

MINUTES
FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE
CITY OF THORNE BAY, ALASKA
MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2023
TIME: 6:30 p.m.

THERE WAS A WORKSHOP BEGINNING AT 6:00PM

1) CALL TO ORDER:

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

2) PLEDGE TO FLAG:

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

3) OATH OF OFFICE:

The City Clerk read the Oath of Office for new Council Members, who were sworn in.

4) ROLL CALL:

Those present were: LaVoie, Burger, Hartwell, Nyquest, Oatman, Blair, & Kaer

5) APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

MOTION: Move to approve the agenda
F/S: Hartwell/Nyquest
YEAS: Oatman, Blair, Hartwell, LaVoie, Burger, Nyquest, Kaer
NAYS: None
STATUS: Motion Passed.

6) MAYOR'S REPORT:

- a) **Hartwell** Reported that He would like to do something about the junk vehicles located on Rainy Lane or in the right of way. Will introduce an Ordinance for change. Commented that Cunningham called to talk about voting on Southside, claims many people did not vote from southside but he did not have time to research the comments presented to him or validity.

7) ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: No Report Given

8) CLERK'S REPORT: Included in Minutes packet.

9) DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

- a) **Water report:** see attached.
- b) **EMS Report & VPSO Report:** VPSO West reported that there were a combined 35 calls through the month, 13 law enforcement and the rest were EMS. 3 more ETTS added and a few more working on advancing current credentials. **VPSO West** reported that he and Matt Mendonsa passed the Fire side of training and more training for volunteer firefighters. Look for resources for fire prevention. Possible Rental of items to help residents, smoke alarm systems for residents. VPSOs will be going to training for 4 days (23rd – 27th) in Anchorage. Congratulations to new council members. **Hartwell** commented **CO2 monitors are very important as well.** **Kaer questioned if there would be a volunteer squad to help elderly and that national code says you can't install daisy chain fire alarms.** VPSO West clarified that one would be put into bypass that, and a volunteer could in fact

install a fire alarm. Oatman commented that there are smoke alarms and co2 alarms rolled in. VPSO West responded with the price point and availability of both for funding.

10) PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- a) Carrie Mercier thanked Mr. Huestis for clearing the brush from the stairs so quickly.
- b) Thom Cunningham commented on the voting issue (Davidson Landing): Most frequent comment was that most people refused to drive into town to vote. Thought that it was taken care of when he was on council. Poll worker talked with Thom and reported that there was little turn out from Southside voters. Commented that he believes that it's ludicrous to choose a Vice Mayor before the Mayor. Congratulated new council members.

11) COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- a) Kaer commented that he was approached by 20 people who were not happy about the change in DL polling place. Nice to get clarification on changes.
- b) Hartwell responded that Goose Creek and Subdivision were combined in the DL voting. Further Clarified that a Resident put in a petition, it came to council and the people who attended spoke about wanting to vote in Thorne Bay. It wasn't about the money; it was done by the residents of the community who attended the meetings and spoke out.
- c) Hartwell instructed Kaer to talk with the City Clerk about an Agenda Item Request.
- d) Nyquest Congrats to new members.

12) CONSENT AGENDA:

a) MINUTES

i. Minutes of the October 9, 2023, Regular City Council Meeting, discussion and action item:

Hartwell moved to approve the consent agenda, consisting of the minutes of the October 9, 2023, Regular City Council Meeting. Nyquest seconded the motion. There was no further discussion.

MOTION: Move to approve the consent agenda, consisting of the minutes of the October 9, 2023, Regular City Council Meeting

F/S: Hartwell/Nyquest

YEAS: Kaer, Oatman, Hartwell, Blair, LaVoie, Burger, Nyquest

NAYS: None

STATUS: Motion Passed

13) NEW BUSINESS:

- a) Resolution 23-10-16-01, appointing a Vice Mayor for a one-year term expiring October 2024, discussion, and action item:

Hartwell moved to Resolution 23-10-16-01, appointing a Vice Mayor for a one-year term expiring October 2024. Nyquest seconded the motion.

