



MINUTES

FOR THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR
THE CITY OF THORNE BAY, ALASKA

TUESDAY, July 20, 2021

TIME: **6:30 p.m.**

1) **CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Edenfield called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

2) **PLEDGE TO FLAG:**

The audience and council pledged to the flag.

3) **ROLL CALL:**

Those present were:

Edenfield, Kerkof, Stram, Cunningham, Jennings & Burger

By phone: Craske

4) **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

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

MOTION: Move to approve the agenda.

F/S: Edenfield/Burger

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

NAYS: None

STATUS: Motion Passed

5) **MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor reported on the following items:

- I am currently working with SEREMS on a grant that would pay for the repairs to the bottom of the EMS boat so the boat can be put back in service.
- IFA – Updated on IFA ferry being broken down. Will have three departures on Wednesday, July 21st and Thursday extra sailings with resuming regular scheduling on Friday.

6) ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

a) City Clerk Report:

➤ Job openings.

- i. City Administrator position is still open until July 30th. As of July 20th, we have received one application.
- ii. There are two other City jobs being advertised right now.
- iii. Streets and Roads Heavy Equipment Operator / Fleet Mechanic, and
- iv. Harbormaster / Parks and Recreation Supervisor

➤ CDBG GRANT – NEXT STEPS:

- i. Public hearing on site at Davidson Landing to determine where the building will go, and desired sizing. Once that meeting has concluded, the City Clerk will publish the RFP for design and engineering services of the Fire Hall.

➤ Solid Waste Department:

- i. Wire Tie – Jason was able to fix issues with the wire tie machine, now pending trouble shooting the baler issues.

➤ Streets and Roads:

- i. Working with Charlie Jennings on developing a survey that we can publish to get community feedback for the STB road maintenance within the subdivision. Want to find ways to fund the major repair needs
- ii. Steep road repairs were being done prior to Les's departure. I will work with the new Streets employee to address the options for repairs to the potholes at Steep road which include using the material from ditching to patch the holes.
- iii. City would benefit greatly from purchasing a new roller. Right now, we only have the grader and after grading the roads, there are complaints of flat tires from the sharp rocks that are turned up. At this time, we do not have the funding to purchase one, but I will be on the lookout for funding opportunities

➤ Harbor Department:

- i. Hiring for this position – open until filled
- ii. In the absence of the harbormaster, those duties will be divided up among the employees:
 - a) Lisa cleaned the Harbor Showers and Restrooms on Thursday and Friday.
 - b) Harbor business will be conducted at City Hall. There is a note on the harbor office directing people to the office at this time.
 - c) Tyrell will pressure wash the bathrooms and shower & also make sure the trashes are emptied and make sure that the supplies are replaced for the hand soap, toilet paper and paper towels are stocked
 - d) I will take care of the cleaning for Davidson Landing restrooms and ensure they have stocked supplies

7) PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Karen Petersen commented on the following:

➤ Overview of the new library construction.

- Received the grant from the Rasmussen foundation in the amount of \$120,000.00. Friends had \$160,000.00, in their account and so now we have the full funding for this.
- AML has donated a 40% discount on shipping of the new library. This is a value of \$10,000.00 savings.
- Sean McRae is donating floatplane time for transporting Marvin, who will be moving our new library building from Craig to Thorne Bay.
- SE Road donating 3 dump truck loads of rock
- Mike Burgess donating electrical work
- Will have to pay AP&T to move the electrical pole
- The donations are pouring in. We continue to receive funding from residents of Thorne Bay who have been mailing in checks as they have money available.
- Theresa Lindseth is doing the final touches of the quilt that will be raffled off. The quilt was hand embroidered by Karen Petersen's mother.
- Libby Nieland took photos of the new library building while she was down in Seattle. The council was provided with copies of the photos.
- The building 56' long and 24' wide.
 - Cunningham inquired why is the building was not built with wheels?
- Karen explained that it was not built that way.

Jennings explained that it is an added cost for wheels to be on the modular and then they are removed when delivered.

Sherri Becker, SISD Superintendent commented on the following:

- Cook position is open and urgent to fill (2 at 29 hours per wk.)
- Activity director position and numerous coaching
 - Cross Country starting next week.
 - Basketball, wrestling, volleyball, etc.
- Call school and speak with Amy Jennings at Thorne Bay School and me at SISD

8) COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Thom Cunningham commented on the following:

- Suggested the City purchase a plaque for Charlie Brown who had the street named after him, he lost his life in World War II.

