### **MINUTES**

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

TUESDAY, September 6, 2022

TIME: 6:30 p.m.

#### THERE WAS A WORKSHOP BEGINNING AT 6:00 PM

## 1) CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Burger called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm

## 2) PLEDGE TO FLAG:

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

## 3) ROLL CALL:

Those present were:

Burger, Oatman, Hartwell, Nyquest & Stram.

Jennings & Kerkof were excused.

# 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:

Oatman, Stram, Hartwell, Burger & Nyquest

NAYS:

None

STATUS:

Motion Passed.

#### 5) MAYOR'S REPORT:

## Mayor Burger reported on the following:

- Greg Kerkof, surgery in Anchorage with complications and will miss the next few meetings while recovering
- COVID still going around

#### 6) ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

# a) City Administrator:

Administrator John Huestis reported on the following:

- Working on typical summertime maintenance issues and special projects as required
- Hired Caitlyn Sawyer as our Library Director, started today.
- Putting the finishing touches on the Claw Trail, should be done by Thursday.
- We worked with AP&T and Denali Commission to encourage them to apply for a Broadband Reconnect 4 Grant for Thorne Bay, \$100K from Denali in support.
- > Tonsgard took the recycled metals and vehicles from the solid waste facility.
- Mike Williams will be drilling and shooting the rock in cell no. 2 at the landfill now that the metals are gone and before it fills up again. We plan to sell the shot rock to a nearby RAC project and also level the site for future operational efficiency.
- Between the Claw Trail, the Kasaan Road Intersection and the Kasaan Road Heavy

Maintenance/Super ditching project we will be using the rest of our D-1 and will need to make more to finish those projects and for future projects and general maintenance. I think we could get as much as 3,000 cubic yards from the shot rock at the City pit and I plan to get quotes and bring a Resolution forward at our next meeting to authorize the expenditure.

- I have completed a draft Management and Operations Plan for the next 50 years for our Solid Waste Landfill and have received favorable comments back from DEC. I will revise the plan according to the comments and submit the final plan. After this we will be seeking to implement the plan which includes closing the active cell, opening a new cell and expanding the operational area for better efficiency.
- The Kasaan Road Intersection RAC Project clearing and grubbing and slope staking are complete, next to remove stumps and place rock for AP&T to move their power poles, then continue excavation and rock fill. Will likely need to stabilize for winter and complete next spring.
- ➤ Kasaan Road 3 Mile Hill 2 weeks into that project, we budgeted for 8 weeks but got a late start so we may be able to get another 3 weeks or so on that project and maybe get more of it next year, we have several loose ends to tie up and winter is coming.
- > Reached out for information on Old Fire Hall Cleanup no response yet.
- SISD Floating Schoolhouse property prospective Lease for the property holding off on the MOA to see how this plays out Did release SISD from their Lease.
- > I-90 Pontoon from Ketchikan Airport Project they backed out on giving it to us.

# b) City Clerk Report:

# Teri Feibel, City Clerk Treasurer reported the following:

- I will be sending out a second newsletter this month so I can get the Sample Ballot Circulated
- ➤ Municipal Elections Two open seats & one ballot question.
  - Seat A 3 Year Term
    - Robert Hartwell
  - Seat B 3 Year Term
    - Charles Jennings
    - Tiana LaVoie
  - Ballot question is placing a term limit of 6 consecutive years in office and then a required 36-month break.
- 2 Polling Locations this year –

Davidson Landing:

Voters living in South Thorne Bay Subdivision, South Arm Subdivision & Thorne Bay Addition No. 1

- ➤ Need Election Workers -
  - City Hall Polls NEED AT LEAST TWO WORKERS
    - Deanne Minnillo
    - \_ \_
  - Davidson Landing: NEED AT LEAST TWO PREFERABLY THREE
    - Kayleigh Moen

Monica Douglas (d	id not believe she would be available)
	 (Part day – assist with providing breaks to
workers)	

## 7) PUBLIC COMMENTS:

## Daniel Hayes Jr.

> Commented on the Industrial Zone Amendment. Thanked the council for the explanation on the zone amendment, it was easier to understand like the way the Industrial Zone amendment was read, I was confused by the way it read, and appreciated the explanation.

