

MINUTES
FOR THE REGULAR
MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 2020
PARTICIPATE VIA WEBEX USING
THE INFORMATION BELOW:
6:30 PM Monday, August 17, 2020

1) CALL TO ORDER:

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

2) PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:

Council and audience stood for the pledge to the flag.

3) ROLL CALL:

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

4) APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Burger moved to approve the agenda omitting the consent agenda and item B, under new business. Rhodes seconded the motion.

MOTION: Move to approve the agenda omitting the consent agenda and item B under new business

F/S: Burger/Rhodes

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

NAYS: None

STATUS: Motion Passed

5) MAYOR REPORT:

Mayor Burger reminded everyone to remain cautious when out and about, practice proper hygiene and 6-ft social distancing.

6) ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

a) **City Administrator**

Meetings Attended and Updates:

- A. Island Wide EMS – Meeting set for Wednesday 8/12 – rescheduled (TBD) due to 5 conflicts in schedules.
- B. Water Plant and Wastewater facility partial commissioning inspection is underway. We have several contractors from CBC, First City, Hatch, and others on site this week to commission individual components for the water plant. COVID-19 precautions are in place and being followed. PPE (gloves, face shields if requested, masks) measures and social distancing are being practiced as feasible.

Tasks and Projects:

- A. Inventory and review of the Ambulance that has been returned by Klawock EMS – The ambulance was returned completely empty and did not have a gurney with it. It was my understanding that the unit had all appropriate supplies and a gurney on board when provided to Klawock.
- B. Update 8/17/20 – I met with Mayor Nickerson and Frank (Fire Chief) who stated that the ambulance was given to Klawock in the condition in which they returned it... Empty. I explained that I was told otherwise, however I have no inventory sheets showing what the condition of the unit was when we provided it, so I have no reference to it's condition other than word of mouth. They (Frank) stated that the unit had nothing in it, not even a gurney. Mayor Nickerson said that they (Klawock EMS) had done extensive repairs and maintenance to the unit in addition to supplying it with it's initial load out.

Department Reports:

Streets and Roads:

Max is working on the roads throughout the South Thorne Bay subdivision. In several places around Davidson Landing he has added bulk material to the road surface and is in the process of compacting it and letting the rain settle it. Once he can make sure it is compacted, he will scrape it with the grader to smooth it to the road surface. He also graded and cleared ditches from the Highway to the "Slide Construction" area of S. Thorne Bay Rd. OVK Road crews are working throughout the subdivision as well per their prior road maintenance agreement.

Water and Sewer:

Sam and Willie are working to get the water treatment and sewage disposal facility prepped for the commissioning visit this week. Due to the rain over the weekend the wastewater facility experienced the overflowing that Sam had raised concerns over. The UV Sterilizer unit was placed too high (in elevation) and is causing a large overflow / backing up to the weirs. The Engineers on the project are aware of this issue and are working towards a resolution.

Law Enforcement:

VPSO Bosdale has begun to enforce city codes with a focus on Easements and city right of way on the roads.

Library:

The repairs to the side of the library and the shelving, made by Jim and Libby, are complete. Ty Hammons did a great job of clearing the construction waste and even found some recycled paint that closely matched the blue of the library. He painted it and did a great job.

b) City Clerk

Elections Update:

- Candidate packets are available. Aug 12-Sep 4
- Absentee will be Sep 8 – October 5

7) PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Brad Clark:

- Thank you for the roads in STB, the Roads have been in great shape thanks to the effort of Thorne Bay and Kasaan and to Les and his new
- One note, item on the election calendar it shows Vice Mayor is elected prior to Mayor and that seems backward. If someone running for Mayor didn't get it, they may want Vice Mayor.

Thom Cunningham

- Thanked the city for getting his road graded.
- Want to see that Code Enforcement office able to issue Citations without a complaint.
- Thank you to Les Carter for his time here in Thorne Bay, he's been doing a decent job.

