

MINUTES
FOR THE REGULAR
MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2020
PARTICIPATE VIA WEBEX USING
THE INFORMATION BELOW:
6:30 PM Tuesday, Jul 21, 2020

1) CALL TO ORDER:

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

2) PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:

The audience and council pledged to the flag.

3) ROLL CALL:

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

4) APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

MOTION: Move to approve the agenda

F/S: Burger/McDonald

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

NAYS: None

STATUS: Motion Passed.

5) MAYOR REPORT:

Mayor Burger welcomed the new City Administrator, Les Carter, to Thorne Bay.

6) ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

a. City Administrator Report:

City Administrator, Les Carter commented on the following:

- First day in the office was yesterday and I hit the ground running with jumping into the water project that has been my focus the last 48 hours.
- Invited council and residents to contact him with their comments or questions.

b. City Clerk Report:

City Clerk Teri Feibel provided the following report:

FINANCES:

QuickBooks:

Income:	\$ 54,194.18
Expense:	\$160,059.21
NET OPERATING:	- \$105,865.03

Tongass Federal Credit Union:

Health Premium	\$35,044.83
Occupancy Gen.	\$6,297.80
40% Sales Tax	\$129,627.60
Occ Tax Ems/Fir	\$13,496.01
Occ Tax Tourism	\$8,525.74
Occ Tax Parks	\$9,551.77
Occ Tax Harbor	\$20,176.89
Water Utl R&R	\$16,287.46
Sewer Utl R&R	\$14,644.92
Solid Waste R&R	\$13,978.39
Checking	\$331,541.29
60% Sales Tax	\$220,575.73
Harbor	\$79,968.10

ACCOUNT TOTALS **\$899,716.53**

➤ **PUBLIC MEETING SENATOR MURKOWSKI**

This Thursday, July 23rd, starting at 4pm, Senator Murkowski and Senator Sullivan are holding a tele-town hall event—an interactive phone call that invites you to ask questions and hear directly from your U.S. Senators.

Senators Murkowski and Sullivan will provide updates on Congressional activity in Washington, D.C., including their ongoing efforts to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. This is also an opportunity for your U.S. Senators to hear from you—about your concerns, thoughts, and ideas.

Sign up to join the conversation. Those who sign up will receive a phone call on Thursday at the time of the event joining them to the tele-town hall and will be given instructions on how to ask a question during the call. If you would like to simply listen to the conversation, there is no need to register. Stay on this page and the event will automatically begin livestreaming at the start time.

<https://www.murkowski.senate.gov/live>

c. Library Report:

Laura Clark, Library Director reported the following:

- It's so good to be open!
- Since our last report, a lot has happened here. We opened the Children's Garden and its in full swing, though we wish Summer would arrive and help us out!
- The majority of our PLAG grant items are here and responding to public request we used our grant \$ to buy more current movie and documentary DVDs. The process of entering these titles is lengthy, so look for these titles to start becoming available soon.
- We have a new volunteer, Amanda Kielty, and she comes to us with her experience at the Ketchikan Library. Welcome, and Thank YOU Amanda!
- Our Super Volunteers, Jim and Libby Nieland, completed the removal of the kitchen, revamped the storage closet, and now we look forward to an entire wall of new shelves in the Children's Section. This makes way for the middle/high school aged books coming with the PLAG grant. During my time substitute teaching at the school, I asked the different age groups to suggest books or different series they would like in our library. Several popular authors and different series are now part of the Library collection. Many thanks to the young people that took time to participate.
- We hit a major snag with the Library internet. It seems that the name of the package we wanted to order was extremely similar to the name on another package and we ended up with only 1/3 of the bandwidth we have had in previous years. Working with the OWL State Librarian we were able to change our plan and continue with the OWL grant that helps to pay for the internet cost. Thank you to everyone that pitched in at the 11th hour to get this fixed.
- We won another grant! This time it's a series of books about Women's Suffrage. Arriving soon in different reading levels. To my knowledge we don't have this subject matter in our Library, so we are happy to have won this grant.
- We received a donation from the Juneau Library, several boxes of quality children's books. Another welcome addition.
- We have begun the repair/replace of the Library South end wall. Mr. Thom Cunningham generously donated his time and experience, and this project is already underway. Many thanks to last year's City Council for the funds to complete this very needed repair. We may not have made it another year with the condition of siding and the amount of dry rot found.
- The printer in the Library is fixed. We are open and functional again.
- The Library is available as a meeting space, please enquirer if you are interested.
- The Library is always in need of volunteers. At this time there are only a few of us covering all the shifts and keeping your library open for you. Interested parties, please call the library and leave your email address. Phone numbers are good too! 828-3303

