

## MINUTES

FOR THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR  
THE CITY OF THORNE BAY, ALASKA  
TUESDAY, JULY 7, 2020

TIME: 6:30 p.m.

LOCATION: TELECONFERENCE/VIDEO CONFERENCING LINE

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER:

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

### 2. PLEDGE TO FLAG:

Council and audience pledged to the flag.

### 3. ROLL CALL:

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

### 4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

MOTION: Move to approve the agenda

F/S: Burger/Rhodes

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

NAYS: None

STATUS: Motion Passed.

### 5. MAYOR'S REPORT:

Burger reported on the following.

- Reminded everyone to do their part in keeping the community safe and free of the COVID virus. People can do this by remembering to continue Social Distancing, proper hygiene and sanitation, sanitize frequently touched surfaces etc.
- Guests coming into the Community make sure to take the COVID-19 test. City and State mandates that travelers must comply with 14-day quarantine unless they have gotten the COVID-19 testing done and show negative results after arriving to the community. Remember that a second test is supposed to be taken 5-7 days after arrival.

### 6. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

a.) City Clerk Report:

City Clerk reported on the following:

- Results of the Special Recall Election June 30<sup>th</sup> were:

**Question 1:**

Shall Rosalyn Hert be recalled from the office of Thorne Bay City Council?

Yes – 92

No – 112

With 112 **no** votes Councilmember Rosalyn Hert will **NOT** be recalled from office and shall serve the remainder of her term as elected at the October 2019 Regular Election.

**Question 2:**

Shall Roger Longbotham be recalled from the office of Thorne Bay City Council?

Yes – 95

No – 107

With 107 **no** votes Councilmember Roger Longbotham will **NOT** be recalled from office and shall serve the remainder of his term as elected at the October 2019 Regular Election.

**Question 3:**

Shall Eric Rhodes be recalled from the office of Thorne Bay City Council?

Yes – 98

No – 106

With 106 **no** votes Councilmember Eric Rhodes will **NOT** be recalled from office and shall serve the remainder of his term as elected at the October 2019 Regular Election.

- Explained that the Resolution on the agenda for the CARES Funding was to approve how the funds were to be spent, but the dollar amount provided for each item is not concrete. Those figures were provided based on our research and best estimates.

**7. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Sean Kaer commented on the following:

- Expressed concern regarding the proposed projects the City has presented for the use of the CARES funding.
- Concerned the City wanted to purchase boat motors for an EMS boat with the City didn't have an EMS boat. Or the one that they had was damaged and had sunk and unrepairable.

Les Carter commented on the following:

- Invited Mr. Sean Kaer to visit with him when he was settled into the City Administrator position.

## 8. COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Burger commented on the following:

- Explained the EMS boat had never sunk. The boat was at the Solid Waste site waiting to be painted with a specialty paint to repair the damage done by being painted in that past with Copper paint.
- Explained the EMS boat was looked at by an expert and can certify that the vessel can be repaired by sand blasting and painting.

Stram commented on the following:

- Could the expert sign something that certifies that says the boat can be repaired as stated?

Burger commented on the following:

- Stated his son Calvin works for Rosema Boatworks and he inspected the boat and could testify to the fact that the boat is easily repaired with the specialty paint.

Longbotham commented on the following:

- Had to go down south to take care of his mother in-law and unable to fulfil the duties of Vice Mayor, so he would be stepping down from the Vice Mayor position and retaining his council seat.

Rhodes commented on the following:

- When will we be filling the EMS Coordinator Position?
- Requested a community meeting or public hearing regarding Thorne Bay's Watershed management. Prince of Wales Watershed Association has been looking for funding since 2015, but maybe we could get ready and identify some of the key areas for when a coalition does come together and get funded again.

## 9. CONSENT AGENDA:

a) MINUTES:

1. Minutes for the May 5, 2020, Regular City Council Meeting, discussion and action item:
2. Minutes for the June 2, 2020, Regular City Council Meeting, discussion and action item:
3. Minutes for the June 16, 2020, Regular City Council Meeting, discussion and action item:

Burger moved to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2020, June 2, 2020, and June 16, 2020, Regular City Council meeting. Stram seconded the motion.

MOTION: Move to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2020, June 2, 2020, and June 16, 2020, Regular City Council meeting

F/S: Burger/Stram

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

NAYS: None

STATUS: Motion Passed.

## 10. NEW BUSINESS:

- a) Presentation from Carol Fletcher, IGAP Coordinator Organized Village of Kasaan, regarding Solid Waste Management & Recycling, discussion item:

Carol Fletcher, IGAP Coordinator for the Organized Village of Kasaan provided the following presentation.

We are doing an integrated Solid Waste Management Plan (IGAP) in government assistance program. And I would like to include Thorne Bay in it. What it basically does is tells you what your waste is. For example, they did one in Klawock and found out that 50% of their solid waste food waste. So, I just think it would be a really good thing to involve Thorne Bay into kind of encompass this area here. And so, I planned out Jordan Bay would be interested in being involved in this project that I have.

