

MINUTES

FOR THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE
CITY OF THORNE BAY, ALASKA
TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2026

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, Cunningham, Nyquest, Anderson, Killian

Those absent were: Kaer

4) APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Mayor moved to approve the Agenda, Seconded, discussion:

MOTION: Move to approve Agenda.

F/S: Nyquest/Killian

YEAS: Pesterfield, Lovell, Cunningham, Nyquest, Anderson, Killian

NAYS:

ABSENT: Kaer

STATUS: Motion Passed

5) MAYOR'S REPORT:

a) Has decided to step down as Mayor as of end of January.

6) ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

a) City Administrator: attached in Agenda Packet

i. Council Comments:

b) City Clerk:

7) PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE

8) COUNCIL COMMENTS:

a) Timber Pesterfield notified Council of travel plans – available by email and phone. Thanked the Mayor for his service, expressed respect for decision to resign. Appreciation for Sam Sawyer for reapplying and coming back. Thanked the City Administrator for his service and requested he stay on for tying up ends, and transfer of service.

9) CONSENT AGENDA:

a) Minutes of the January 6, 2026, Regular City Council Meeting, action item:

Mayor moved to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the Minutes from January 6, 2026, Seconded.

MOTION: Move to approve Consent Agenda.

F/S: Nyquest/ Lovell

YEAS: Pesterfield, Lovell, Cunningham, Nyquest, Anderson, Killian

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Kaer

STATUS: Motion Passed

10) UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a) Discussion item: City webpage host selection;
 - o Clerk gave overview of CivicPlus and Govstack. Recommended CivicPlus.
 - o Council requested complete quote for what Clerk would like and would like to make a decision at the next meeting.

11) NEW BUSINESS:

- a) **Resolution 26-01-20-01, Adopting an Alternative Allocation Method for the FY26 Shared Fisheries Business Tax Program, discussion and action item;**

Mayor motion to approve Resolution 26-01-20-01, Adopting Alternative Allocation Method for FY26 Shared Fisheries Business Tax Program, Seconded, No discussion held;

MOTION: Move to approve Resolution 26-01-20-01 Adopting Alternative Allocation Method for FY26 Shared Fisheries Business Tax Program

F/S: Nyquest/ Killian

YEAS: Pesterfield, Lovell, Cunningham, Nyquest, Anderson, Killian

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Kaer

STATUS: Motion Passed

- b) Discussion item: Jim Seeley Lease;
 - i. Jim Seeley gave an overview of plans to build warehouse building, small hardware store with storage or building space. Need to be doing enough business to sustain itself, had concerns with some of the lease terms.

Lovell moved to suspend the rules to allow public comment on Agenda items, seconded;

F/S: Lovell/ Nyquest

YEAS: Pesterfield, Lovell, Cunningham, , Nyquest, Anderson, Killian

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Kaer

STATUS: Motion Passed

- ii. **Sam Sawyer public comment: City would receive more income by selling than leasing.**
Council discussion followed, lease with highlights to be provided to Council for review before next Council meeting.

- c) Discussion item: EMS Coordinator position;

- i. Lovell expressed the need for a Coordinator for EMS
- ii. POI Nyquest: What is the code? Clerk provided 2.38.015
- iii. Lovell questioned if the Clerk's office will be taking over duties? Stated Clerk's office is being assigned additional duties. Clerk clarified that we were not delegated the tasked, we were asked if we would be open to splitting duties.
- iv. Angie Feinimore public comment: gave an update on emails sent to Administration to help with the transfer of duties.

- d) Discussion: Amendment to Resolution 23-02-21-02 approving MOA with OVK;

- i. Pesterfield did not receive the MOA/Resolution with this packet. The main intent is to strike the statement in Resolution 23-02-21-02 that allows the Mayor to sign any subsequent documents and change it to send subsequent documents and contracts to Council for approval instead.
- ii. Lovell agreed, would like oversight to stay with the Council and Public.

