

MINUTES

FOR THE *SPECIAL* MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR
THE CITY OF THORNE BAY, ALASKA
MONDAY FEBRUARY 23, 2026

TIME: 4:00 PM

1) **CALL TO ORDER:**

Vice Mayor called the meeting to order at 4:06 pm

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

Those absent were: Kaer, Killian, Anderson

4) **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Vice Mayor moved to approve the Agenda, Seconded, no discussion:

MOTION: Move to approve Agenda.

F/S: Lovell/ Cunningham

YEAS: Pesterfield, Lovell, Cunningham, Nyquest

NAYS:

ABSENT: Anderson, Killian, Kaer

STATUS: Motion Passed

5) **PUBLIC COMMENTS: None**

6) **COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

a) Pesterfield commented on invitation to former Administrator who is unable to make it, but he would call in to a future meeting to give Council a report on unfinished projects. Commented Huestis will still be OVK DOT Director.

b) Cunningham welcomed Clerk home from vacation.

7) **NEW BUSINESS:**

a. **RESOLUTION 26-02-23-01:** A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Thorne Bay authorizing the City Clerk to open new Checking Accounts with Tongass Federal Credit Union, discussion and action item;

Vice Mayor moved to approve Resolution 26-02-23-01 Authorizing the City Clerk to open a new account, Seconded; Discussion:

Gracia: City of Thorne Bay accounts have been compromised due to check fraud.

Understands administrative difficulties, need to keep accounts safe. Went over memo and Tongass' role to date. Cunningham questioned if the check copy was electronic? Clerk clarified where electronic breach was suspected and investigation information.

Discussion on opening account process continued.

Pesterfield moved to amend Section 1 on Resolution to state "this one specific time" , Seconded Nyquest, discussion as follows:

Clerk restated motion and read Section 1 for Council.

MOTION: Move to amend Resolution 26-02-23-01 to add “this one specific time” to the end of Section 1.

F/S: Pesterfield/ Nyquest
YEAS: Pesterfield, Lovell, Cunningham, Nyquest
NAYS:
ABSENT: Anderson, Killian, Kaer
STATUS: Motion Passed

MOTION: Move to approve amended Resolution 26-02-23-01.

F/S: Lovell/ Cunningham
YEAS: Pesterfield, Lovell, Cunningham, Nyquest
NAYS:
ABSENT: Anderson, Killian, Kaer
STATUS: Motion Passed

- b. Discussion on City Administrator Job Posting, discussion and possible action item;

Discussion on announcement proceeded. Council discussed wages and requested \$80,000 DOE on all announcements, requested the requirement of a bachelor’s degree be changed to preferred, and management experience be desired instead of required. Pesterfield commented that the article contained grammatical errors that could be easily remedied and suggested bringing it back to Council with amendments and for consideration with absent Councilmembers.

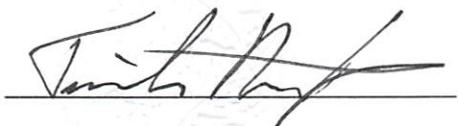
Pesterfield moved to add this discussion/action item to the next regular meeting on March 3rd, 2026, Nyquest seconded, no discussion followed.

MOTION: Move to add this discussion/action item to the next regular meeting on March 3rd, 2026, Nyquest seconded

F/S: Pesterfield/Nyquest
YEAS: Pesterfield, Lovell, Cunningham, Nyquest
NAYS:
ABSENT: Anderson, Killian, Kaer
STATUS: Motion Passed

Discussion on amendments to Administrator posting continued. Nyquest suggested flying the job as soon as possible as finding candidates may take time.

- 8) ADJOURNMENT: Vice Mayor adjourned the meeting at 5:26pm



Timber Pesterfield, Mayor Pro Tempore

ATTEST:



Caitlyn Sawyer, City Clerk/Treasurer