

MINUTES
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR
THE CITY OF THORNE BAY, ALASKA
TUESDAY, November 16, 2021,

TIME: 6:30 p.m.

LOCATION: TELECONFERENCE/VIDEO CONFERENCING LINE

There was a workshop held prior to the council meeting beginning at 6:00 pm

1) CALL TO ORDER:

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

2) PLEDGE TO FLAG:

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

3) ROLL CALL:

Those present were:

Jennings, Oatman, Stram, Kerkof, Burger, Nyquest & Hartwell

4) APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Burger moved to approve the agenda as written. Hartwell seconded the motion. There was no further discussion.

MOTION: Move to approve the agenda as written

F/s: Burger/Hartwell

YEAS: Nyquest, Kerkof, Stram, Hartwell, Oatman, Burger & Jennings

NAYS: None

STATUS: Motion Passed.

5) MAYOR'S REPORT:

Burger reported the following:

- Fire Engines parked next to the main fire hall are now moved.
 - White one was sold and
 - The other one was moved to Davidson Landing Fire Hall and stored inside the barn
 - Dave Egelston worked with the VPSO and was able to show him the complete operations of it and found the truck was still operational and not broken as originally told.
- The city is in urgent need of Fire and EMS Volunteers

6) ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

a) **City Clerk:**

Teri Feibel, reported the following:

- Update on Administrator John Huestis:
 - Had his second surgery and his Dr. has indicated 3-4 weeks off mostly because of the large gas bubble in his eye and he cannot fly until he gets the Dr's release.

- He will go back in on the 19th and will push for a partial release to be able to do remote work at his discretion and pending on his recovery going well.
- He will have more of an update after his follow up next week.

➤ **FINANCIAL REPORT:**

○ **QuickBooks income/expense July 1, 2021 – November 15, 2021**

- Income \$693,682.53
- Expense \$605,679.52

Net Income \$ 88,003.01

○ **Tongass Federal Checking:**

- CHECKING \$126,225.75
- 60% SALES TAX \$96,512.92
- 40% SALES TAX \$141,352.94
- OCC TAX GEN. \$2,400.18
- OCC TAX EMS \$9,500.61
- OCC TAX TOUR \$10,730.28
- OCC TAX PARKS \$10,658.98
- OCC TAX HARB \$23,490.40
- HARBOR \$99,926.45
- WATER UTL R&R \$32,275.83
- SEWER UTL R&R \$30,575.28
- SOL WASTE R&R \$27,259.99
- COM CENTER \$7,502.70
- HEALTH PREM \$5,070.87

Subtotal: \$623,483.18

○ **First Bank Balances:**

- Checking \$33,640.35

○ **Wells Fargo Money Market and Bonds**

- Mutual Funds \$528,365.10
- Stocks, Opt & EFT's \$42,735.00
- Cash Sweep Balances \$93,636.28
- Money Market Funds \$295,992.77

Subtotal: \$960,729.15

b) Department Reports (Water, Wastewater, Harbor, Solid Waste, Streets & Roads)

➤ **Parks Department Report:**

- Recently I've cleaned and organized the concessions shed up by the field for a workspace and storage area. I built a temporary work bench in there and made tool holders as well.
- I pressure washed the basketball court and put-up new nets on the hoops, pressure washed the picnic tables at the claw and picked up litter around town.

Parks continued:

- I'm currently doing brush and limb removal around the claw (to open up view), I'm also working on the planning of the Community Christmas Dinner, (December 16th), and planning the Thorne Bay Days events schedule.
- The pole mounted Christmas lights have arrived. I have inspected and plugged in each one of them and they are all in good working order.
- I am having ongoing issues with trying to purchase the rough-cut mower tax free. I'm working with their accounting agency to try to rectify the situation.

