

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

TUESDAY, July 5, 2022

TIME: 6:30 p.m.

The meeting was preceded by a workshop at 6pm

Location: teleconference/video conferencing line

1) CALL TO ORDER:

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

2) PLEDGE TO FLAG:

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

3) ROLL CALL:

Those present were: Burger, Kerkof, Stram, Hartwell, Nyquest, Jennings & Oatman

4) APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Burger moved to approve the agenda. Hartwell Seconded the motion. There was no further discussion.

MOTION: Move to approve the agenda

F/S: Burger/Hartwell

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

NAYS: None

STATUS: Motion Passed.

5) MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Burger provided the following report:

- ATV Rules and Regulations for Thorne Bay. Many people are driving ATV's that do not have either an operator with valid license or learners permit, some are not registered with the city holding a current sticker or have a flag.
- Will be changing the one-way street next to the park to a two-way.

6) ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

a) City Administrator:

John Huestis provided the following report:

- Working on year end reports, financial documents, etc. and working on implementing new budget with focus on needed acquisitions.
- The old library was moved out to the sort yard on July first and on July 2nd it made its way up to Whale Pass to become their new City Hall.
- I have finalized lease agreements with both SE Roadbuilders and Papac Logging and have brought those for Council consideration tonight.
- We are having a surplus sale with a short turnaround to hopefully dispose of the remaining vehicles at the dump in short order or possibly recycle them.
- I have contacted Shorty Tonsgard of Channel Construction who has agreed to take the City's

metals on their barge currently in Tolstoi Bay. We are working on organizing and moving the vehicles and they will move the loose scrap metal.

- We have signed the paperwork for the purchase of a new mini-excavator. We will need to purchase a trailer to move the machine. We don't have a suitable one.
- I have had follow up conversations with the EPA on the Salt Chuck Mine tailings and they are sending along data on recent analysis of materials for review.
- I was notified by the ADEC that we will be getting services from their DBAC Program for the removal and cleanup of the old fire hall. We were asked if we could use City labor and equipment to assist the Contractor. An RFP is being prepared for later this summer.
- We are still in discussions with the Contractor on the old floating bridge pontoon.
- We are working on getting all of our heavy equipment repaired and up to a safe standard. The City has deferred maintenance on some of these machines for years. We are spending the money to do this now before we just write them off as too expensive to fix and purchase much more expensive machines down the road. This is costing us thousands of dollars now but we do not have a mechanic to pay so this is the tradeoff. Just an FYI for a likely future amendment to the budget to add more funding in this area.

City Clerk reported:

- **FY22 Budget Year ended with a profit of \$28,794.33**
Total financial balance right now is \$1,475,164.99 which includes our Tongass Federal Credit Union Accounts & Investment Accounts with Wells Fargo.
- **Wells Fargo Advisors Account Total: \$870k**
The City's portfolio is down 12% year to date.
Money Market Account Balance is \$289k in CD's and Stocks \$583k
Right now the money market account we have is only at 1% interest, so we will be moving our money market funds into a higher yielding interest account at 1.54%
- **Totals: \$1,475,164.99**
 - Repair and Replacement Account Balances: \$ 200,101.26
 - 1% Sales Tax Account Balances: \$ 294,933.51
 - Occupancy Tax Balances: \$ 56,799.36
 - Checking Account: \$43,022.27
 - Money Market Account Balance: \$289,000
 - Cash Sweeps, Stocks, Options & EFT's, & Mutual Funds Total: \$ 583,803.39
- **ROCK THE DOCK PARTY** tomorrow, July 6th at around 7pm at the Anderson Lodge. This will have an Indie/Folk Band "Snacks @ Midnight"

7) PUBLIC COMMENTS:

VPSO Matthew Mendonsa commented on the following:

- Many of the residents are trying to figure out how to call 911. With the different number for cell phones, maybe the city could promote users having this programmed into their phones by offering free ice cream if people can show that they have this.

8) COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Nyquest commented on the following:

- Thanked John for his performance in the City. Appreciates John focusing on repairing existing

equipment.

➤ Thank you, Teri for the City Newsletter,

9) **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a) **Resolution 22-07-05-01**, supporting POWCAC Resolution 22-02, opposing a State Constitutional Convention, which is being presented to the voters on November 8, 2022, discussion and action item:

Burger moved to approve Resolution 22-07-05-01, supporting POWCAC Resolution 22-02, opposing a State Constitutional Convention. Nyquest seconded the motion. Hartwell commented that he was against approving this resolution. One reason being that he did not understand where the state stood with term limits regarding representatives & found that 23 states currently have term limits. Another reason is the state continues to change the amount the Permanent Fund Dividend will be disbursed to residents and I would like to see this laid out. Our State Senate and Representatives continue to have additional sessions that are costing money. There needs to be a set limit on how long they can meet in session. Stram commented that he researched the State Constitutional Convention and found that no matter what, this will be on the November ballot. Kerkof stated he was against the State Constitutional Convention. Nyquest concurred with Kerkof's statement. There was further discussion.