Pesterfield moved to add to next meeting, Nyquest seconded

F/S: Pesterfield/ Nyquest

YEAS: Pesterfield, Lovell, Cunningham, Nyquest, Anderson, Killian

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Kaer

STATUS: Motion Passed

e) Discussion item: Flat rate for Seniors;

- i. Cunningham suggested having senior rates for residential dump sales. 2 garbage cans not to exceed 35 gallons, flat rate of \$7 instead of by lb prices. Nyquest questioned what the frequency should be? Biweekly, monthly, weekly? Council would like Cunningham to present idea with options at the next meeting.
- ii. Angie Feinmore Public Comment: Questioned what qualified as a senior? Answered – 65 yrs old.

Mayor moved to bring the discussion of flat rate for seniors to the next meeting, Seconded,

F/S: Nyquest/ Killian

YEAS: Pesterfield, Lovell, Cunningham, Nyquest, Anderson, Killian

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Kaer

STATUS: Motion Passed

f) Discussion item: Repeal Ordinance 22-02-01-01;

Anderson moved to bring the Discussion item: Repeal Ordinance 22-02-01-01 to the next meeting, Seconded,

F/S: Anderson/ Cunningham

YEAS: Pesterfield, Lovell, Cunningham, Nyquest, Anderson, Killian

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Kaer

STATUS: Motion Passed

g) Discussion item; City Administrator's in-kind contribution to OVK

- i. Anderson questioned what the deal is with the in-kind contribution? How will Thorne Bay be on the hook for the bill in the future?
- ii. David Shilts questioned if that was in the MOA?
- iii. Lovell POI: how do we interpret the in-kind verbiage and how are we accounting for it? How are transfers preformed? Would like the rational and statement of how things in the MOA are being taken care of. Where are funds coming from?
- iv. Pesterfield commented that there is no documentation as it was brought up during Council discussion of OVK MOA. Administrator brought up in-kind contributions that covered the amount that Thorne Bay would be paying. Question being asked is what is the value of the work and how is it charted? How is Thorne Bay affected in the future financially. We will be paying Kasaan or fixing the grader.
- v. Nyquest commented Huestis should answer these questions. Not a number put on the time spent.
- vi. Lovell suggested bills need to come from OVK so that Council can see an amount.

Nyquest moved to move Discussion item; City Administrator's in-kind contribution to OVK to the next meeting, Seconded

F/S: Nyquest/ Anderson

YEAS: Pesterfield, Lovell, Cunningham, Nyquest, Anderson, Killian
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Kaer
STATUS: Motion Passed

12) ORDINANCE FOR PUBLIC HEARING:

- a) Non-Code Ordinance 26-01-20-01: Authorizing a Special Election to be held February 24, 2026, discussion and action item;

MOTION: Move to strike Non-Code Ordinance 26-01-20-01 from the agenda due to previous statement of Resignation, Seconded

F/S: Nyquest/Killan

YEAS: Pesterfield, Lovell, Cunningham, Nyquest, Anderson, Killian

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Kaer

STATUS: Motion Passed

POI: Pesterfield, suggested that Council did not do the right thing by striking this Ordinance because the Mayor did not submit his letter of Resignation. Mayor responded that his resignation is on Public record that he is resigning. Clerk commented that Council will accept the resignation via Resolution at the next meeting.

13) CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC COMMENT:

- a) David Shilts Appreciate Council putting items on hold until more information is provided to the public. Referenced OVK road inventory and would like all agreements to benefit Thorne Bay. Would like Council to present OVK items to the public to have public input on agreements. Agreements should be to benefit the City or not agreed on.

POI Nyquest asked for clarification on the roads being given to OVK. Shilts suggested that we gave roads to OVK and they are not required to do maintenance. Mayor clarified that we did not give up ownership, roads are put into the inventory.

14) CONTINUATION OF COUNCIL COMMENT:

- a) Anderson commented on the inventory process and how it works.
i. Clerk clarified inventory vs ownership of roads and that the practice of Tribal inventory of roads is practiced throughout the island.
b) Timber expressed appreciation for discussions, requested clarification on the direction of the Seeley lease direction? Thanked Mayor Nyquest for his work and requested assistance to the next Mayor in transition. Requested to bring back the Council Procedures and Policies reviews at the next meeting. Thanked the new Community Center Planning Committee members. Thanked Sam Sawyer for returning to the City.

15) ADJOURNMENT: Mayor adjourned at 9:03 pm.

ATTEST:


Caitlyn Sawyer, City Clerk/Treasurer


Shane Nyquest, Mayor