

MINUTES
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR
THE CITY OF THORNE BAY, ALASKA
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
120 FREEMAN DRIVE
Tuesday, February 18, 2020
6:00 p.m.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:**

Burger called the meeting to order at 6:00PM

2. **PLEDGE TO FLAG:**

The audience and council stood and recited the pledge to the flag

3. **ROLL CALL:**

Those present: Burger, Hert, Longbotham, Edenfield, & Rhodes. McDonald called in at 6:03PM.

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Burger moved to approve the agenda, with one correction. Agenda Item #10C will be moved to before the Executive Session.

MOTION: Move to approve the agenda

F/S: Burger/Rhodes

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

NAYS: None

STATUS: Motion Passed.

5. **(originally 10C on agenda) Appointment of a Mayor Pro Tempore; discussion and action item:**

Burger asked if there were any volunteers – Rhodes and Longbotham expressed interest in acting Mayor Pro Tempore. Longbotham withdrew in deference to Rhodes. Burger moved to accept Eric Rhodes as Mayor Pro Tempore. Longbotham seconded the motion. There was no further discussion.

MOTION: Move to accept Eric Rhodes as Mayor Pro Tempore

F/S: Burger/Longbotham

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

NAYS: None

STATUS: Motion Passed.

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mayor Pro-Tem Rhodes moved to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of being to review and discuss new applications proposed by Prothman for the City Administrator's position. The public portion of the meeting was adjourned at 6:05PM. The City Council came back into session at 6:35PM.

7. MAYOR'S REPORT: No report given.

8. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT 2-18-2020 Wayne Benner

Meetings Attended and Updates:

- A. DNR mtg Feb 11 was well attended. I did not attend as Sam called me about an issue at the sewage treatment plant.
- B. East POW fisheries meeting was held in the council chambers on Sunday afternoon.

Tasks and Projects:

- A. Been busy since last Wed trying to piece together how the dewatering and chlorine tanks at the sewage treatment plant became filled with effluent. Two valves are manually opened in a specific sequence. Not only were they opened but then closed after the two basins were full.
- B. Water plant improvements continue schedule. The shutdown to change out a valve and put in new flow meter went as planned after the reservoir was fully drained. Work was complete by 4 am. It took a little longer than expected to get the system back online due to the accumulation of air in the lines. By midnight Sunday water was back on to town. Water test were taken today and sent off this morning to the lab. We should have results by Wed afternoon and hopefully can cancel the boil water notice. Computer programmers were on site most of the week and started to get the system converted to automation. Sat Sam showed me the how parts of the back-wash system operated automatically. They will be back when the filtration manufacture is on site to program that operation into the system.
- C. Boiler at City Hall has been repaired. There is one zone valve that needs replacing and when SE Mechanical finds the parts it will be replaced.

Continuing Business:

New Business:

- A. Motion to approve the appointment procedures for this specific for filling Council Seat E.
- B. Appointment to fill Council Seat E
- C. Appointment of Mayor Pro Tempore is to have someone run the two meetings in March while both the Mayor and Vice Mayor are out of town.
- D. Accept the Resignation of Cindy as the Emergency Services Coordinator. Cindy had said awhile back that she was done but there was never an official motion.
- E. Approval the Utility Easement for AP&T to use an additional 10 along the 10-foot utility easement that crosses city property into Clowar Subdivision Parcel 6 A-1. Clowar was granted an access easement on the 10-foot utility easement.

Ordinances for Public Hearing: none

Ordinances for Introduction: none
Expenditures over \$2000

Yes, \$3,960 is to purchase chains for the grader. Now it will probably not snow to the point of needing the grader.

Executive Session: YES, a session was held at beginning of council meeting to accommodate Prothom for further update by Prothom on search for a new City Administrator.

Harbors and Parks: Ron has been helping with other projects.

Streets and Roads: Still in the winter maintenance mode but taking the advantage of the slow down to get other work done and repair equipment.

Water and Sewer: Since water leaks have been an ongoing problem for year Sam and I suggest that a policy be put in place wherein if a person finds a leak on their side of the meter and reports the leak they would not be charged for any water overage associated from the leak. This could cut down on the many hours spent searching for leaks

Solid Waste: Last part of the electronic baler operations arrived, and Josh has installed it, so the backup system is protected.

Law Enforcement: Shannon has been around and is being trained from a past VPSO will waiting to go to the academy

FIRE/EMS: Now that Cindy has formally resigned the city should advertise for someone to fill that position

Library: One last part and this will please some members of the community. This will be my last city council meeting. I agreed to stay until the latter part of February when Teri returned from Vacation. As per code Teri will act as interim city administrator and she and I will get together to go over some projects.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Thom Cunningham commented on the following:

- Commented on the severe snow which caused him to be without power for two days. Stated that he spoke with Alaska Power and Telephone (AP&T), who said they had talked to the City about a generator.
- Requested that City Council Meetings be 'live streamed' at Davidson Landing because, during the winter the southside people can't get into town.
- Withdrew his name for consideration of council seat "E" and stated he supported Bob Hartwell.

Karen Petersen commented on the following:

- Commented on the Bayview Timber Sale and a proposed EMS symposium in Craig.
- Friends of the Library are fund-raising by selling a book of photos by Don Larson.

Jim Baichtal commented on the following

- Commented on the Bay View timber sale.

Brad Clark commented on the following:

- Commented on grant writing.
- Thanked Wayne for his work and wished him well.

Jon Stram commented on the following:

- Spoke of a meeting regarding fiber optics on the Island and stated it would be held in the Kasaan Café or City Hall.