MOTION: Move to approve Resolution 23-10-16-01, appointing a Vice Mayor for a one-year term expiring October 2024

F/S: Hartwell/Nyquest

YEAS: Oatman, Hartwell, Kaer LaVoie, Burger, Nyquest, Blair

NAYS: None

STATUS: Motion

In a blind vote, the Council voted as follows:

Burger 2

Oatman 3

No Vote 1

Mayor Burger voted over the phone, Oatman.

Total Votes for Vice Mayor,

Burger 2

Oatman 4

No Vote 1

Councilman Oatman signed the Oath of Office as Vice Mayor.

- b) Resolution 23-10-16-02, SISD Tideland Lease City Property – Renewal, , discussion, and action item:

Hartwell moved to approve Resolution 23-10-16-02, Renewal of the SISD Tidelands Lease of City Property. Nyquest seconded the motion. Discussion as follows:

Rod Morrison Commented the SISD's intention is to sell the building and will continue the lease until sold. New tenants will need to get a lease with COTB.

Hartwell gave history on the buildings.

MOTION: Move to approve Resolution 23-10-16-02, Renewal of the SISD Tidelands Lease of City Property.

F/S: Burger/Hartwell

YEAS: Oatman, Blair, Hartwell, LaVoie, Burger, Nyquest, Kaer

NAYS: None

STATUS: Motion Passed

14) ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING: NONE

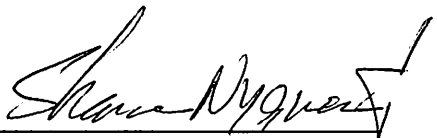
15) ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION: NONE

16) CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC COMMENT: None

17) CONTINUATION OF COUNCIL COMMENT:

18) ADJOURNMENT:

Vice Mayor Hartwell adjourned the meeting at 7:00 pm



Shane Nyquest, Mayor

ATTEST:



Caitlyn Sawyer, City Clerk/Treasurer

CLERK'S REPORT

MAYORAL ELECTIONS NOVEMBER 7TH 8AM-8PM

ABSENTEE VOTING AT CITY HALL STARTING OCT 24TH- NOV 6TH

NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIAL TRAINING WILL BE 2 DAYS THIS YEAR.

FIRST DAY IS ONLINE, NOV 29TH, 9-430

SECOND DAY IS IN PERSON, ANCHORAGE, DEC 4TH 8:30-5:30.

REGISTRATION IS DUE BY NOV 18TH, PLEASE LET ME KNOW ASAP IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND.



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DEPARTMENT REPORT

Subject: Monthly Department Report

Department: Water & Sewer Utility

Supervisor: Sam Sawyer, Level II Water

Employees: Sam Sawyer, Supervisor
Willy Jennings, Employee

Date: Oct 2023

A Departmental Overview

The Water/Sewer Department is administered by Sam Sawyer, Level II Water Operator. The Supervisor(s) and staff are responsible for the operation and maintenance of the City's four core sanitation services: Water Treatment, Water Distribution, Sewage Collection, and Sewer Treatment. Duties include maintenance, minor and major schedule and unscheduled repairs throughout all four systems, monthly reporting to the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation as required, direct sampling as scheduled for water quality and wastewater effluent quality compliance, implementation of a preventative maintenance schedule, construction of new water distribution mains and residential /commercial service connections and wastewater collection mains and residential/commercial service connections.

Current Department Activities:

Aside from working at the water plant conducting our usual daily work, we will be working at the sewer plant fixing a mechanical breakdown and prepping for winter.

We will also be ensuring that water meter boxes are insulated for the winter months. Starting October 20th, the boat washdown located on the water front will be turned off until spring time. Willy passed his sewer treatment exam as well.