Wes Craske commented on the following:

- Ian Newman was injured last week, in a fire. Those who may want to reach out to him and offer prayers, now is a good time. He is on Facebook.

9) **CONTINUING BUSINESS:**

- a) **DISCUSSION ONLY - Ordinance 21-07-20-01**, amending Title 15-Buildings and Construction, adding Section-Requiring that owner is responsible for the costs incurred for cleanup of property by the City for failure to comply with order, discussion item:

This ordinance was scheduled for Public Hearing July 20th but is being postponed until the City Attorney has responded with comments regarding the City's liability if adopted.

10) **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a) **Discussion of purchasing needs for a Sander Truck for winter road maintenance, discusion item:**

Thom Cunningham inquired why the City could not put the sander on the dump truck that was purchased from Chris Kuntz. Instead of having to purchase a completely new truck.

11) **ORDINANCE FOR PUBLIC HEARING:**

- a) **Ordinance 21-07-20-02**, amending Title 2-Administration and Personnel, Chapter 2.04-City Council, Section 2.04.160-Executive Session, adding that all councilmembers must be present in order to participate in executive sessions, discussion and action item

Edenfield moved to approve Ordinance 21-07-20-02. Burger seconded the motion.

Kerkof suggested changing of language for.

Libby Nieland suggested changing language to striking "each and all". There was further discussion.

MOTION: Move to approve Ordinance 21-07-20-02

F/S: Edenfield/Burger

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

NAYS: None

STATUS: Motion Passed

12) **ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION:**

- a) **Ordinance 21-08-03-01, amending Title 5 – Business Taxes and Registration, adding Section 5.02-Business Licenses Generally, discussion and action item:**

Edenfield approve Ordinance 21-08-03-01. Burger seconded the motions.

Amending section 5.02.025, Subsection B, striking "annual" and shall read "A onetime business license registration. The city shall waive the fee when:"

MOTION: Move to approve Ordinance 21-08-03-01

F/S: Edenfield/Burger

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

NAYS: Cunningham

STATUS: Motion Passed

- b) **Ordinance 21-08-03-02**, amending Title 3 – Revenue and Finance, Section 3.17 – Sales Tax, Sections 3.17. 3.17.065 – Registration & Section 3.17.150 – Regulations Authorized, discussion and action item:

This item was postponed to the next regular meeting August 3, 2021.

Edenfield moved to approve Ordinance 21-08-03-02. Burger seconded the motion. After discussions on this item, Edenfield and Burger withdrew their motions.

The City Clerk explained the amendment referenced back to the Chapter 5.02. City Clerk also noted that Councilman Jennings had brought to her attention that the code currently requires a deposit be made upon applying for a business license, which is a moot point since the City is changing the way they collect sales tax.

City Clerk stated that she would bring as introduction at the August 3rd meeting to reflect removal of the “Deposit” requirements for businesses.

13) EXPENDITURES EXCEEDING \$2,000.00:

- a) **Authorizing the expense of \$4,351.30, to Cascade Columbia, for Water Department Chemicals, discussion and action item:**

Edenfield moved to approve the expense of \$4,351.30 to Cascade Columbia for the purchase of water chemicals. Burger and Stram seconded the motion. There was further discussion.

MOTION: Move to approve the expenditure of \$4,351.30 to Cascade Columbia for the purchase of water chemicals

F/S: Edenfield/Burger

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

NAYS: None

STATUS: Motion Passed

- b) **Athorizing the expenditure of \$5,600.00, to Tyler Rental for pumpout services at Lift Station #1, discussion and action item:**

Edenfield moved to authorize the expenditure of \$5,600.00, to Tyler Rental for pump out services at Lift Station. Cunningham seconded the motion.

MOTION: Move to approve the expenditure of \$5,600.00, to Tyler Rental for pump out services at the Lift Station #1

F/S: Edenfield/Cunningham

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

NAYS: None

STATUS: Motion Passed

14) CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC COMMENT:

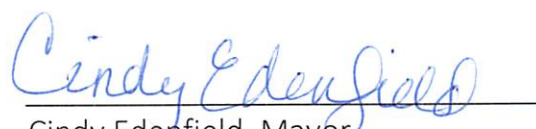
There were no further public comments.

15) CONTINUATION OF COUNCIL COMMENT:

Cunningham commented on the following:

16) ADJOURNMENT:

Edenfield adjourned the meeting at 7:45pm


Cindy Edenfield, Mayor

ATTEST:


Teri Feibel, CMC