What we would do is we take garbage from a number of households that think it's up to 20 households in Thorne Bay and South Thorne Bay, go through the garbage, put it in piles of plastic of cans, tin cans, food etc. We would be able to find the percentage of waste in each of these classifications.

### Comments:

The City Clerk stated that Thorne Bay would be interested in joining the program and invited Carol Fletcher to meet with her and the Solid Waste department to work out the details of how to move forward.

- b) Resolution 20-07-07-01, authorizing the City of Thorne Bay to join the Alaska Remote Seller Sales Tax Commission for the purpose of developing, implementing, and enforcing a remote sellers sale tax code, discussion and action item:

Burger moved to approve Resolution 20-07-07-01. Rhodes seconded the motion.

Hert inquired if the amendment would this still allow for senior sales tax exemption? Clerk confirmed that it would. Hert wanted to clarify that the amendment would not be making a change to the local sales tax. The City Clerk replied that the change would only affect the online sales.

MOTION: Move to approve Resolution 20-07-07-01  
F/S: Burger/Rhodes  
YEAS: Hert, Stram, Rhodes, Burger, Longbotham, McDonald and Edenfield  
NAYS: None  
STATUS: Motion Passed.

c) Authorizing the City of Thorne Bay to enter into an agreement with the Alaska Intergovernmental Remote Seller Sales Tax Agreement, discussion and action item:

Burger moved to authorize City of Thorne Bay to enter into an agreement with the Alaska Intergovernmental Remote Seller Sales Tax Agreement. Longbotham seconded the motion. There was no further discussion.

MOTION: Move to authorize the City of Thorne Bay to enter into an agreement with the Alaska Intergovernmental Remote Seller Sales Tax Agreement  
F/S: Burger/Longbotham  
YEAS: Edenfield, Burger, Stram, McDonald, Hert, Longbotham and Rhodes  
NAYS: None  
STATUS: Motion Passed.

d) Resolution 20-07-07-02, approving the projects list of expenses to be performed and paid for from the CARES Grant Funding, discussion and action item:

Burger moved to approve Resolution 20-07-07-02, approving the projects list of expenses to be performed and paid for from the CARES Grant Funding. McDonald seconded the motion.

Rhodes stated that his understanding was that this was a guideline and kind of a path to the spending and not necessarily an exact amount that we're going to spend on every line item in there. Example, instead of the heart monitor at \$33,000, we can get an ATV with the gurney other, otherwise known as a cu tax system and be able to get anywhere in the neighborhood in the wintertime, and some of the things could use adjustment.

Hert stated she wanted to see the funds benefit the community as a whole and not just sections.

Rhodes requested an amendment to the Resolution to include the City providing funding to residents in hardships. Burger and McDonald amended their first and second to the motion for approving the resolution with the amendment to include funding for residents to apply for hardships.

The City Clerk explained that she and Priscilla Goulding had been doing research on how other communities were spending their funds and a number of them had provided an opportunity for residents to apply for hardship funding through their CARES funds.

Longbotham stated that he thought this was a wonderful program that was going to show up some stuff that we've been really hurting with in our community. And it's going to build up the EMS program and is going to be very beneficial plus it also helps protect people from this pandemic so I think it's just we just kind of move forward it's going to benefit the whole community.

McDonald agreed with Longbotham on benefitting the community as a whole.

Priscilla Goulding stated that the suggestions for medical supplies were provided by a local medical persons with the expertise and knowledge of what the EMS needed. This person spent a lot of time researching prices to help us. City respects their time and knowledge provided. The city would not purchase supplies that the staff didn't have the training to use. We are waiting until the new Administrator comes on board to hire a new EMS Coordinator. Once we have that person, they will be the one to ultimately prepare the order for the supplies needed.

Les Carter stated as incoming administrator he supports the option for residents to apply for the hardship.

City Clerk explained that the ATV Rhodes mentioned was actually something that the CARES Grant Administrator, Priscilla Goulding had actually spoken with someone today that brought that very idea up of purchasing an ATV for the EMS, for accessing some properties that are not easy to access with vehicles or an ambulance, especially during the winter with snowy and icy roads. The main point of the resolution is direction of how to spend the money and in which departments, not so much on the dollar amounts, we did do the best in trying to gather all that information and read doing the research for the cost of the different monitors the cost of supplies. Is what we listed going to be the maximum need for Thorne Bay's Emergency Response? Probably not, but we tried to give you what we thought was the most predictable or the most correct way we would spend the funds. The actual dollar amount is absolutely subject to change and the needs may also be subject to change. The, the ATV was one of the items added in the resolution, there was also some funding for reimbursement of fuel where the library and the EMS had applied for a grant that will deliver a ton of food that they would be delivering to Thorne Bay and South Thorne Bay. The quarantine facility that we provided to you guys in the resolution, I don't believe the amount that we have listed would build the entire facility, and so it may need to be done in phases. RFP's will come in and the council is going to be the ones that have to approve that and decide do we move forward or not, but should those funds not be expended on that, then they were going to be expended somewhere else in the resolution. The City Clerk concluded that if the resolution needed to be modified it absolutely could. Additionally, if anyone ever wanted to see how this money is spent, or any funds in the City are spent, they could absolutely make an appointment to come into City Hall and we will show you. We can account for every penny anywhere in the city, I can guarantee that.