- Welcome Les Carter our NEW City Administrator. I look forward to working with you moving forward.
- Thank you, Teri Feibel, for helping with the Internet Snafu and for partnering in the repairs we so desperately needed. Your help really made a difference!
- **Food Bank-** Thorne Bay has begun a program, in addition to the Church of Thorne Bay, to provide shelf stable food items to anyone in need.
 - The Food Bank of Thorne Bay will be open at the Bay Chalet tomorrow, Wednesday 7/22/2020 at 10:30 am.
 - All items are shelf stable, no perishables.
 - There is no income declaration, this is open to everyone.
- It is our plan to also go to Davidson Landing tomorrow at about noon. Please bring your own boxes if you have them.
- Note: we are working alongside the Church of Thorne Bay with the pickup times at both locations to make it as convenient as possible.
- Stay tuned for more information and please contact Laura Clark at the Thorne Bay Library if delivery is needed.

d. VPSO Report:

VPSO Bosdell reported the following:

- On July 14th at 8:29 am, he received a call for a Search and Rescue near Thorne Bay. Bosdell Stated that TEMSCO Helicopters assisted with the

SEARCH AND RESCUE PRINCE OF WALES ISLAND/ TLINGIT AND HAIDA

Need:

Because of its remote and unique location Prince of Wales, it is difficult to respond for SARs incidents. In the past ten years there have been over 20 SARs incidents with many more unreported to AST and other authorities or handled at local level with mixed results. This year I have dealt with three in Thone Bay alone and there have been others, with one the death of a diver in Klawock.

Each of these incidents has shown the need for a well-organized SARs response team that has the proper equipment needed for our challenging environment. And the need for equipment and assets in place for accessing river, ocean, high altitude and remote access areas.

Most importantly, this has shown that we are lacking equipment and a team that specializes in SARS for this area of rescue.

Proposal:

Form a SARs response team that can be called on to assist across the island, composed of VPSO's, AST, and local volunteers. The team would have a base of operations in Thorne Bay (a centralized area of the island) and would service all communities island wide. Which includes Kasaan, Thorne Bay, Craig, Klawock, Hydaburg, Coffman Cove, Whales pass, Port Protection and others.

Organization:**AST Central command responsibilities:**

Coordinating all operation and keeping the flow of information and assets too field operations. Responsible for all operations.

Field operation director VPSO's:

One VPSO in charge of field operations in contact with AST with needs of the operation and relaying real time info to AST for better use of equipment and assets. Organizing volunteers in search parties, grid searches the best use of assets that are available. Responsible for field operations

Volunteer SARS Captains:

Group of specialized volunteers who have the skills for SARS response no more than 5, for example performing searches in specialized terrain or area of the island, EMT's or other medical needs, divers, and many other specialized skills. Responsible for directing other volunteers in searches may it be through grid searches or specialized terrain searches and skills.

Volunteers:

People from the affect community that wants to help in the search with unique knowledge of the area that we are searching.

*These operations of SARs are laid out in AST and VPSO OPMs

Assets on hand:

- Jet ski (once it is sent to post)
- TEMSCO: Helicopter service who has offered flight time for the needs of SARs Various medical equipment
- Harbor Master boat 16-foot Boston Whaler (for Thorne Bay operations) Side by side **ATV** (once it is sent to post)
- IN REACHES (2x once it is sent to post)

Assets Needed:

- Operations boat (on trailer so it can move to any part of the Island) Dive equipment
- 20-30-foot enclosed trailer
- Various field operation items IE. Folding tables, maps, charts of the island, chairs Tent (field command center)
- 50 neon high visibility vest (for search volunteers) Snow machine
- Sled high durability (patient transport) Various ropes (mountain retrieval)

Cost:

Most of the assets are a one-time cost incurred, the maintenance of the assets of SARs will be maintained by the Thorne Bay VPSO. Fuel cost for permitted SARs are paid through a grant from AST.

Conclusion:

With the specialized environment and dangers that Prince of Wales and the unorganized nature of where we live this is an opportunity to present to the whole Island of 4500 people a well-organized centralized SARs unit that any agency from Prince of Wales or Southeast Alaska can call upon when the need arises. We will have the tools that are needed for specialized needs of SARs.

7) PUBLIC COMMENTS:**SHERRI BECKER SISD COMMENTED ON THE FOLLOWING:**

- Welcome new administrator
- Thank you to council-thankless job-thank you
- School will start on August 31st-check SISD website for tentative plan-amended daily due to CDC and federal laws
- Have a lot of new faces and will introduce to the council when have the opportunity's

THOM CUNNINGHAM COMMENTED ON THE FOLLOWING:

- Welcomed Les Carter to Thorne Bay

LAURA CLARK COMMENTED ON THE FOLLOWING:

- Commented in favor of appointing Cindy Edenfield as Vice Mayor.