# Brad Ingrham:

To Thorne Bay City Council

So after my visit which started on 14th of August when I found the Hendrix's were still living and blocking our lot, VPSO Mendonsa went to serve a ticket and make the Hendrix's who have been living in cul-de-sac on Alder Court for 6 years to move on April 23. I got a text stating the Hendrix's have moved off our lot line on Friday 26. When I asked if Hendrix's and all there 5 cars, boat, 5th wheel, Garbage, out house, loose dog and various others stuff were off the cul-de-sac I got no reply. So, since I felt Deja vu over this, it's looking like they are still breaking the law of the Thorne bay city codes, codes adopted from the State of Alaska. As repetitive as this may seem we were lied to in the past by City officials about who had the responsibility for said roads. So now we can only ascertain no ticket issued, just a another move to delay to the Hendrix's whimsy. Hendrix and the City of Thorne Bay have been keeping us from enjoying our cabin fully and progressing with work at the top of our lot. I'm afraid it's going to cost the city Money no matter what action you take. Delaying from solving a problem only makes thing bigger.

From the results of just last month, the city needs to motivate them more, how about all cars and vehicles and boats that are not licensed for this year to be removed, "Abandon"?. I'm sure the outhouse has not been inspected and site needs to be cleaned up. Just letting them move

20 feet or so to other side of cul-de-sac does not give us more security when pulling up. All of you know their reputation but you expect us to live under these conditions. I will tell you it does not matter if we are full time residence or not. I would be there a lot more with family if it was not a problem.

The Hendrix are either Lazy, or has moved back to our lot line out of spitefulness over time, or taking advantage of the generosity of the helpful people to help them because there poor. Its not a crime to be poor but when you "shoot yourself in the foot" as they say, when you are in need, over and over, yes it is going to generate a pattern, Which produce resentment on the party of the receiving end. From the start they have been antagonistic, not a way to have good first impressions.

25 to 30 years no one even knew who we were, now thanks to the Hendrix's last 6 years to put it mildly has not been fun.

Also, as the city of Thorn Bay changes positions the progress of above needed action gets delayed.

Brad Inghram

Approval Jack Dunlap

# 8) COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Hartwell inquiries regarding Mr. Brad Ingrham's letter. Confirmed this was an ongoing issue and offered to provide the city council with the photos he had taken.

# 9) NEW BUSINESS:

a) Resolution 22-09-06-01, supporting Alaska Power & Telephone Subsidiary APT Wireless, Inc.'s request for USDA ReConnect Funds to build out fiber optic-based broadband in Thorne Bay, discussion and action item:

Burger moved to approve Resolution 22-09-06-01. Nyquest seconded the motion. The City Clerk commented that the City had drafted a survey that would likely be circulated to all residents in Thorne Bay in order to determine how many people would sign up and pay for the high-speed broadband service if it is made available. Those who do not want to have the services connected to their home during this project be provided to all residents regarding

MOTION:

Move to approve the Resolution 22-09-06-01

F/S:

Burger/Nyquest

YEAS:

Stram, Burger, Oatman, Hartwell, & Nyquest

NAYS:

None

STATUS:

Motion Passed.

b) Resolution 22-09-06-02, approving removal costs associated with demolition of the Bay Chalet, discussion and action item:

Burger moved to approve Resolution 22-09-06-02. Hartwell seconded the motion. Nyquest commented that he had loo

MOTION:

Move to approve the Resolution 22-09-06-02

F/S:

Burger/Hartwell

YEAS:

Hartwell, Nyquest, Oatman, Stram & Burger

NAYS:

None

STATUS:

Motion Passed.

# 10) ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION:

a) Ordinance 22-09-20-01, amending Thorne Bay Municipal Code Title 17-Zoning, Chapter 17.04-Planning and Zoning, Section 17.04.028-Industrial Zone, Adding Residential Housing as a permitted use under the Conditional Use Permitting process, discussion and action item:

Burger moved to approve Ordinance 22-09-20-01, to public hearing. Hartwell seconded the motion. Nyquest commented he was not in favor of the ordinance because there was nothing preventing residential use taking over and eventually not even have industrial. Was also not in favor of the language in the ordinance regarding "Residential Subdivision" subdivision definition is dividing two or more lots. Requested the Clerk look at language that could be included to either allow for grandfather

City Clerk will look at code modification to include language that prohibits new property uses other than industrial, permitting one time conditional uses for existing residential uses.

MOTION: Move to approve the Ordinance 22-09-20-01, striking "Subdivision" and insert

F/S: Burger/Hartwell

YEAS: Oatman, Hartwell, Stram, Burger & Nyquest

NAYS: None

STATUS: Motion Passed.

# 11) CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no further public comments.

# 12) CONTINUATION OF COUNCIL COMMENT:

Stram requested to be excused

# 13) ADJOURNMENT:

ATTEST:

Mayor Burger adjourned the meeting at 7:55 am

Lee Burger, Mayor

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