Laura Clark

- Thank you to Libby and Jim on work inside of the library
- Thank you to Thom Cunningham who worked on the outside of the building
- Thank you to Tyrell Williams painting
- Food program will go to every other week.
 - Thanked those who have been assisting with the food delivery:
 - James and Tyler moved 5k pounds of food for us
 - Sue Edson, Cindy Edenfield, James Stevens

8) COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Longbotham commented on the following:

- Inquired how close the City was with getting the equipment ready for winter snow removal.
- With the City looking to spend roughly ½ million dollars on equipment and reason being that was not maintained, would like to see maintenance schedules monthly to the Council.

Burger commented on the following:

- Davidson Landing will have a fish cleaning station with on demand water pump available. Hope to be in operation for the rest of the season.

9) NEW BUSINESS:

- a) Resolution 20-08-17-01, appointing the City Administrator, Les Carter as the City's Planning Official and providing authority to issue citations for violations of the municipal laws, discussion and action item:

Burger moved to approve Resolution 20-08-17-01. Rhodes seconded the motion. Longbotham clarified that if a planning official selected later, the council appoints.

MOTION: Move to approve Resolution 20-08-17-01
F/S: Burger/Rhodes
YEAS: Rhodes, Burger, Edenfield, Stram, Longbotham, Hert, McDonald
NAYS: None
STATUS: Motion Passed

- ~~b) Resolution 20-08-17-02, approving modification of the lease term under a negotiated lease with the Thorne Bay Tackle Shack, AKA Anderson Lodge Alaska, allowing for renewal of the long term lease at a 30-year lease term with lessee's option to renew for an additional 30 years, discussion and action item:~~

- c) Review and Discussion of the Code Enforcement Officer's authority for enforcement of City Code, discussion and possible action item:

Burger moved that the Code Enforcement Officer have authority to enforce City Code. Rhodes seconded the motion. Hert requested clarification on the difference of the planning official and the code enforcement officer. Clerk explained. Rhodes reviewed code and agrees that this is not a complaint based. Longbotham inquired if the enforcement officer noticed a violation would he approach alone or have backup? Administrator stated it would be a judgment call of the officer.

MOTION: Move that the Code Enforcement Officer have authority to enforce City Code
F/S: Burger/Rhodes
YEAS: Rhodes, Burger, Edenfield, Stram, Longbotham, Hert, McDonald
NAYS: None
STATUS: Motion Passed

- d) Community Center Development and Placement at Davidson Landing, discussion and action item:

Burger moved that there be discussion for Community Center Development and Placement at Davidson Landing. Rhodes seconded the motion.

Rhodes commented that building a Community Center at Davidson Landing will be a long drawn out process, so for now they are proposing the following options for a center until a development plan for Davidson Landing could be completed.

Proposal is to:

- a. Build a lean-to next to the building
- b. Lock up equipment
- c. Seek volunteers for cleaning up and building and refurbishing
- d. If we can actively man Davidson with Volunteers is will get kids out of the rain.

Longbotham commented that during a pandemic, this could also be used an emergency shelter.

McDonald stated the City needed to make sure whoever was going to do the design, they follow all of the state code requirements

Stram commented that there were lots of different thoughts and ideas for the community center and Davidson landing development plan. It does need to be.

Hert commented that she has always been a strong advocate for Davidson Landing being a family friendly area.

MOTION: Move that there be discussion for Community Center Development and Placement at Davidson Landing

F/S: Burger/Rhodes

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

NAYS: None

STATUS: Motion Passed.

10) ORDINANCE FOR PUBLIC HEARING:

- a) Ordinance 20-08-18-01: amending Title 18-Harbor, Chapter 18.40 Control of Nuisance and Derelict Boats, discussion and action item:

Burger moved to amend Title 18, Ordinance 20-08-18-01. Longbotham seconded the motion. There was no further discussion.