DAVID EGELSTON COMMENTED ON THE FOLLOWING:

Submitted written comments to the City Council.

- Commented in favor of appointing Cindy Edenfield as Vice Mayor for the following reasons:
 - Cindy Edenfield has volunteered for EMS for many years, shows up at city events on a regular basis, purchases tickets for the fishing derby even though she does not fish, represents the council at numerous city events, participates with Thorne Bay Days and other events, has no hidden agenda and can be counted on to be fair.

JIM BAICHTAL AND KAREN PETERSEN COMMENTED ON THE FOLLOWING:

- Commented in favor of Cindy Edenfield for Vice Mayor as she has a long history as a resident in Thorne Bay and fully understands the issues that Thorne Bay faces. Cindy has no hidden agenda and can be counted on to be fair.

GREG KERKOF COMMENTED ON THE FOLLOWING:

Submitted written comments to the City Council.

- Supported Cindy Edenfield for Vice Mayor
- Expressed concern about Councilman Rhodes employment with OVK being a conflict of interest with his position on the City Council.

BEN & SUZIE WILLIAMS COMMENTED ON THE FOLLOWING:

Submitted written comments to the City Council.

- Commented on the Vice Mayor vacancy and appointment and addressed their concerns as follows:
 - The individual representing Thorne Bay must be nonpartisan and an independent thinker
 - To make their decisions based on the best choice for the whole of Thorne Bay and its citizens
 - To vote with no personal agendas or favors in mind
 - To be open to criticism and listen to concerns.
- Commented in favor of appointing Cindy Edenfield or Jon Stram for the Vice Mayor position.

RISA CARLSON, PHD, COMMENTED ON THE FOLLOWING:

Submitted written comments to the City Council.

- Endorsed Cindy Edenfield for Vice Mayor listing the following reasons:
 - In the six years she sat on the City Council with Cindy Edenfield, she found her to be serious, intelligent, well-informed, fair, ethical, reliable, and reasonable. She is very involved in the community and volunteers her time selflessly to multiple causes.
 - I think that she would make an excellent vice-mayor and that the City of Thorne Bay would be fortunate to have her.

8) COUNCIL COMMENTS:

ROGER LONGBOTHAM COMMENTED ON THE FOLLOWING:

- Welcomed Les Carter to Thorne Bay and stated he looked forward to working with him as City Administrator
- Thanked VPSO Shannon Bosdell, for the awesome work he is doing. The Search and Rescue was well organized, and SARS is well needed.
- Stated he would like to assist in SARS
- Support Eric Rhodes for Vice Mayor. Eric Rhodes is a very intelligent young man. His best interests are in Thorne Bay.

ERIC RHODES COMMENTED ON THE FOLLOWING:

- Appreciated everyone's comments.
- Requested that certain public relent from untruths about him
- Commented that his position with OVK had nothing to do with his position as Councilmember.

MCDONALD COMMENTED ON THE FOLLOWING:

- Inquired if anyone had spoken to the Forest Service for participating in Search and Rescue and stated they had used to be quite active in it.

9) CONSENT AGENDA:

a) MINUTES:

- 1) Minutes of the July 6, 2020, Special City Council Meeting, discussion and action item:
- 2) Minutes of the July 7, 2020, Regular City Council Meeting, discussion and action item:

Burger moved to approve the consent agenda, consisting of the minutes for the July 6th and 7th, City Council meetings. Rhodes seconded the motion. City Clerk stated there were errors in the draft minutes sent in the packet and stated that the corrections had been made to the final copies.

MOTION: Move to approve the consent agenda, consisting of the minutes for the July 6th and 7th, City Council meetings

F/S: Burger/Rhodes

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

NAYS: None

STATUS: Motion Passed

10) EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- a) There will be an Executive Session to discuss matters of the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the city; discussion and action item: *(No action will be taken during executive session except for those which give direction to the Municipal Attorney.)*

Burger moved to adjourn to executive session to discuss matters of the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the City. Rhodes seconded the motion. The Mayor invited the City Clerk and Administrator to attend the Executive Session.

MOTION: Move to adjourn to executive session to discuss matters of the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the City
F/S: Burger/Rhodes
YEAS: Rhodes, McDonald, Edenfield, Burger, Hert, Longbotham & Stram
NAYS: None
STATUS: Motion Passed.

