



MINUTES

FOR THE **SPECIAL** MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR
THE CITY OF THORNE BAY, ALASKA
WEDNESDAY, September 29, 2021

TIME: **6:00 p.m.**

LOCATION: **TELECONFERENCE/VIDEO CONFERENCING LINE**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

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

2. PLEDGE TO FLAG:

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

3. ROLL CALL:

Those present were: Edenfield, Jennings, Kerkof, Burger, Cunningham & Stram

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

MOTION: Move to approve the approve the agenda

F/S: Edenfield/Burger

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

NAYS: None

STATUS: Motion Passed.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Robert Hartwell commented on the following:

- Inquired if the language in the ordinance meant that a councilmember must be currently serving on the council and have served at least one year, or that a councilmember must have at least one year of experience on the City Council at any time over past years?
 - The City Clerk commented that the amendment was meant to read as past tense, so a candidate must have served on the council at anytime for at least one year.

Brad Clark commented on the following:

- The voters changed how the Mayor was elected in 2019. The ordinance being presented is less than 2 years later than when the law changed, and therefore, the council should not be allowed to change something the voters added in.
 - The City Clerk commented that the public only voted to change how the office of the mayor was elected, not on qualifications.

6. COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Stram commented on the following:

- He would be out of town during the time for declaring office of mayor, and wanted to know how he could put his name in if he wasn't present.
 - City Clerk suggested that he fill out the application online and set up a time to do a web meeting with the City Clerk to have his signature witnessed. Clerk explained that the meeting could be done via Facetime, Zoom or WebEx.

7. ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION:

- a) **Ordinance 21-10-11-01**, amending Thorne Bay Municipal Code Title 2 – Administration and Personnel, Chapter 2.28-Elections, Section 2.28.135-Qualifications-Mayoral Election.

Edenfield moved to approve Ordinance 21-10-11-01. Kerkof seconded the motion. Cunningham inquired why there was a need to introduce the ordinance at the last minute. Stram commented that he had shared the same concerns as Cunningham and Brad Clark, with the ordinance being proposed at the last minute with so many potential new councilmembers. Stram commented that as far as experience, it could be good or bad. He has seen public officials be in for so long that it was more of a detriment. Stram stated that by adopting the ordinance, it would potentially shut out the new council from qualifying. Jennings stated he believed it a Mayor needed to be someone who had experience on the council. Kerkof stated that it was important that a mayor have experience and it wouldn't be good that someone who had never attended a council meeting, or participated in any municipal events, all of a sudden be in charge of an entire city. Kerkof inquired if Stram would hire someone to build a house that had no experience? Stram stated he would not, but the council also has to consider the fact that everyone is dealing with COVID. Cunningham suggested the council table the ordinance for the new city council to vote on. There was further discussion.

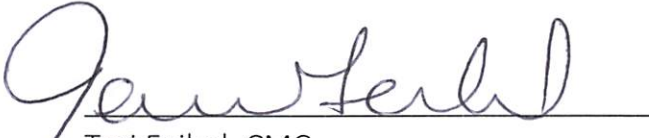
MOTION: Move to approve Ordinance 21-10-11-01
F/S: Edenfield/Kerkof
YEAS: Edenfield, Jennings, Cunningham, Kerkof, Burger
NAYS: Stram,
STATUS: Motion Passed.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Edenfield adjourned the meeting at 7:46 p.m.


Cindy Edenfield, Mayor

ATTEST:


Teri Feibel, CMC