MINUTES

FOR THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE
CITY OF THORNE BAY, ALASKA
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 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:
   Pesterfield, Lovell, Nyquest, Kaer
   Those absent were:
   Excused: Blair, Killian
   Unexcused: Cunningham
4) APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
   Mayor moved to approve the Agenda, seconded, No discussion,

   MOTION: Move to approve the agenda.
   F/S: Nyquest/ Pesterfield
   YEAS: Pesterfield, Lovell, Nyquest
   NAYS: Kaer
   ABSENT: Blair
   STATUS: Motion Failed

5) MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor reported on the Community Center collaboration effort.
6) ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:
   a) City Administrator: attached
7) DEPARTMENT REPORTS:
   a) Water Report: Written report given
   b) EMS: Attached
8) PUBLIC COMMENTS:
   a) **David Shilts** commented on OVK's bridgework and claimed excavators are running across fish streams.
9) COUNCIL COMMENTS:
   a) **Kaer** commented that OVK's bridgework. Suggested we support stream protection.
   b) **Pesterfield** commented on the Community Center meeting – glad that it got kicked off, even with short notice. Suggested Council be thinking about what direction we would like the community to proceed in.
   c) **Nyquest** added to the Community Center information: the suggestion of the Community Center being used as an emergency shelter was raised.
   d) **Kaer** commented on past plans, and suggested that be researched.
   e) **Lovell** thanked the Administrator for cleaning up an oil spill and grating the southside road.
10) CONSENT AGENDA:
    a) **Minutes** of the August 5, 2025, Regular City Council Meeting, action item:

Mayor moved to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the Minutes from the August 5th Regular City Council Meeting, Seconded;

MOTION: Move to approve the Consent Agenda.

F/S: Nyquest/ Lovell

YEAS: Pesterfield, Lovell, Kaer, Nyquest

NAYS:

ABSENT: Blair, Killian, Cunningham

STATUS: Motion Passed

11) **NEW BUSINESS:**

a) **Resolution 25-09-02-01:** Approving Election Judges for the 2025 General Municipal Elections, discussion and action item;

Mayor moved to approve resolution 25-09-02-01, Approving Election Judges for the 2025 General Elections, Seconded, discussion:

Nyquest clarified the judges recommended all have experience.

No further discussion.

MOTION: Move to approve the Consent Agenda.

F/S: Nyquest/ Lovell

YEAS: Pesterfield, Lovell, Kaer, Nyquest

NAYS:

ABSENT: Blair, Killian, Cunningham

STATUS: Motion Passed

b) **Resolution 25-08-05-01 PZ:** Approving the Variance Application submitted by the Central Council of the Tlingit & Haida Tribes of Alaska for a Height Requirement Variance, discussion and action item;

Mayor moved to approve Resolution 25-08-05-01 PZ, Approving the Variance Application Seconded, Discussion as follows:

- **Kaer** requested more community exposure to the Variance before Council votes.
- **Lovell** questioned if due diligence has been done. If the City has posted the past two times, it's been brought forward this would make the third notice.
- **Huestis** commented that the Clerk sent notices to adjacent properties as is consistent with Variance procedures and only received a response from one person, who claimed to not own that property.
- **Nyquest** commented on concerns that have been raised previously and would like to give the opportunity to the community members on Southside to have alternative internet opportunities.
- **Kaer** commented that he would like to see a light. Suggested that we should have had AT&T instead. Suggested that the towers elsewhere are giant and ugly. Would like to get something out of it.
- **Pesterfield** commented that the FAA requirements are only at 200ft and marked on a map. Suggested that the tower be built without the Variance. Commented that the community members would not like to see a tower built in their area. Pointed out on the Variance request should be without monetary gain reasons.
- **Lovell** commented that they do not need a variance to build a tower, they can build it regardless. We are asking them for a light and for access for our EMS/Fire repeater.
- **Nyquest** commented that it could supply better services potentially, or not. Hate to turn down

people who want to do business here.

- **Huestis** commented that this is another alternative to the broadband we have been trying to get for a long time. The potential for future connections could be favorable to the community.
- **Lovell POI:** questioned if we can shelf it, or if we must vote.
- **Kaer** commented his views on how he will vote based off services.
- **Nyquest** commented that we have gone through the process and we should vote this meeting.

MOTION: Move to approve the Resolution 25-08-05-01 PZ.

F/S: Nyquest/ Lovell

YEAS: Nyquest

NAYS: Pesterfield, Lovell, Kaer

ABSENT: Blair, Killian, Cunningham

STATUS: Motion Failed due to insufficient vote

12) CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC COMMENT:

a) **David Shilts:** commented that the issuance of the variance should be allowed with the contingencies that the City be allowed to add Fire/EMS equipment and a light be added.

13) CONTINUATION OF COUNCIL COMMENT:

a) **Kaer** questioned if the City Administrator spoke with Atlas Towers about adding fire/EMS repeaters to the tower? If not, can we request that they do? Commented that we need better ways to communicate in emergency situations.

b) **Nyquest** commented that Council just voted down the best option for improving communications. Open to asking Atlas about adding transponders to the Tower.

c) **Pesterfield** commented that they may still build the tower and the City could be a paying customer to add our equipment to their tower. Thanked the Administrator for the road maintenance.

14) ADJOURNMENT: **Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:13p.m.**

Shane Nyquest, Mayor

ATTEST:

Caitlyn Sawyer, City Clerk/Treasurer