➤ **Harbor Department Report:**

- **Upcoming Projects:**
 - Replacement of signage on docks
 - Auction or removal of F/V Seanna, designated Nuisance Vessel
 - Cleaning, assessing, and repair of wooden docks, hardware, and utilities
 - Upcoming visit from yacht club scheduled for end of June
- **Current and Completed Projects:**
 - Coordinating with Northern Sales to use vending machine located at Bay Chalet
 - Maintenance, cleaning, and winterization performed on Harbor Master boat
 - Installation of lights in Davidson Landing bathrooms
 - Completed HAZWOPER training
 - Shut off water to docks and moved fish cleaning station for the winter season
 - Removed deer carcass discarded next to boat ramp

➤ **Solid Waste Department Report:**

- Currently the only project they have is clearing trees out of cell #1 so that they can continue bailing and burying the garbage.
- Secondly, they are continuing to work on the building. It is getting old enough that it is having more issues that continue rising and needing fixed.
- Keeping things around the solid waste site cleaned up and trying to organize the outer shed.
- Would like to get more of some of the trees behind the main building to make more room for the vehicles.
- The bailer is having some sensor issues with and the wire tie needs fixed.
- The rest of the dump operations are running smoothly.

➤ **VPSO McGinnis:**

- I am meeting with Dave Egelston about one of the fire engines tomorrow. It may still be in working condition.
- We ordered some new hose to begin to replace some of the older stock
- I am working on the Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant
 - That could give us \$5000.00 worth of gear (I thought that it was 10,000, guess who told me that?), we do have to pay ~ %10 of the total cost, and maybe \$200.00 in shipping
 - - am asking for a portable pump, x2 halligan bars, x2 flathead axes, some adapters, and some hand tools.

7) PUBLIC COMMENTS:

➤ Trish Clowar commented on the following

- Want to express earnest thank you in those who came together to aide in putting out the fire at Adventure AK.
- Grateful no one was hurt in the fire
- Blessing so many people immediately showed up to help
- Special thank you to Jim Silverthorn who first noticed the fire
- Special Thank you to Dave Egelston who went and retrieved the fire truck swiftly which mitigated the spread of the damage
- Want to give a donation to the fire department for their help, total donation of \$1,000.00

8) COUNCIL COMMENTS:

➤ Nyquest commented on the following:

- Thank you to Adventure AK for their acknowledgement
- Clarified that he voted in favor of an expenditure at the last meeting after he had initially spoken unfavorably about it, because his concerns had been answered during the comment period of the action item.

➤ Stram commented on the following:

Thank you to whomever filled in the potholes in the Subdivision

Clerk explained it resident Randal Miyahara was the one who had taken his time to do that.

9) CONSENT AGENDA:

- a) Minutes of the October 11th, 18th, and November 8th, 2021, Special City Council meetings, discussion and action item:

Burger moved to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of the minutes from the October 11th and 18th and November 8th, Special City Council meetings. Nyquest seconded the motion. There was no further discussion.

MOTION: Move to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of the minutes from the October 11th and 18th and November 8th, Special City Council meetings

F/S: Burger/Nyquest

YEAS: Nyquest, Stram, Kerkof, Hartwell, Oatman, Burger & Jennings

NAYS: None

STATUS: Motion Passed.

10) NEW BUSINESS:

- a) Resolution 21-11-16-01, authorizing the Mayor or City Administrator to grant a waiver or reduction in fees for costs associated with the disposal of materials and debris resulting from natural disasters or accidental structure fires, discussion and action item:

Burger moved to approve Resolution 21-11-16-01, authorizing the Mayor or City Administrator to grant a waiver or reduction in fees for costs associated with the disposal of materials and debris resulting from natural disasters or accidental structure fires. Oatman seconded the motion.

Kerkof commented that he wanted to see cases like these be brought to the entire council for many reasons. One this is a rare occurrence, so would not be an impact on the council to address Second, puts an onus on the mayor and administrator to have to take that on, blame or credit whichever. Nyquest and Oatman commented on favor of each occurrence being voted upon by the Council and not the Administration. There was further discussion.

