

**MINUTES**  
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
FOR THE CITY OF THORNE BAY, ALASKA  
TUESDAY, January 17, 2023  
TIME: 6:30 p.m.

THERE WAS A WORKSHOP THAT BEGAN AT 6:00PM

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1) CALL TO ORDER:

Vice Mayor Hartwell called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

2) PLEDGE TO FLAG:

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

3) ROLL CALL:

Oatman, Jennings, Stram, LaVoie and Hartwell were present. Burger and Nyquest were excused.

4) APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

MOTION: Move to approve the agenda.

F/S: Hartwell/Jennings

YEAS: LaVoie, Hartwell, Jennings, Oatman & Stram

NAYS: None

STATUS: Motion Passed.

5) MAYOR'S REPORT:

There was no Mayor report.

6) ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

i. City Administrator:

- The City's Assistant Solid Waste Operator resigned last Friday so we will have started the recruitment process for a replacement.
- Currently working on a one-time Asbestos Disposal Permit for the hazardous materials clean-up and demolition of the old fire hall.
- Working on grant application with OVK and their consultant for the Kasaan Road.
- Working on closing out CDBG Grant for Davidson Landing Fire/EMS Hall.
- Working on a reimbursement request for the Kasaan Road intersection project to the Forest Service for payment of the work done to date.
- We did get the Port to Claw Trail grant closed out and got reimbursed by the Forest Service prior to the deadline.
- We are getting estimates for the Solid Waste Baler Building repairs and expect them to be in the neighborhood of \$40,000. I will bring a recommendation to the next meeting for repairs once I have them and can see what the insurance company will pay for the one door, expected to be \$12-\$14K for that repair.
- Report from Superior Marine on the EMS boat is that it looks repairable and will be fixed before March.

**7) PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**Gary Anderson commented on the following:**

- Expressed concerns regarding charging sales tax on fuel for charters/lodges. The concern being that charter businesses are being charged sales tax on the fuel at purchase and again when they charge taxes on a charter package because the fuel is being sold to the customer.
- Suggested the city have a fixed penny rate tax on fuel. If fuel is two dollars or six dollars a gallon, they get the same amount of tax on that gallon. This would save the customers money on fuel with the cost of inflation.
- Commented that he wanted to propose a change to the City's tax code on the following two items:
  1. Not charge tax on fuel to charters
  2. Have a fixed penny tax on fuel

**8) COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

There were no council comments.

**9) CONSENT AGENDA:**

a) **MINUTES**

- ii. Minutes of the January 3, 2023, Regular City Council Meeting, discussion and action item:

Hartwell moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of the minutes of the January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023. Jennings seconded the motion. There was no further discussion.

MOTION: Move to approve the consent agenda consisting of the minutes of the January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023

F/S: Hartwell/Jennings

YEAS: LaVoie, Hartwell, Jennings, Oatman & Stram

NAYS: None

STATUS: Motion Passed.

**10) NEW BUSINESS:**

- a) **Resolution 23-01-17-01:** Adopting an Alternative Allocation Method for the FY23 Shared Fisheries Business Tax Program, discussion and action item.

Hartwell moved to approve Resolution **23-01-17-01:** Adopting an Alternative Allocation Method for The FY23 Shared Fisheries Business Tax Program. Jennings seconded the motion. There was further discussion.

MOTION: Move to approve Resolution 23-01-17-01, adopting an alternative allocation method for The FY23 Shared Fisheries Business Tax Program

F/S: Hartwell/Jennings

YEAS: LaVoie, Hartwell, Jennings, Oatman & Stram

NAYS: None

STATUS: Motion Passed.

b) Solid Waste Low-Cost Spring Clean Up Day CV23 Discussion and possible action item:  
Hartwell moved to approve spring cleanup day solid waste coupon program. Jennings seconded the motion. Hartwell commented that he was in favor of the method of coupons used for spring cleanup. Hartwell commented that the average weight of refuse averaged about 618 pounds. Jennings commented he was in favor of the coupons providing 1000 pounds of refuse per residence. Huestis commented that the reason this was being brought to the council now was to allow for the cleanup program to begin earlier in the calendar year.

MOTION: Move to approve spring cleanup day solid waste coupon program

F/S: Hartwell/Jennings

YEAS: LaVoie, Hartwell, Jennings, Oatman & Stram

NAYS: None

STATUS: Motion Passed.

#### 11) **ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING:**

- a) **Ordinance 23-01-17-01**, amending Title 2-Administration & Personnel, Chapter 2.28-Elections, Section 2.28.015-Polling Locations, as requested through a referendum petition received December 7, 2022, from registered voters of Thorne Bay, discussion and action item:

Hartwell moved to approve Ordinance 23-01-17-01, amending Title 2-Administration & Personnel, Chapter 2.28-Elections, Section 2.28.015-Polling Locations, as requested through a referendum petition received December 7, 2022, from registered voters of Thorne Bay. Oatman seconded the motion.

Public Hearing testimony included the following comments:

Tara Blair commented on the following:

Was the sponsor of the petition that would amend this ordinance. Commented that she was not in favor or opposed to having two polling locations, but when the residents of Goose Creek were required to vote on Southside, it was a big inconvenience. Requesting the Council reconsider how the ordinance is written, and not require that residents of Goose Creek vote on the Southside.

Kim Redmond commented on the following:

Stated it was his opinion that all votes be counted on the same day.

Deidre Jenson commented on the following:

Inquired if getting people to work the polls had been an issue with having two separate polling locations.

Sean Mccrae commented on the following:

Commented that the original ordinance was not brought to the public when it was adopted and created the two polling locations.

As a southside resident in not in favor of the two polling locations.

Sam Sawyer commented on the following:

- Concur with Sean McRae's comments. Not in favor of two polling locations. There were only a select few people in favor of the two polling locations when it was initially adopted, and there is one day a year that we vote.

**MOTION:** Move to approve Ordinance 23-01-17-01, amending Title 2-Administration & Personnel, Chapter 2.28-Elections, Section 2.28.015-Polling Locations, as requested through a referendum petition received December 7, 2022, from registered voters of Thorne Bay

**F/S:** Hartwell/Oatman

**YEAS:** LaVoie, Hartwell, Jennings, Oatman & Stram

**NAYS:** None

**STATUS:** Motion Passed.

**12) CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There were no public comments.

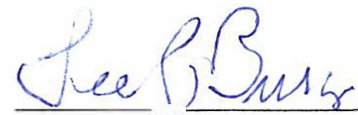
**13) CONTINUATION OF COUNCIL COMMENT:**

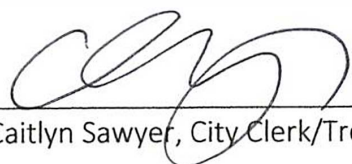
There were no council comments.

**14) ADJOURNMENT:**

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

**ATTEST:**

  
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Lee Burge Mayor

  
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Caitlyn Sawyer, City Clerk/Treasurer