

**MINUTES**  
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE  
CITY OF THORNE BAY, ALASKA  
TUESDAY, February 6, 2024  
TIME: 6:30 p.m.

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**THERE WAS A WORKSHOP OF THE CITY COUNCIL HELD AT 6:00PM**

1) **CALL TO ORDER:**

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

2) **PLEDGE TO FLAG:**

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

3) **ROLL CALL:**

Those present were:

Nyquest, Blair, LaVoie, Burger, Hartwell & Kaer

4) **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Nyquest moved to approve the agenda. Burger seconded the motion.

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

5) **MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Shane Nyquest reported the following:

- i. Will be out for the month of March maybe longer due to a surgery need and recovery time. I would appreciate prayers and hope to be back as soon as possible.

6) **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

- a) **City Administrator:**
  
- b) **Clerk: Attached in Packet**

7) **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

- a) **WATER:** In Packet
- b) **EMS:** None
- c) **VPSO:**
  - VPSO Mendonsa reported the following:
    - 3 EMS calls, 42 incidents reports

- VPSO Will West coming along well
- Close to having unit 2 ready to go, secondary ambulance.
- Been honor and privilege to serve you, have resigned as VPSO, but will be staying on with EMS and in community

8) PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Thom Cunningham commented on the following:

- Like to submit name for Council Seat D, I have experience, second largest vote in last election
- Apologize to council and public for technical difficulties I may have caused the City
- I had spoke to Mayor and Administrator about a light at the intersection, and have an alternative option of 12x30 in diagonal reflectors on either side of the intersection. (Goose creek turnoff).
- The Control Lake Junction does not have a light either.

9) COUNCIL COMMENTS:

None

10) CONSENT AGENDA:

a) MINUTES

- i. Corrected Minutes of December 6, 2023, Regular City Council Meeting, discussion and action item:
- ii. Minutes of the January 16, 2024, Regular City Council Meeting, discussion and action item:

Nyquest moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of corrected December 6, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes, and the January 16, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes. Hartwell seconded the motion.

MOTION: Move to approve the consent agenda consisting of corrected December 6, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes, and the January 16, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes  
 F/S: Nyquest/Hartwell  
 YEAS: Nyquest, Kaer, Blair, LaVoie, Burger, Hartwell  
 NAYS: None  
 STATUS: Motion Passed.

11) NEW BUSINESS:

- a) Resolution 24-02-06-01: Appointing a new Vice Mayor for the City of Thorne Bay, discussion and action item:

Nyquest moved to approve Resolution 24-02-06-01, Appointing Lee Burger as Vice Mayor for the City of Thorne Bay. Kaer seconded the motion.

MOTION: Move to Resolution 24-02-06-01: Appointing a new Vice Mayor for the City of Thorne Bay  
 F/S: Nyquest/Kaer  
 YEAS: Nyquest, Kaer, Blair, LaVoie, Burger, Hartwell  
 NAYS: None  
 STATUS: Motion Passed.

- b) Resolution 24-02-06-02: Appointing a City Council member to serve the remainder of the term of 8 months, discussion and action item:

Nyquest moved to approve Resolution 24-02-06-02: Appointing Anthony Lovell to City Council Seat D, to serve the remainder of the term of 8 months. Burger seconded the motion.

Discussion as follows:

**Nyquest** explained that there are 3 candidates for seat D, Thom Cunningham, Mark Minnillo, and Tony Lovell. Council will vote anonymously for the candidate they so choose.

Votes counted as follows:

Cunningham: 0

Minnillo: 2

Lovell: 4

**MOTION:** Move to a approve Resolution 24-02-06-02: Appointing Anthony Lovell to City Council Seat D, to serve the remainder of the term of 8 months

**F/S:** Nyquest/Burger

**YEAS:** Nyquest, Blair, LaVoie, Burger, Hartwell

**NAYS:** Kaer

**STATUS:** Motion Passed.

#### 12) ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING:

- a) **Ordinance 24-02-06-01:** Title 2- Administration & Personnel, Chapter 02.04-City Council, Section 02.04.130-Meetings--Regular, Subsection (A) Day of Meetings Held, discussion and action item;

Nyquest moved to approve Ordinance 24-02-06-01, Title 2- Administration & Personnel, Chapter 02.04-City Council, Section 02.04.130-Meetings-Regular, Subsection (A) Day of Meetings Held. Hartwell seconded the motion.

**F/S:** Nyquest/Hartwell

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

**NAYS:** None

**STATUS:** Motion Passed.

#### 13) ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION:

- a) **Non-Code Ordinance 24-03-05-01:** Approving the Long-term Lease with Atlas Towers discussion and action item;

Nyquest moved to approve Non-Code Ordinance 24-03-05-01 Approving the Long-term Lease with Atlas Towers. Burger seconded the motion. Discussion as follows:

**John Huestis** commented that the city has been working with Atlas Towers and they sound very positive that when/if this lease gets approved, they have a carrier for the tower lined up. They will have a 3-year period ("option") that will take place before the long-term lease takes effect to make sure the space leased will be compatible with their goals. Construction of the tower before the 3 years ends, begins the long-term lease.

**Kaer** inquired if the location proposed up on hill would reach South Thorne Bay? They had looked at the Port before.

**John Huestis** responded yes, it would reach South Thorn Bay



MOTION: Move to approve Non-Code Ordinance 24-03-05-01: Approving the Long-term Lease with Atlas Towers  
F/S: Nyquest/Burger  
YEAS: Nyquest, Blair, LaVoie, Burger, Hartwell, Kaer  
NAYS: None  
STATUS: Motion Passed.

14) CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC COMMENT: None

15) CONTINUATION OF COUNCIL COMMENT:

- a) Mayor Nyquest commented that with the Ordinance Amendment, all meetings of the Council will be held the first Tuesday of each month.

16) ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Nyquest adjourned the meeting at 7:07pm

  
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Lee Burger, Vice Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Caitlyn Sawyer, City Clerk/Treasurer