MOTION: Move to approve Resolution 21-11-16-01, authorizing the Mayor or City Administrator to grant a waiver or reduction in fees for costs associated with the disposal of materials and debris resulting from natural disasters or accidental structure fires.
F/S: Burger/Oatman
YEAS: None
NAYS: Stram, Nyquest, Kerkof, Jennings, Hartwell, Oatman & Burger
STATUS: Motion Failed.

- b) **Resolution 21-11-16-02**, amending Resolution 21-10-18-03, updating account signers for the City of Thorne Bay's banking accounts with Tongass Federal Credit Union, First Bank and Wells Fargo Financial, discussion and action item:

Burger moved to approve Resolution 21-11-16-02, updating account signers for the City of Thorne Bay's banking accounts with Tongass Federal Credit Union, First Bank and Wells Fargo Financial, Hartwell seconded the motion. There was no further discussion.

MOTION: Move to approve Resolution 21-11-16-02, updating account signers for the City of Thorne Bay's banking accounts with Tongass Federal Credit Union, First Bank and Wells Fargo Financial
F/S: Burger/Hartwell
YEAS: Stram, Nyquest, Kerkof, Jennings, Hartwell, Oatman & Burger
NAYS: None
STATUS: Motion Passed.

11) ORDINANCE FOR PUBLIC HEARING:

- a) **Ordinance 21-11-16-01**, amending Title 3-Revenue and Finance, Chapter 3.17-Consumer Sales Tax, Section 3.17.080-Penalty and Interest on Delinquent Taxes, discussion and action item:

Burger moved to adopt Ordinance 21-11-16-01, amending Title 3-Revenue and Finance, Chapter 3.17-Consumer Sales Tax, Section 3.17.080-Penalty and Interest on Delinquent Taxes. Hartwell seconded the motion. Public Hearing Comments:

MOTION: Move to adopt Ordinance 21-11-16-01, amending Title 3-Revenue and Finance, Chapter 3.17-Consumer Sales Tax, Section 3.17.080-Penalty and Interest on Delinquent Taxes
F/S: Burger/Hartwell
YEAS: Kerkof, Jennings, Stram, Nyquest, Hartwell, Burger & Oatman
NAYS: None
STATUS: Motion Passed.

12) ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION:

- a) **Ordinance 21-12-07-01**, amending Title 17-Planing & Zoning, Chapter 17.04-Zoning, Section 17.04.034-Greentree Heights Residential Zone, Subsection 17.04.034 (d) Development Standards, Section (12) Potable water supply discussion and action item:

Burger moved to approve Ordinance 21-12-07-01, amending Title 17-Planing & Zoning, Chapter 17.04-Zoning, Section 17.04.034-Greentree Heights Residential Zone, Subsection 17.04.034 (d) Development Standards, Section (12) Potable water supply. Stram seconded the motion. Discussion included making sure the property owners had been notified of the proposed amendment.

MOTION: Move to approve Ordinance 21-12-07-01, amending Title 17-Planing & Zoning, Chapter 17.04-Zoning, Section 17.04.034-Greentree Heights Residential Zone, Subsection 17.04.034 (d) Development Standards, Section (12) Potable water supply

F/S: Burger/Stram

YEAS: Burger, Oatman, Kerkof, Jennings, Stram, Nyquest & Hartwell

NAYS: None

STATUS: Motion Passed.

13) CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC COMMENT:

No further public comments.

14) CONTINUATION OF COUNCIL COMMENT:

Nyquest commented on the following:

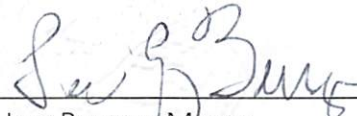
- Apologized to the clerk, the council could have amended the resolution by changing just a couple of words to approved by the Council and striking Mayor and/or Administrator.

Kerkof commented on the following:

- Need to find a way to get people on EMS/Fire. Strictly volunteering is not working. I had mentioned before offering tax

15) ADJOURNMENT:

Burger adjourned the meeting at 7:06 p.m.



Lee Burger, Mayor

ATTEST:



Teri Feibel, CMC