

MINUTES

FOR THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE
CITY OF THORNE BAY, ALASKA
TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2024

TIME: 6:30 p.m.

THERE WAS A WORKSHOP BEGINNING AT 6:00PM

1) CALL TO ORDER:

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

2) PLEDGE TO FLAG:

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

3) ROLL CALL:

Those present were:

Burger, LaVoie, Lovell, Nyquest, Blair, Kaer,

Those absent were:

Hartwell

4) APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Burger moved to approve the agenda. Lovell seconded the motion. There was no further discussion.

MOTION: Move to approve the agenda.

F/S: Burger/Lovell

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

NAYS: None

STATUS: Motion Passed.

5) MAYOR'S REPORT:

Vice Mayor Lee Burger reported on the following:

- Upcoming Election candidacy declarations begin on August 12th with last day to file August 30th.
- Primary Election begins on August 20th.

6) ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

a) City Administrator:

- New Harbormaster has been hired, Andrew Aaro.

b) City Clerk:

- Elections
 - Declaration period opens on August 12th ending August 30th

7) DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

- a) WATER: None
- b) VPSO: VPSO West is attending Academy. VPSO Jake Aaro is around and will attend the next round of academy.
- c) EMS: Tony Lovell provided the following EMS Report:
 - Hired new dispatcher, Sarah Garrison
 - Andrew Nash hired on EMS Squad and will attend EMT class later this year.
 - Island wide EMS has online training platform for responders.
 - EMS Fundraiser dinner was on Friday. The community has done a great job supporting EMS, and we will have numbers for you at the next meeting
 - Enrolled people in APEX class.

8) PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Thom Cunningham provided the following comments:

- Trying to get ahold of Caitlyn Sawyer about signatures I obtained for a same day absentee voting station at Davidson Landing. I collected 54 and needed 32.
- Audits should be made public so the public knows where the city's money is going.

David Shilts provided the following comments:

- The city is required by code to have an independent audit or certified financial statement that is made available to the public.

Thom Cunningham provided the following comments:

- This information should have been made public at the time that the Administrator's contract was renewed and saved a lot of confusion.

9) COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Kaer commented on the following:

- Recommended that an individual outside audit be conducted to help answer or ease the public concerns.

10) CONSENT AGENDA:

a) Minutes of the July 16, 2024, Regular City Council Meeting, discussion and action item:

Burger moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of the Minutes of the July 16, 2024, Regular City Council meeting.

Kaer seconded the motion.

MOTION: Move to approve the consent agenda

F/S: Burger/Kaer

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

NAYS: none

STATUS: Motion Passed

11) NEW BUSINESS:

- a) Resolution 24-08-06-01: Accepting the resignation of Councilman Robert Hartwell, discussion and action item.

Burger moved to approve, Nyquest Seconded. No discussion followed.

MOTION: Move to approve Resolution 24-08-06-01: Accepting the resignation of Councilman Robert Hartwell

F/S: Burger/Nyquest

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

NAYS: None

STATUS: Motion Passed

12) ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING:

- a) Ordinance 24-07-02-01: An Ordinance for sale of land to Community Connections, discussion and action item.

Burger moved to approve Ordinance 24-07-02-01, authorizing the sale of land to Community Connections. Nyquest seconded the motion. Discussion as follows:

Maxwell Mercer, Deputy Director, Community Connections; We presented our proposal to purchase the property in June and were able to hear concerns and comments of the council and public. Since that meeting Community Connections has revised their proposal to include that the City would have first right of refusal, and some other terms.

Kaer inquired how many employees Community Connections currently had. Mr. Mercer commented that they have had up to 10 in the past.

Huestis commented that the proposed terms of sale mimic the Ordinance and all documents are present in the Council's packet.

MOTION: Move to approve Ordinance 24-07-02-01

F/S: Burger/Nyquest

YEAS: Burger, LaVoie, Lovell, Nyquest, Kaer

NAYS: None

Abstained: Blair

STATUS: Motion Passed.

13) ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION: NONE

14) CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC COMMENT:

Thom Cunningham provided the following comments:

- Inquired to why Blair was able to abstain when during his term, he tried to abstain and was not able to.
 - Teri Feibel commented that there had to be a financial gain.

15) CONTINUATION OF COUNCIL COMMENT:

Lovell questioned how Community Connections will procure grants and reports?

Maxwell responded that they would hire an architect and then determine the needs of the facility and prepare a preliminary design and move forward from there by seeking out different grants. Grantors are possibly Rassmussen, Denali Commission, Etc. During this time, if the council wanted to have input on the design, it would be possible.

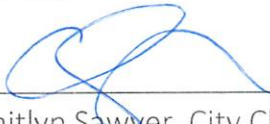
Kaer inquired if when this was at the stage of construction, would it go out to bid?

Maxwell, as a private non-profit, not required, but do try to keep local

16) ADJOURNMENT:

Vice Mayor Burger adjourned the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

ATTEST



Caitlyn Sawyer, City Clerk/Treasurer



Shane Nyquest, Mayor