MOTION: Move to approve Resolution 20-07-07-02, with the amendment to include funding for residents to apply for hardships.  
F/S: Burger/McDonald  
YEAS: Berger, Longbotham, McDonald, Edenfield, Stram, Hert & Rhodes  
NAYS: None  
STATUS: Motion Passed

e) Review and award of Proposals for Repair and Reconstruction of the South Thorne Bay Road; discussion and action item:

Burger moved to review the proposals for the repair and reconstruction of the South Thorne Bay Road. Rhodes seconded the motion.

Longbotham stated the way he looked at it is, in order to eliminate potholes, you almost have to disturb the soil all around the potholes to get them so you can repack the entire area, or you will end up with potholes again. The roads need more repair than what grading can provide.

McDonald stated he agreed with Longbotham and one of the things we need to consider is the potholes are so big we will need to tear up the road in order to repair it. McDonald stated he was concerned that either we didn't address the need correctly in the RFP or they just wanted to offer what they offered. McDonald stated he wanted to reach out to the bidder to get more clarification.

Hert stated the bid received did not clarify what they would or wouldn't be able to do.

Rhodes moved to table the item for further information. Rhodes also requested that James or Max be there for clarification of needs. Burger seconded the motion.

MOTION: Move to table the item for further information  
F/S: Rhodes/Burger  
YEAS: Edenfield, McDonald, Longbotham, Burger, Rhodes, Stram & Hert  
NAYS: None  
STATUS: Motion Passed.

11. **ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION:**

a) **Ordinance 20-07-21-01** amending Title 3-Revenue and Finance, Chapter 3.17-Sales Tax, Adding Sections to provide for Remote Seller Sales Tax collection, discussion and action item:

Burger moved to approve Ordinance 20-07-21-01. McDonald seconded the motion. There

was no further discussion.

MOTION: Move to approve Ordinance 20-07-21-01  
F/S: Burger/McDonald  
YEAS: Rhodes, Longbotham, McDonald, Edenfield, Hert, Stram & Burger  
NAYS: None  
STATUS: Motion Passed

#### 12. EXPENDITURES EXCEEDING \$2,000.00:

- a) Authorizing the expenditure up to \$5,000.00, for the replacement of Fire Extinguishers for the City of Thorne Bay Municipal Buildings, discussion and action item:

Burger moved to approve the expenditure up to \$5,000.00 for replacement of Fire Extinguishers for the City. Longbotham move to table the agenda. Burger seconded the motion. There was further discussion

MOTION: Move to table this item for further information  
F/S: Burger/Longbotham  
YEAS: Edenfield, Burger, Hert, Stram, McDonald, Longbotham & Rhodes  
NAYS: None  
STATUS: Motion Passed.

- b) Authorizing the expenditure of \$5,295.00, plus shipping, for the purchase of Sewer Inspection Camera, discussion and action item:

Move to approve the expenditure of \$5,295.00, plus shipping, for the purchase of Sewer Inspection Camera. Rhodes seconded the motion. There was no further discussion.

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

#### 13. CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC COMMENT:

Thom Cunningham commented on the following:

- The road repairs need more assistance, there are underlying issues, the gutters only have been cleaned out once, and every winter problem with standing water
- On the remote seller sales tax, only about 80% of the world is connected to internet,



so catalog or internet sales could be added to be taxed.

Sean Kaer commented on the following:

- Don't want to discredit your son, and I would ask that we ask the Coast Guard to come over and test the boat to make sure it holds up
- Thank Roger, think admirable to pass on Vice Mayor while retaining seat
- Would like to talk with Carol regarding the composting and if we bring in containers
- I understand why we passed the amendment with COVID but would be easier for public to pass if we see things like the ATV and instead of the heart monitor

#### 14. CONTINUATION OF COUNCIL COMMENT:

Longbotham commented on the following:

- I did have concern about that boat being able to pass coast guard standards

Edenfield commented on the following:

- Working on the food bank through the Alaska Food Program and they are providing to families regardless of need. It is shelf life food to help supplement budget and allow you to purchase more fruits and perishables with your money
- Our first shipment was reported to be shipped to us, but we have no notice on how it was sent. This will go until end of August. We will make our last order in August to have enough to help through the winter months.

#### 15. ADJOURNMENT:

Adjourned the meeting at 7:59 p.m.

  
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Lee Burger, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Teri Feibel, CMC & Treasurer