

**MINUTES**  
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE  
CITY OF THORNE BAY, ALASKA  
TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 2024

TIME: 6:30 p.m.

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

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- 1) CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Vice Mayor Burger at 6:30pm
- 2) PLEDGE TO FLAG: The audience and council stood for the pledge of allegiance.
- 3) ROLL CALL:

Those present were:

Blair, LaVoie, Burger, Lovell, Kaer Nyquest  
Hartwell

Those absent were:

- 4) APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Vice MayorBurger motion to approve the agenda, Seconded.

Huestis requested an amendment of agenda.

Burger motioned to amend the agenda . Seconded by Blair

Burger Moved to approve the amended Agenda, Seconded

MOTION: Move to approve the amended Agenda.

F/S: Burger/ Lovell

YEAS: Kaer, Blair, LaVoie, Burger, Nyquest, & Lovell

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Hartwell

STATUS: Motion Passed.

- 5) MAYOR'S REPORT: Vice Mayor gave a short report.

- 6) ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

a) City Administrator:

- - Work continues with the construction of new City bridges on the Kasaan Road
- We have continued to work with Atlas Tower on their plans for the construction of the communication tower on sandy beach road. Construction to start soon.
- Interview for the new TNB VPSO is Friday at 10:00, Jake Arro is only candidate.
- Trying to get AML to donate freight for the new used fire truck from the Spokane area, Will tells me its ready to be driven to Seattle and shipped up.
- Work on the city budget has been ongoing for the last month. We are presenting the final FY2025 Budget later in the meeting for Council Adoption.
- We have replaced some siding and windows on city hall and then give the hall and VPSO building good painting starting Thursday
- The Claw will also get another coat of paint this summer if all goes as planned
- The Pearl Nelson Park has some new grass growing after a hydroseeding by OVK
- Steelhead Electrical has repaired the lighting at the city ball park.

b) Clerk: attached

- 7) DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

- a) WATER: In Packet
- b) VPSO: None
- c) EMS: None

8) PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- a) Karen Peterson representing Friends of the Thorne Bay Library: Would like a facility at Davidson Landing, holding listening sessions for community opinions. 1 pm Saturday at Davidson Landing and opinions on Firehall development consideration. Logging books will be sold and raffled. Rasmussen Foundation is coming to visit and eager to look into DL plans.
- b) Sam Sawyer questioned if fish cleaning station has water – Huestis confirmed.

9) COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- a) Kaer Weed whack the grass for next Saturday – and toilet paper in the outhouse.

10) CONSENT AGENDA:

- a) Minutes of the June 4, 2024, Regular City Council Meeting, discussion and action item:

MOTION: Move to approve the Minutes of June 4, 2024 Regular City Council Meeting

F/S: Burger/ Lovell

YEAS: Kaer, Blair, LaVoie, Burger, Lovell, Nyquest

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Hartwell

STATUS: Motion Passed.

11) NEW BUSINESS:

- a) Community Connections proposal for property purchase, discussion item;
  - Maxwell Mercer spoke on behalf of Community Connections. Interested in building a new facility, long term plans to stay. Must have site control for grants, etc. Served community for past 25 years. Gave overview of Community Connections and
  - Huestis questioned the availability of funds to purchase
  - Kaer questioned if plans included additions/expansions for elderly as our community is becoming elderly. Does Community Connections offer help with paperwork and filling out forms?
  - Nyquest questioned if there would be action on this tonight. Huestis responded with clarification on this meeting, and process of ordinances. Nyquest expressed interest in longer conversations with community connections.
  - Huestis asked about guarantees that would be provided that a building would be built? Maxwell responded that there could be in the contract.
  - Nyquest COTB building on property and community connections leasing that building? Maxwell responded.
  - Blair What about industrial lots by Tracys shop? Huestis responded.
  - Kaer asked about utilities
  - Sam Sawyer confirmed that utilities hookups are available, also available in waterfront properties.
  - Nyquest questioned would a 30 or 40 year long term lease not establish site control?

Maxwell responded

- Maxwell provided information on another site location about conditional use provisions.
- Kaer would like to see protection for the city against a project
- Huestis advised council to direct staff to prepare an ordinance for introduction, Burger made a motion to prepare an Ordinance for land sale to Community Connections, Seconded Lovell

MOTION: Move to approve motion to prepare an Ordinance for Introduction of land sale to CC.

F/S: Burger/ Lovell

YEAS: LaVoie, Kaer, Blair, Lovell, Burger, Nyquest

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Hartwell

STATUS: Motion Passed.

## 12) ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING:

- a) Ordinance 24-06-18-01: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF THORNE BAY,ALASKA; PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF THORNE BAY,FISCAL YEAR 2025, JULY 1, 2024 -JUNE 30, 2025, ANTICIPATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

Vice Mayor moved to approve Ordinance 24-06-18-01, an ordinance establishing FY25 Budget, Seconded. Discussion as follows:

- Nyquest commented that we will need to tighten the belt or come up with income sources. Big portion spent was in streets. Will discuss further upon return.
- Huestis explain some of the Streets lines and clarified that some items generate income and the expense of some items are not long term. Commented that rates for many Operating Expenses have increased. Informed that Streets and Roads seems the largest deficit because it is not an enterprise fund like other departments.
- Nyquest expressed appreciation for clarification, just wanted to inform the council of the need to raise revenues or areas to cut.

MOTION: Move to approve Ordinance 24-06-18-01, an ordinance establishing FY25 Budget

F/S: Burger/ Blair

YEAS: LaVoie, Kaer, Blair, Lovell, Burger, Nyquest

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Hartwell

STATUS: Motion Passed.

## 13) ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION:

### 14) CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC COMMENT:

- a) Sam Sawyer commented that Max graded the road when he worked at the dump, after he left, the responsibility left. Questioned why the guys at the dump can't do the same job that Max did. Huestis commented that anything else we do will higher the deficit. Using the grader, hiring an operator, and paying operator wages. Nyquest responded

with appreciation for frustration but as a small community we need to decided the most cost efficient way to proceed. OVK MOA is best option for us right now. Huestis also commented, work is being done to build the road.

15) CONTINUATION OF COUNCIL COMMENT:

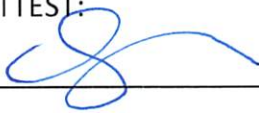
a) None

16) ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm



Lee Burger, Vice Mayor

ATTEST:



Caitlyn Sawyer, City Clerk/Treasurer