
MINUTES
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE
CITY OF THORNE BAY, ALASKA
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2025

TIME: 6:30 p.m.

THERE WAS A WORKSHOP BEGINNING AT 6:00PM

1) **CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor 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:

Blair, Pesterfield, LaVoie, Lovell, Killian, Nyquest, Kaer

4) **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Mayor moved to approve the Agenda, Lovell seconded

MOTION: Move to approve the agenda.

F/S: Nyquest/ Lovell

YEAS: Killian, Blair, LaVoie, Lovell, Pesterfield, Nyquest, Kaer

STATUS: Motion Passed.

5) **MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor wished everyone Happy New Year. Reflected on projects that were completed in the previous Calendar Year. Excited to see current projects to be completed in 2025. Working with members of the public to get ideas and plans together for the community center.

6) **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

- City Administrator: Attached
- Clerk:
 - i. Working on budget numbers
 - ii. cert financial statement in works - April
 - iii. council training during workshop hours
 - iv. dump coupons brought in
 - v. went to AAMC Clerks Conference in Dec and made good contacts
 - vi. Applied for grant for the library via Karen Petersen find out in March

7) **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

- WATER:
- HARBOR
- SOLID WASTE
- VPSO:
- EMS:

8) **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

- Rod Morrison SISD Superintendent – Spoke on behalf of School Athletes giving overview of funds or lack of.
 - i. Nyquest POI: Questioned what areas Valdez used to fund athletics?
- Morrison clarified where funding came from – Valdez sales tax
- Mel Cook Thorne Bay Coach – Explained need for request of funds to TB Athletics. Proposed the city comes up with a solution to help kids who cannot play. Sales tax percentage to Facilities

- Rob Houck – TB Wrestling commented that TB wrestling has expanded. He was only able to attend 3 meets for 5 kids, 2 coaches, and 1 chaperone due to the lack of funding for travel. Stated his belief that kids who play sports become more successful adults.
- Rod Morrison commented that grants paid for travelling to DC last year and the kids did 50hrs of community service.
- Glen Holt commented on Resolution 25-02-04-04 – Many people are building and electricity is becoming necessary.

9) COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- Sean Kaer: Questioned if SISD started a go fund me? Taxing isn't the best option
- Lovell: Commented on the Harbormaster's report – pointed out that the Harbormaster was asking if Council had any concerns about for the harbor.

10) CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor moved to approve the Consent Agenda, Councilmember seconded, No discussion.

MOTION: Move to approve the Consent Agenda.

F/S: Nyquest/ Lovell

YEAS: Killian, Blair, LaVoie, Lovell, Pesterfield, Nyquest

Abstained: Kaer

STATUS: Motion Passed

- Minutes of the December 3, 2024, Regular City Council Meeting, action item;
- Resolution 25-02-04-01: Updating EMS account signers, action item;
- Resolution 25-02-04-02: Adopting an alternative allocation method for the FY25 Shared Fisheries Business Tax Program, action item;

11) NEW BUSINESS:

- Resolution 25-02-04-03: Establishing a new Gaming Account with Tongass Federal Credit Union to renew Gaming License, discussion and action item;

Mayor moved to approve Resolution 25-02-04-03, Establishing a new Gaming Account with TFCU, Councilmember seconded, discussion as follows:

Pesterfield questioned what the gaming license was for, raffles, etc?

Mayor confirmed.

Lovell stated it was a great need for the City.

MOTION: Move to approve the Resolution 25-02-04-03, Establishing a new Gaming Account with TFCU.

F/S: Nyquest/ Killian

YEAS: Killian, Blair, LaVoie, Lovell, Pesterfield, Nyquest, Kaer

STATUS: Motion Passed

- Resolution 25-02-04-04: A Resolution Supporting the Application for the USDA Rural Service Grant to provide electricity to Greentree Heights Subdivision, discussion and possible action item;

Mayor moved to approve Resolution 25-02-04-04 A Resolution supporting the application for USDA grant to provide electricity to Greentree Height Subdivision, Councilmember seconded, Discussion as follows:

- Nyquest agreed with the need for the grant to be submitted. Clarified that the group of people interested in the grant will do the writing and City will be responsible for submitting.
- Huestis commented that we are looking for a couple hundred thousand. AP&T will give a \$3000 credit to those who connect after the fact. We would contract with AP&T to put it in place and we

will need more information of them. Applied in 2019 and didn't get the grant, but should make the
MOTION: Move to approve Resolution 25-02-04-04 A Resolution supporting the application for
USDA grant to provide electricity to Greentree Height Subdivision.

F/S: Nyquest/ Pesterfield

YEAS: Killian, Blair, LaVoie, Lovell, Pesterfield, Nyquest, Kaer

STATUS: Motion Passed

- Solid Waste Dump Tickets Low-Cost Spring Cleanup CY25, discussion and possible action item;

Mayor moved to approve discussion of Solid Waste Tickets for CY25, Councilmember seconded

Discussion as follows:

- Clerk gave the recommendation from the Solid Waste operator to raise the price of tickets. Informed Council of number data put together by Accounts Receivable.
- Lovell asked if we are typically expecting a loss. Clerk clarified, yes, this program was put in place to replace the free dump day where City had to pay employees overtime to run the dump.
- Mayor stated that the tickets encouraged clean up of town
- Pesterfield expressed support for the tickets at \$20/1000lbs and the program
- Huestis commented that the program was put in place in lieu of the free dump day. It allows community flexibility as well as allowing solid waste to take incoming waste in stride. Council needs to decide what terms they would like.
- Lovell commented that it costs \$40/garbage can. Most household families will not reach 1000lbs.
- Mayor asked if Council would like to raise the price to \$20/\$25? One ticket or two?
- Pesterfield commented that he would like to see 2 tickets per household.
- Mayor suggested postponement of a decision until the next meeting.

Motion amended to postpone action until the next meeting.

MOTION: Move to postpone discussion and action on CY25 Dump Tickets until next meeting

F/S: Nyquest/ Killian

YEAS: Killian, Blair, LaVoie, Lovell, Pesterfield, Nyquest, Kaer

STATUS: Motion Passed

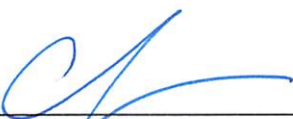
12) CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Mel Cook agreed on bringing back the program. Suggested \$15/ticket – Suggested a vehicle week when the salvage barge comes in to clean up junk vehicles.
- Glen Holt commented that he works in the food bank that feeds 60-90 people with families. Would Council consider allowing partnership?
- David Schults when dump prices go up garbage goes everywhere. Cautioned on raising prices too high for this reason.

13) CONTINUATION OF COUNCIL COMMENT: none

14) ADJOURNMENT: Adjournment 7:21

ATTEST:



Caitlyn Sawyer, City Clerk/Treasurer



Shane Nyquest, Mayor