



MINUTES
FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR
THE CITY OF THORNE BAY, ALASKA

WEDNESDAY, June 9, 2021

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

LOCATION: COUNCIL CHAMBERS & VIDEO/TELECONFERENCING LINE

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Edenfield called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. PLEDGE TO FLAG:

The audience and council stood for the pledge to the flag.

3. ROLL CALL:

Those in attendance were:

Edenfield, Burger, Kerkof, Craske, Stram & Cunningham

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Edenfield moved to approve the agenda. Craske seconded the motion. There was no further discussion.

MOTION: Move to approve the agenda

F/S: Edenfield/Craske

YEAS: Craske, Kerkof, Cunningham, Edenfield, Burger & Stram

NAYS: None

STATUS: Motion Passed.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Jon Stevens commented on the following:

- Positive for Les. He has been doing a wonderful job. When I have called here, within two hours the roads were cleared. I hope whatever you decide does not cost the City money

Sam Sawyer commented on the following items:

- Commented that he hoped the council looked into the information they received, and that they make their decision based on that information, not the performance of the Administrator.

6. COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Cunningham commented that with any decision made, it would not please everyone.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- a) The Council will adjourn to an Executive Session to discuss matters that may tend to prejudice the character or reputation of any persons:

Edenfield moved to adjourn to an Executive Session to discuss matters that may tend to prejudice the character or reputation of any persons with the topic of the discussion to be examination and review of City Administrator's prior employment and military service information. Burger seconded the motion.

Council adjourned to executive session at 6:05 p.m.

Reconvened at 6:47 p.m.

Craske moved to accept the resignation of Les Carter. Stram seconded the motion. There was no further discussion.

MOTION: Move to adjourn to an Executive Session to discuss matters that may tend to prejudice the character or reputation of any persons with the topic of the discussion to be examination and review of City Administrator's prior employment and military service information

F/S: Edenfield/Stram

YEAS: Craske, Kerkof, Edenfield, Burger & Stram

NAYS: Cunningham

STATUS: Motion Passed

- b) The Council may adjourn to an Executive Session to discuss matters, the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the city:

Edenfield moved to adjourn to an Executive Session to discuss matters, the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the city. The topic of discussion will be aspects of the Administrator Contract between the City and the City Administrator in relation to the circumstances surrounding the City Administrator's application for employment.

Edenfield stated that no action would be taken during executive session – only discussion that will decide if a vote will be taken at the special meeting or if further attention is needed – with the exception that the council may give direction to the City Attorney regarding the handling of a legal matter involving the topic of discussion. Craske seconded the motion.

MOTION: Move to adjourn to an Executive Session to discuss matters, the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the city. The topic of discussion will be aspects of the Administrator Contract between the City and the City Administrator in relation to the circumstances surrounding the City Administrator’s application for employment

F/S: Edenfield/Craske

YEAS: Craske, Kerkof, Cunningham, Edenfield, Burger & Stram

NAYS: None

STATUS: Motion Passed

Council adjourned for Executive Session at 6:49 p.m.

Mayor reconvened the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Edenfield moved to pay three days of wages due to the Administrator, accrued annual leave plus 2-months’ of severance pay. Cunningham seconded the motion.

MOTION: Move to pay three days of wages due, accrued leave plus two-months’ of severance pay

F/S: Edenfield/Cunningham

YEAS: Kerkof, Cunningham, Edenfield, Burger & Stram

NAYS: Craske

STATUS: Motion Passed

8. CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no public comments.

9. CONTINUATION OF COUNCIL COMMENT:

Thom Cunningham commented on the following:

- Councilman Craske has cost the City thousands of dollars with all of his false accusations and innuendos.
- Continued that he had spoken with Councilman Craske many times on his issues with the City and how they were all dealings in the past and stated that the past is the past.

Stram commented on the following:

- Have not seen specificity on what the allegations are against Lindseth, so it was impossible for him to understand what is going on.
- Commented that he has had many conversations with Craske, Lindseth and Clowar and not knowing specifics and proof, it is difficult to keep listening to it.

Thom Cunningham commented on the following:

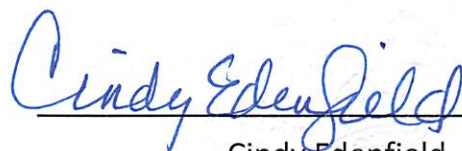
- Inquired to what law did Lindseth violate?

Craske responded that:

- The zoning was violated. Operating a business in the Subdivision requires that a notice of intent be posted to give the public opportunity to comment. It's the law.
- Requested that the City have their city attorney, get with his "city attorney" so we can move on and get this behind us.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Edenfield adjourned the meeting at 7:31 p.m.


Cindy Edenfield, Mayor

ATTEST:


Teri Feibel, CMC