MOTION: Move to approve Ordinance 20-08-18-01

F/S: Burger/Longbotham

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

NAYS: None

STATUS: Motion Passed.

11) EXPENDITURES EXCEEDING \$2,000.00:

- a) Authorizing the purchase of a backhoe not to exceed \$125,000.00, using the vehicle purchase parameters authorized by council & Purchase of a backhoe not to exceed \$125,000.00, using the vehicle purchase parameters authorized by council & Purchase of a front-end loader not to exceed \$115,000.00, using the vehicle purchase parameters authorized by council & Purchase of a 4x4 Pickup Truck for the Water Department not to exceed \$35,000.00, using the vehicle purchase parameters authorized by council, & Purchase of a Pickup

Truck for the Harbor Department not to exceed \$25,000.00, using the vehicle purchase parameters authorized by council, discussion and action item:

Rhodes moved that the city approve the vehicle purchase parameters as presented on the spreadsheet from the City Administrator, with one addition of one pickup for multipurpose department, maximum age of five years, 100,000 miles or less and maximum price of \$28,000. Making a total of 4 trucks for purchase and 2 pieces of equipment.

Type of equipment	Department	Max Age	Max Miles / Hours	Additional specs	Max Price
1/4 Ton P/U	Harbor	5 yrs	100,000	4x4	28,000
3/4 Ton P/U	Roads	5 yrs	100,000	4x4 Flatbed	48,000
1/4 - 1/2 Ton P/U	Parks & Rec	5 yrs	100,000	4x4	28,000
*Added Pickup:	Multi-Dep	5 yrs	100,000	4x4	28,000
Backhoe	Roads	10 yrs	2000	CAT or CASE	85,000
Compactor	Roads	10 yrs	3000	CAT or CASE Steel Drum	60,000

Burger seconded the motion. There was further discussion. Longbotham inquired if the vehicles would be pre-inspected? Les Carter responded that it was preferable they were, with COVID it has made a little more difficult, but right now there is the option of a 3rd party to do the inspection for us, or have the Administrator fly down and inspect himself.

MOTION: Move that the city approve the vehicle purchase parameters as provided on the spreadsheet from the Administrator, with the addition of one pickup multipurpose department max age five years, 100,000 miles or less and maximum price of \$28,000

F/S: Rhodes/Burger

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

NAYS: None

STATUS: Motion Passed.

12) CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Thom Cunningham commented on the following:

- Equipment: Recommend CAT over CASE. There are CAT distributors all over Southeast
- Community Center development: Offered to work with City Administrator to go over plans, materials and supervising crews as he has over 40 years' experience in carpentry.
- COVID-19: Doesn't feel Thorne Bay has not taken the pandemic seriously. Masks are caution and do not feel they are an infringement on rights.

13) CONTINUATION OF COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Rhodes commented on the following:

- Regarding preapproval – 3 of the 4 vehicles in Kent Washington may not need same level of inspection as equipment from Anchorage.

Hert commented on the following:

- What is going on with COVID funding and the plans for the Quarantine Facility and RFP?

Feibel reminded on the CARES funding grant

- The City has opened up for a second round of funding for Residents and Businesses from the CARES Fund. Application deadline is August 21st.
- By providing funding assistance to the local businesses and residents, it is also putting money back into the community.
- All CARES Funds not spent by December 30th will be returned to the State.

Longbotham commented on the following:

- Regarding Ambulance and not having records of what was on there, we really need a good records and maintenance program for all maintenance done on city vehicles and equipment.

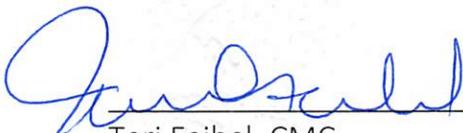
14) ADJOURNMENT:

Burger adjourned the meeting at 7:36 p.m.



Lee Burger, Mayor

ATTEST:



Teri Feibel, CMC