

MINUTES

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

TUESDAY, April 5, 2022

TIME: 6:30 p.m.

There was a workshop of the City Council at 6:00pm

LOCATION: TELECONFERENCE/VIDEO CONFERENCING

1) **CALL TO ORDER:**

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

2) **PLEDGE TO FLAG:**

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

3) **ROLL CALL:**

Those present were – Kerkof, Stram, Oatman, Hartwell, Nyquest, Jennings
Burger attended by phone.

4) **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Jennings moved to approve the agenda. Hartwell seconded the motion. There was no further discussion.

MOTION: Move to approve the agenda

F/S: Jennings / Hartwell

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

NAYS: None

STATUS: Motion Passed

5) **MAYOR'S REPORT:**

- Thank you for all who showed up to the meeting and those on the phone. Pleased to see the public participating again.
- Forgive me in advance if there are any errors, this is my first meeting that I have ran as Vice Mayor.

6) **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

a) **City Administrator:**

John Huestis provided the following administrator report:

- EMS Coordinator has received two applicants to date, interviewing next week.
- Fire Chief has received one application to date, no interviews scheduled yet.
- Met with ADEC and City Attorney to discuss Compliance Order by Consent.
Will require another meeting. We will likely reach an agreement in next couple months
- Executed design contract with Wayne Jenson of JYW on the Fire/EMS Hall Design at Davidson Landing. Will have a public meeting in next couple months.
- Signed Change Order with NewLook Construction LLC to completed air system for City shop repair project. The project is 90% complete.

- Worked with OVK to complete and submit an EDA grant application for \$3.7M to pave the first 3 miles of the Kasaan Road project.
- Met with Bill Yockey and drove the Kasaan Road to look at M&O issues, discuss.
- Mayor Burger and I met with Tim Lindseth and drove S. Subdivision roads looking at opportunities for spot improvements. Need to follow up with Tim to schedule.
- Accepted administration of Alaska Community Foundation grant for library deck.
- Mayor hired Mike Huestis as a temp project employee to build the library deck
- SISD is in the process of cleaning up the old floating school property, once it is complete the MOA the Council has already approved for Administrator to sign can be fully executed
- Bayview Tire and Mechanical SOLD!

b) City Clerk:

Teri Feibel provided the following Clerk report:

- Reminder of the low-cost dump coupons available to residents. Thorne Bay residents may purchase coupons at \$10.00 per 1,000# of Solid Waste Disposal (Limit of 2 per household). The coupon(s) will allow residents the ability to pick their own personal clean-up day. To purchase your coupons, stop by Thorne Bay City Hall and bring your ID, proof of residence and \$10 cash per coupon. (There is a limit of 2 coupons per residence). City Hall office hours are Monday – Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Friday, 8 a.m. to noon. For more information, call 907-828-3380.
- Each coupon is good for 1000# on one calendar day.
- Coupons are only good for one calendar day. Multiple loads which total up to 1000# per coupon/per day are acceptable.
- Anything over the coupon limit of 1000# will be charged regular rates.
- I don't have a financial report tonight, I will be giving those on the second meeting of each month.

7) PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Allyssa Howell, Athletic Director, SISD commented on the following:

- Introduced herself as the Athletic Director for SISD and the field track high school coach for SISD for Thorne Bay School.
- First I would like to thank the City for the new gravel into the tracks, it has been very helpful for students and it allowed us to have a track team this year and we couldn't have done it without you.
- I have Bianca with me today, she is one of our foreign exchange students and track athlete at the school here in Thorne Bay.
- We would like to comment and request a proposal. Not included in the request is

Tim Lindseth commented on the following:

- Thank the community for the turnout to the fundraiser had at the church for disaster relief for the Ukraine. We raised just shy of \$4,000.00, and every penny of that will go to the Samaritan's Purse, they're already over there in Poland. They have helped the hospitals, provided doctors and counseling, and medications.

8) COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Shane Nyquest commented on the following:

- Question regarding Ally's comment:

Robert Hartwell commented on the following:

- Most students have cell phones now days, so if you see dogs defecating on the property, take a photo and turn into the VPSO. There is a fine for not picking up after your animals.

Oatman commented on the following:

- How would the council go about voting on Mrs. Howell's request?
 - Clerk explained that if it did not cost the City any funds, then it could be authorized through Administrator or Mayor.

9) CONSENT AGENDA:

a) MINUTES

- i. Minutes of the March 15, 2022, Regular City Council Meeting, discussion and action item:

Jennings moved to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the minutes for the March 15, 2022, Regular City Council Meeting.

MOTION: Move to approve the consent agenda
F/S: Jennings/Hartwell
YEAS: Jennings, Kerkof, Oatman, Nyquest, Hartwell, Stram & Burger
NAYS: None
STATUS: Motion Passed.