11) NEW BUSINESS:

- a) Appointment of Vice Mayor for the City of Thorne Bay, discussion and action item: Longbotham Nominated Eric Rhodes. Hert seconded the nomination. McDonald nominated Cindy Edenfield. Burger seconded the nomination.

MOTION: Move to appointment Eric Rhodes as Vice Mayor for the City of Thorne Bay
F/S: Longbotham/Hert
YEAS: Rhodes, Hert, Longbotham & Stram
NAYS: McDonald, Edenfield & Burger
STATUS: Motion Passed

MOTION: Move to appointment Edenfield as Vice Mayor for the City of Thorne Bay
F/S: McDonald/Burger
YEAS: McDonald, Edenfield, Burger
NAYS: Rhodes, Hert, Longbotham & Stram
STATUS: Motion Failed

- b) Amending the authorized bank signers for the City of Thorne Bay's First Bank and Tongass Federal Credit Union checking accounts, discussion and action item:

- Removing the following bank signers:
 - i. Wayne Benner
 - ii. Harvey McDonald

- Adding the following as authorized banking account signers:
 - i. Les Carter, City Administrator
 - ii. Eric Rhodes, Vice Mayor

- Adding the following for the purpose of processing Payroll ACH deposits for the City of Thorne Bay
 - Lisa Roseland, Accounts Receivable/Customer Service

- Complete list of authorized signers on the City of Thorne Bay Checking Account:
 - Teri Feibel, CMC, City Clerk/Treasurer
 - Dana Allison, Finance Officer
 - Les Carter, City Administrator
 - Lee Burger, Mayor
 - Eric Rhodes, Vice Mayor

MOTION: Move to approve authorized signers Teri Feibel, CMC, City Clerk/Treasurer Dana Allison, Finance Officer, Les Carter, City Administrator, Lee Burger, Mayor, Eric Rhodes, Vice Mayor, of the City's Banking account

F/S: Burger/Longbotham

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

NAYS: None

STATUS: Motion Passed

- c) **Resolution 20-07-21-01**, Authorizing the Participation of its employees in the Public Employees' Deferred Compensation Plan of Alaska and the Payment of the Required Contributions, Pursuant to AS 39.45 ET SEQ, discussion and action item:

Burger moved to approve Resolution 20-07-21-01. Rhodes seconded the motion. There was further discussion.

MOTION: Move to approve Resolution 20-07-21-01

F/S: Burger/Rhodes

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

NAYS: None

STATUS: Motion Passed

- d) **Review of bids for construction of Multi-Use facility for quarantine facilities and community center, discussion and action item:**

City Clerk Feibel explained that the City put out an RFP for the construction of a

12) ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION:

None.

13) ORDINANCE FOR PUBLIC HEARING:

- 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. Edenfield seconded the motion. City Clerk explained the amendment would allow for the City to collect sales tax on remote sales such as online purchases.

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

14) 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 expenditure of up to \$5,000.00, for the replacement of Fire Extinguishers.

MOTION: Move to approve expenditure of up to \$5,000.00, for the replacement of Fire Extinguishers
F/S: Burger/Edenfield
YEAS: Rhodes, McDonald, Edenfield, Burger, Hert, Longbotham & Stram
NAYS: None
STATUS: Motion Passed

- b) Authorizing the expenditure of \$6,600.00, plus shipping, for the purchase of Sewer Inspection Camera, discussion and action item: (Previously approved for \$5,295.00, that camera is no longer available)

Burger move to approve expense of \$6,600, plus shipping for the purchase of a sewer inspection camera. Rhodes seconded the motion.

MOTION: Move to approve the expense of \$6,600.00, plus shipping for the purchase of a sewer inspection camera
F/S: Burger/Rhodes
YEAS: Rhodes, McDonald, Edenfield, Burger, Hert, Longbotham & Stram
NAYS: None
STATUS: Motion Passed.

15) CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No public comments.

16) CONTINUATION OF COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Rhodes commented on the following:

- The RFP was not specific enough, suggested having a consultant drive the roads and inspect them and give us an estimate of what is needed.

Burger commented on the following:

- The guarantee requirement caused pause on the RFP for roads.

Edenfield commented on the following:


- She did not have anything to do with anyone in the public putting my name in, but I do agree with them.
- Wanted the requirement of being on the city council for 1-year prior to being Mayor to stay in place. Been here for almost 30 years and spent all of those years concerned about the community.

Hert commented on the following:


- The Council all respects the fact that Edenfield has been here for 30 years and all that she has done.

1) ADJOURNMENT:

Burger adjourned at 9:23 p.m.



Lee Burger, Mayor



ATTEST:


Teri Feibel, CMC