they were elected to do.

Sherri Becker, Superintendent of SISD, commented on the following:

- Informed the council and public of the closures of the Schools and District until April 10th due to the COVID-19, Emergency Crisis.
- Stated that the school was working on getting food services as well as instructional services in some form or fashion to all of our students in all of our communities. There will be three drop off locations for food and instructional activities for parents and will be notifying parents of them.
- Requested the City work with SISD on the Emergency Operations Plan and get all the information updated.

6. COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Longbotham provided the following comments:

- Thank you to Teri Feibel for moving quickly in the Emergency Situation and getting things set up for the City Council and public to meet via tele & video conferencing.

McDonald provided the following comments:

- Thanked the staff for putting together all the documentation that the Council has received as far as information and requirements that the virus is going around and keeping everyone informed on what needs to be done.

Burger provided the following comments:

- Expressed the importance of maintaining should maintain vigilance on making sure that:
 - We are all distancing ourselves from potential infected people,
 - Washing our hands
 - Taking all of the precautions that have been laid out by the State and CDC
 - Stay home if you are not feeling well
- Stated that the confirmed cases of COVID-19 have been in Juneau Fairbanks Anchorage.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- a) RESOLUTION 20-03-20-01, a resolution of the City Council for The City of Thorne Bay, declaring a local disaster emergency. As provided by as 26.23.140, the intent of this declaration is to activate the response and recovery aspects of any and all applicable local or interjurisdictional disaster or emergency plans, and to authorize the furnishing of aid and assistance under those plans; discussion and action item:

Burger moved to approve Resolution 20-03-20-01, declaring a local disaster emergency for Thorne Bay. Longbotham seconded the motion. Burger requested the City Clerk read the Resolution in its entirety for the public record.

MOTION: Move to approve Resolution 20-03-20-01, declaring a local disaster emergency for Thorne Bay
F/S: Burger/Longbotham
YEAS: Hert, Longbotham, Rhodes, Stram, Edenfield, McDonald and Burger
NAYS: None
STATUS: Motion Passed.

8. EMERGENCY ORDINANCE:

- a) Ordinance 20-03-20-01, an emergency Ordinance Authorization to hold public meetings exclusively telephonically and allow public participation via telephone.

Burger moved to approve emergency Ordinance 20-03-20-01, authorizing public participation in council meetings telephonically. Edenfield seconded the motion. There was further discussion.

MOTION: Move to approve emergency Ordinance 20-03-20-01, authorizing public participation in council meetings telephonically
F/S: Burger/Edenfield
YEAS: Hert, Longbotham, Rhodes, Stram, Edenfield, McDonald and Burger
NAYS: None
STATUS: Motion Passed.

9. CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC COMMENT:

Sean Kaer provided the following comments:

- Thanked the council for providing the option of participating in meetings over the telephone and stated that everyone appreciated it.

Teri Feibel provided the following comments

- Thanked everyone for participating via telephonically and asked that everyone be patient and understanding if there are any issues with the system, as the City has never used anything like this before.
- Informed the public that during the emergency disaster there may be a need for special meetings. As required by code, Special Meetings will be posted 24 hours prior to the meeting.

10. CONTINUATION OF COUNCIL COMMENT:

McDonald provided the following comments:

- Would be remaining in Arizona until the travel ban has been lifted and it is safe to travel again.
- Inquired if the front office of City Hall had been closed to the public.

Rhodes provided the following comments:

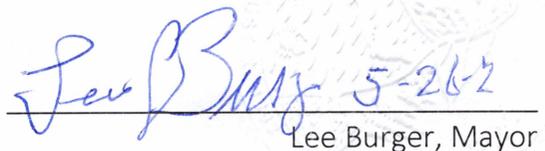
- Thanked the City for setting up the WebEx meeting audio is great.
- Encouraged people to reach out and help those in need during this time of social distancing. If you know anybody that's in the compromised group, whether age, or immunocompromised, reach out and let them know you are able to help them.
- Stated he would be willing to deliver groceries to anyone in need. He could drop them off at their doorstep, using a safe distance.

Jon Stram provided the following comments:

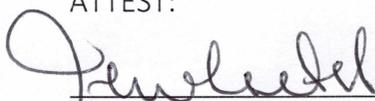
- Thanked the Clerk for getting the meeting set up commented on how well it had gone.
- Stated he had been working on the Historical Society Committee to put on the viewing in June. Commented that the event, obviously, may or may not go on. Discussions will continue with that and will see how Coronavirus situation shakes out and whether they will be able to put that event on.
- Stated there was a very productive meeting on the Roads committee and the young lady in Kasaan has been doing a wonderful job on moving that forward.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Burger adjourned the meeting at 5:35 p.m.


Lee Burger, Mayor

ATTEST:


Teri Feibel, CMC