MOTION: Move to approve Resolution 22-07-05-01, supporting POWCAC Resolution 22-02, opposing a State Constitutional Convention.

F/S: Burger/Nyquest

YEAS: Oatman, Kerkof, Burger & Nyquest

NAYS: Hartwell, Stram, Jennings

STATUS: Motion Passed.

- b) **Resolution 22-07-05-02**, approving Lease Renewal for Southeast Roadbuilders on Lot 6, Downtown Business District, discussion and action item:

Burger moved to approve Resolution 22-07-05-02, approving Lease Renewal for Southeast Roadbuilders on Lot 6, Downtown Business District. Hartwell seconded the motion. There were no further comments.

MOTION: Move to approve Resolution 22-07-05-02, approving Lease Renewal for Southeast Roadbuilders on Lot 6, Downtown Business District

F/S: Burger/Hartwell

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

NAYS: None

STATUS: Motion Passed.

- c) **Resolution 22-07-05-03**, approving Lease Renewal for PAPAC Logging Inc., for 2 acres of land in the Sortyard, discussion and action item:

Burger moved to approve Resolution 22-07-05-03, approving Lease Renewal for PAPAC Logging Inc., for 2 acres of land in the Sortyard. Hartwell seconded the motion. There was no further discussion.

MOTION: Move to approve Resolution 22-07-05-03, approving Lease Renewal for PAPAC Logging Inc., for 2 acres of land in the Sortyard.

F/S: Burger/Hartwell

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

NAYS: None

STATUS: Motion Passed.

10) ORDINANCE FOR PUBLIC HEARING:

- a) **Ordinance 22-07-05-01**, amending Thorne Bay Municipal Code Title 2 – Administration and Personnel, Chapter 2.08-Mayor, Sections of 2.08.020 – Vice Mayor and adding Section 2.08.025 – Mayor Pro-Tempore discussion and action item:

Burger moved to approve Ordinance 22-07-05-01, amending Thorne Bay Municipal Code Title 2 – Administration and Personnel, Chapter 2.08-Mayor, Sections of 2.08.020 – Vice Mayor and adding Section 2.08.025 – Mayor Pro-Tempore. Hartwell seconded the motion. Burger explained that this would amend the ordinance to provide that if a Mayoral Candidate is not elected, they have the opportunity to run for Vice Mayor.

Public Hearing Comments: There were no comments from the public.

MOTION: Move to approve Ordinance 22-07-05-01

F/S: Burger/Hartwell

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

NAYS: None

STATUS: Motion Passed.

11) CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC COMMENT:

Thom Cunningham commented on the following:

- Thanked the council for closing vice-mayor loophole that was created.
- Think that the city needs to have an independent ethics committee to handle complaints for unethical councilmember behavior.

12) CONTINUATION OF COUNCIL COMMENT:

Jennings commented on the following:

- Would like to address statements made by Mr. Cunningham
 - Feels Mr. Cunningham has been singling him out.
 - Did not appreciate Cunningham stating I voted a certain way for any reason; he does not know why I vote that way
 - The ordinance to require 1 year experience for mayor was not for one person, it was for all candidates on the ballot
 - Special meeting expenses for the above-mentioned ordinance were not \$1,800. The Special meetings mentioned cost was only electric as the Administrator and Clerk are on Salary and the council are not paid for special meetings.

Kerkof commented on the following:

- Annual Fishing Derby is open. Right now, the Mayor has cleaned out all of the fish.

Oatman commented on the following:

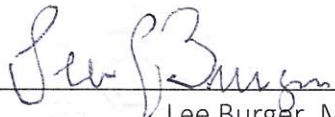
- When is Thorne Bay Day's this year?
 - August 6, 2022, at the Ballfield and Basketball Court. Amy Jennings will be hosting a work session to gather committee members and volunteers for the Thorne Bay Days, on Wednesday, July 13th at 6 or 6:30pm.

Stram commented on the following:

- Suggested a memorial board of some sort remembering those who have either moved away or passed. On.

13) ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Burger adjourned the meeting at 7:20 pm



Lee Burger, Mayor

ATTEST:



Teri Feibel, CMC