10) NEW BUSINESS:

- a) Resolution 22-04-05-01, adopting the FY21 Certified Financial Statement created by the City Clerk, certifying the annual income and expenditures for the Fiscal Year 2021, discussion and action item:

Jennings moved to approve Resolution 22-04-05-01. Nyquest seconded the motion. Clerk explained.

MOTION: Move to approve Resolution 22-04-05-01, adopting the FY21 Certified Financial Statement created by the City Clerk, certifying the annual income and expenditures for the Fiscal Year 2021
F/S: Jennings/Nyquest
YEAS: Jennings, Kerkof, Oatman, Nyquest, Hartwell, Stram & Burger
NAYS: None
STATUS: Motion Passed.

- b) **Resolution 22-04-05-02**, authorizing Adventure Alaska to rent an additional thirteen boat stalls in the main harbor, discussion and action item:

Jennings moved to approve Resolution 22-04-05-02. Nyquest seconded the motion. Nyquest commented that this was a recurring request each year, and voting was formality required by code. Clerk explained that the Harbormaster approved the request and stated there were stalls available.

MOTION: Move to approve Resolution 22-04-05-02, authorizing Adventure Alaska to rent an additional thirteen boat stalls in the main harbor,
F/S: Jennings/Nyquest
YEAS: Jennings, Kerkof, Oatman, Nyquest, Hartwell, Stram & Burger
NAYS: None
STATUS: Motion Passed.

- c) **Resolution 22-04-05-03**, authorizing the use of the Streets and Roads Sales Tax funds for improvements to the Kasaan/Goose Creek Road, discussion and action item:

Jennings moved to approve Resolution 22-04-05-03. Stram seconded the motion. Huestis explained the resolution was a proposal from OVK to the City of Thorne Bay. Sara Yockey, Transportation Director for OVK, had submitted it to the city a few months back and after reviewing the City's budget and touring the roads with Bill Yockey, with OVK, he felt this would be a good investment. Huestis commented that OVK had put in a lot of time and work on the Kasaan Road and that the project proposal was not a design project, but a heavy maintenance, proposal. Huestis stated that Thorne Bay had an existing maintenance agreement with OVK for grading and work in the Subdivision twice a year and that this year OVK did not have a heavy project load this year, so they offered to spend eight weeks, instead of their usual two-weeks, maintaining and improving the roads. The proposal includes OVK covering 70% of the total cost of the project with Thorne Bay paying for fuel, rock and flagger wages. Huestis stated that he felt this was a good opportunity for Thorne Bay to stretch their money and get good work done on the road to transform it from what it is right now. It will improve view, safety and winter maintenance. Huestis stated that the proposal shows a line-item of 2000 cubic yards of D1 with no cost associated with it. He contacted Sara Yockey to get clarification on this and was told that after all of the work was completed, they would want D1 on the road to have something to use when grading. The concept is that Thorne Bay will contact the Forest Service and see if we can get them to partner with us on that part of the project.

Nyquest inquired what the likelihood of getting the USFS to partner with us was? Huestis commented that the USFS has a large pile of D1 by the Thorne Bay Bridge that is tucked away, and he understand they use some for other work such as Lake Ellen, so the city is hoping that they would agree to detour and get some of it to us.

Nyquest inquired if the city had the budget to cover the expense, and not cut the city short in other areas. Huestis commented that the Streets and Roads Sales Tax fund has \$167,000 and the only other dedicated funding from that is for the FLAP grant that is not expected to begin until 2024, and there will be more funds deposited into that account at the end of

each tax quarter. Oatman inquired when the work would begin. Huestis commented it would begin soon.

MOTION: Move to approve Resolution 22-04-05-03, authorizing the use of the Streets and Roads Sales Tax funds for improvements to the Kasaan/Goose Creek Road
F/S: Jennings/Stram
YEAS: Jennings, Kerkof, Oatman, Nyquest, Hartwell, Stram & Burger
NAYS: None
STATUS: Motion Passed.

11) CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC COMMENT:

Clowar commented on the following:

- Thanked the council for approving the request for renting additional boat slips.

Allyssa Howell commented on the following:

- Requested the City replace the buckle on the toddler swing, as it is broken and a safety concern.
- The school is trying to get a fundraiser going that will happen on City grounds. It will be a Fun Run and wanted to know if I need to get anything from the City to do this.

12) CONTINUATION OF COUNCIL COMMENT:

Kerkof commented on the following:

- Council had talked about using some of the sales tax on EMS/Fire
- Fishing Derby had their first meeting, if you can or know anyone who could donate, that is how prizes are provided. We hope to have a better year with travel picking up.

Oatman commented on the following:

- Thorne Bay Days usually happens in August, it is a good time to start planning stuff for that.

13) ADJOURNMENT:

Vice Mayor Jennings adjourned the meeting at 7:30pm



Lee Burger, Mayor

ATTEST:



Teri Feibel, CMC