Jim McFarland commented on the following:

- Read off a calendar of events at the Vocational Education Center in Klawock.
- The Vo-Tech is looking for funding and he is selling raffle tickets.

Buck Bazinet commented on the following:

- Thanked Cindy Edenfield for her service to EMS.
- Mentioned missing or needed street signs.

Mark Minnillo commented on the following:

- He agreed with Bazinet about signs.
- Commented that both he and his wife DeAnn Minnillo had put interest forward for council seat "E". Unfortunately, his wife was unable to be at the meeting as she was taking care of her mother.

10. COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- Hert read a statement, airing her frustrations, about the February 4, 2020 special meeting.
- Longbotham wants "cameras & stuff" on the Southside, that someone had volunteered to buy the equipment.
- Rhodes talked about Edenfield's statement at the last meeting
- McDonald stated that it would take 'a long, hard time' for the City to get an EMS system and squad.

11. NEW BUSINESS:

- a) Motion to approve this specific (for this meeting only) appointment procedure for Council Seat E; discussion and action item:

Rhodes moved to approve the appointment procedures for Council Seat E for this meeting only. Longbotham seconded the motion.

MOTION: Move to approve the "specific appointment procedure for Council Seat E".

F/S: Rhodes/Longbotham

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

NAYS: None

STATUS: Motion Passed.

11B. NEW BUSINESS:

b) Appointment to fill vacant Council Seat "E"; discussion and action item:

Per procedure adapted, each interested party may speak on their own behalf and will have 2 minutes each to do so:

- o Bob Hartwell spoke
- o Jameson Kohn spoke
- o Jon Stram spoke
- o Elizabeth Taylor spoke.

MOTION: Move to appoint Bob Hartwell to council seat "E".

F/S: Burger/McDonald

YEAS: Burger, Edenfield, McDonald

NAYS: Hert, Longbotham, Rhodes

STATUS: TIED motion.

MOTION: Move to appoint Jon Stram to council seat "E".

F/S: Rhodes/Longbotham

YEAS: Burger, Hert, Longbotham, Rhodes

NAYS: Edenfield, McDonald

STATUS: Motion passed.

Jon Stram was sworn in as a Thorne Bay City Council member, filling seat E.

11C. NEW BUSINESS:

c) Accept the Resignation of Cindy Edenfield from the duties of Thorne Bay's Emergency Services Coordinator; discussion and action item:

Burger stated would like a Certificate of Thanks for Cindy's past service. Rhodes moved to accept the resignation of Cindy Edenfield from the duties of Thorne Bay's Emergency Services Coordinator. Burger seconded the motion. There was no further discussion.

MOTION: Move to accept the resignation of Cindy Edenfield from the duties of Thorne Bay's Emergency Services Coordinator.

F/S: Rhodes/Burger

YEAS: Burger, Edenfield, Hert, Longbotham, McDonald, Stram & Rhodes.

NAYS: None

STATUS: Motion Passed.

11D. NEW BUSINESS:

d) Approve the Utility Easement for Alaska Power & Telephone (AP&T); discussion and action item:

Rhodes moved to approve the utility easement for Alaska Power and Telephone (AP&T). Longbotham seconded the motion.

MOTION: Move to approve the utility easement for Alaska Power & Telephone (AP&T).

F/S: Rhodes/Longbotham
YEAS: Burger, Edenfield, Hert, Longbotham, McDonald, Rhodes, Stram
NAYS: None
STATUS: Motion Passed.

12. EXPENDITURES EXCEEDING \$2,000.00: Approving an expenditure of \$3,960.00 to JR's Custom Lumber and Tire to purchase heavy-duty chains for the Grader; discussion and action item.

MOTION: Move to approve the expenditure of \$3,960.00 to JR's Custom Lumber and Tire to purchase heavy-duty chains for the grader.

F/S: Rhodes/Burger
YEAS: Burger, Edenfield, Hert, Longbotham, McDonald, Rhodes, Stram
NAYS: None
STATUS: Motion Passed.

13. CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC COMMENT:

Thom Cunningham thinks Cindy's letter should be a 'letter of appreciation'

Brad Clark appreciates new council member Jon Stram.

M. Minnillo stated that the State is in 'dire-straits' so they want to make money by timber sales, suggested the City talk to legislators.

B. Bazinet asked that the southside roads be graded.

K. Oatman asked that the City consider new playground equipment as the existing stuff is rotted out, outdated, & dangerous.

Ron Wendel commented on the following:

- Commented on a problem that occurred that Sunday. A man was reported missing on the water. 9-1-1 was called.
- Commented that the man was found ok, but stated he liked how the community came together to help a fellow citizen.

14. CONTINUATION OF COUNCIL COMMENT:

Longbotham commented on the following:

- Thanked Buck Bazinet for coming to Thorne Bay
- Informed public the next grant writing meeting will be at the Baptist Church.
- Informed people to contact SISD District Office if they had concerns about SISD.

Rhodes commented on the following:

- Thanked Ron Leighton for getting the grant group together.
- Commented that Kerri Taylor is interested in Thorne Bay's Emergency Services Coordinator position and he would support her.

McDonald commented on the following:

- Thanked all the people who were interested in council seat "E" and reminded them that there is an election in October.

Burger thanked Wayne and wished him well.

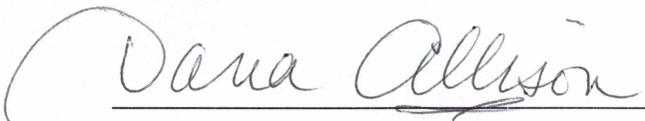
15. ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting was adjourned at 7:43PM.



Lee Burger, Mayor

ATTEST:



Dana Allison, Acting City Clerk