

MINUTES
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE
CITY OF THORNE BAY, ALASKA
TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 2025

TIME: 6:30 p.m.

THERE WAS A WORKSHOP BEGINNING AT 5:30PM

1) CALL TO ORDER:

Vice 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:

Killian, Blair, Pesterfield, Nyquest, Lovell, Kaer

Those Absent were:

LaVoie

4) APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Mayor moved to approve the Agenda, seconded, No discussion

MOTION: Move to approve the agenda.

F/S: N/Killian

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

ABSENT: LaVoie

STATUS: Motion Passed

5) MAYOR'S REPORT:

a) None for today

6) ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

a) Clerk: gave a brief report. Monthly Financial St

7) DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

a) WATER: In Packet

8) PUBLIC COMMENTS:

a) **Angie Fenimore: EMS Report:** Personnel being trained on new ambulances. 2 fully operational. Looking to donate the older ambulances and firetruck. Cleaning the firehall and fixing the garage door at the firehall at Davidson Landing. Looking to have a "Fire Sale" to help up. Andrew Nash was appointed as Fire Chief. Coordinator started EMT training using APEC grant funds – All squad members are all current on CPR certifications. Inviting all dispatchers to monthly meetings and practicing debriefs after calls. Creating dedicated teams in areas to better coverage and call times. April 10th Health Fair, Easter Egg hunt in school gym April 13th. Looking to create an integrated approach with EMS and community. Also, reaching out to private citizens/businesses for large donations – benches personalized for donators. New members of EMS will start as Ambulance drivers before spending money on training.

b) **Thom Cunningham:** Expressed concerns about monetary constraints on City and City Administrator. Expressed concern over not getting records of grants. Complained about the variance introduced for shoreline and property of corners. Expressed concern over

plans in the application. Gave opinion on what to do with lots next to the grocery store.
Requested that the City Council do an audit.

9) **COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

- a) **Pesterfield** commented that Harbormaster is doing great job cleaning up Davidson Landing. Thanked Clerk for contacting Harbormaster to help with a boat filling with water on Saturday Night. Commented on the variance application
- b) **Kaer** expressed appreciation for the new EMS coordinator, and a thank you to the Harbormaster for cleaning up Davidson Landing.

10) **CONSENT AGENDA:**

- a) **Minutes** of the March 4, 2025, Regular City Council Meeting, action item:
Mayor moved to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded, No discussion

MOTION: Move to approve the consent agenda consisting of the Minutes from March 4th Regular City Council Meeting.

F/S: Nyquest/ Pesterfield

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

ABSENT: LaVoie

STATUS: Motion Passed.

11) **PUBLIC HEARING:**

- a) 24-04-25-01 PZ Variance application to permit development of an undersized lot within RES/COMM II Zone.

Mayor moved to open Public Hearing for Variance, Seconded

MOTION: Move to open the Hearing

F/S: Nyquest/Pesterfield

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

ABSENT: LaVoie

STATUS: Motion Passed.

Discussion as follows :

Clerk gave a summary of the application.

- **Trina Pesterfield** : commented that the owner needed to purchase additional property to build for fire safety.
 - Clerk Clarified adding the lot next to it still wouldn't be big enough.
- **Thom Cunningham**: Recited history of lot sizes and recommended council stick to the Code. Questioned if family has children and expressed safety concerns for small children in the road.
 - **Lovell POI**: Where is the lot located? Did anyone else around need a variance? Clerk Clarified. Questioned if the other building on the corner needed a variance?
 - **Pesterfield POI**: 50% property coverage?

Mayor moved to Close Public Hearing for Variance, Seconded

MOTION: Move to close the Hearing

F/S: Nyquest/Pesterfield

YEAS: Kaer, Blair, Killian, Nyquest, Pesterfield, Lovell
ABSENT: LaVoie
STATUS: Motion Passed.

12) NEW BUSINESS:

- a) **Resolution 25-04-01-01:** Certifying the FY24 Financial Statement, discussion and action item;

Mayor moved to approve Resolution 25-04-01-01,, Second, discussion as follows:

- Kaer commented that he will not be voting to certify this because he feels we need an audit.
- Pesterfield requested bank account statements with the report.

MOTION: Move to approve Resolution 25-04-01-01
F/S: Nyquest/Lovell
YEAS: Blair, Killian, Nyquest, Pesterfield, Lovell
NAYS: Kaer
ABSENT: LaVoie
STATUS: Motion Passed.

- b) **Resolution 25-04-01-02:** Authorizing Adventure Alaska to Rent Additional Boat Stalls Within the Main Throne Bay Harbor. Discussion and Action Item;

Mayor moved to Approve Resolution 25-04-01-02, Seconded,

- Pesterfield appreciated the letter involved with the resolution and commented that it brings money to the city and clarified that if a community member needs a stall, they would lose the stall.
- Kaer commented that the water gets left on and suggested an electric on/off switch.
- Pesterfield commented that the boaters from out of town don't use best boating practices coming in and out of the dock and requested more hands on training with docking and harbor rules.
- Luther gave a summary of training paperwork given to boaters.

MOTION: Move to Approve Resolution 25-04-01-02
F/S: Nyquest/Pesterfield
YEAS: Kaer, Blair, Killian, Nyquest, Pesterfield, Lovell
ABSENT: LaVoie
STATUS: Motion Passed.

- c) **Resolution 25-04-01-03:** Approving the short-term lease with SEARHC, Discussion and Action item;

Mayor moved to approve Resolution 25-04-01-03 Short-term lease with SEARHC, Seconded

Pesterfield commented that \$10/mo is a good deal

Nyquest commented that it's an additional utility being paid monthly for minimal use.

Clerk clarified the rental amount is per month, not annual.

Kear questioned ADA compliance and whose responsibility it is to maintain compliance?

MOTION: Move to approve Resolution 25-04-0-03

F/S: Nyquest/ Lovell
YEAS: Kaer, Blair, Killian, Nyquest, Pesterfield, Lovell
ABSENT: LaVoie
STATUS: Motion Passed.

13) CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC COMMENT:

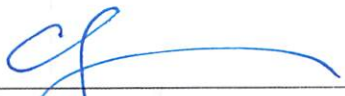
- a) **Thom Cunningham** commented his opinion that rent for SEARHC should be increased.

14) CONTINUATION OF COUNCIL COMMENT:

- a) **Pesterfield** commented that SEARHC is a public interest and the utilities plus rent is consistent with rented property and it is in the public's interest to have them here.
- b) **Kaer** commented SEARHC is a public interest and they pay a lot for a small sq footage. Ramp needs to be ADA compliant.
- c) **Lovell** questioned the availability of an after hours emergency response line?
 - i. Clerk clarified water plant emergency orders

15) ADJOURNMENT: Mayor adjourned at 7:40pm

ATTEST:



Caitlyn Sawyer, City Clerk/Treasurer



Shane Nyquest, Mayor