

MINUTES
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE
CITY OF THORNE BAY, ALASKA
TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 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, Killian, Nyquest, Anderson, Kaer

Those absent were: Cunningham

4) **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Mayor Pro-Tem moved to approve the Agenda, Seconded, discussion:

MOTION: Move to approve Agenda.

F/S: Pesterfield/ Nyquest

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Cunningham

STATUS: Motion Passed

5) **MAYOR'S REPORT:**

- i. Reported on budget needs expressed by depts
 - ii. Update on Administrator Hiring Panel meetings
 - iii. Anonymous letters submitted information
 - iv. VPSO Kasaan ambulance is broken down, loaning ambulance to Kasaan
 - v. SISD buses moved within the next week after mobile homes is finished
 - vi. Friday 1pm meeting for the Loon Creek Bridge project
- Vice Mayor reported on SEASWA meeting in Coffman Cove.

6) **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

- a) City Clerk: Report given to Council

7) **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

- a) Streets and Roads: In Packet
- b) Water/Sewer: In Packet
- c) Harbor: In Packet

8) **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

- i. Rod Morrison – SISD: read a letter sent to Senator Stedman (attached)

9) **COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

- i. POI Kaer: questioned what the Loon Lake meeting was? Is there money to get out of shredding tires?
 - Pesterfield commented Clerk would get information on Loon Lake meeting. Answered tire shredding question – tires must be a certain size to ship to recycling center. Lovell answered question about other communities interested in the tire shredder. Pesterfield answered question about Harbor Beacon replacement that is on the Northside as the one at Davidson Landing is functioning.
- ii. Lovell commented on the need for volunteers for the firehall and cemetery committees.

10) **CONSENT AGENDA:**

- a) Minutes of the April 7, 2026, Regular City Council Meeting, action item:

Mayor Pro-Tem moved to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the April 7th minutes, Seconded, no discussion:

MOTION: Move to approve Consent Agenda consisting of the April 7th minutes,

F/S: Pesterfield/Lovell

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

NAYS:

ABSENT: Cunningham

STATUS: Motion Passed

11) UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

12) NEW BUSINESS:

a) Resolution 26-04-21-01: Approving a renewal of the short-term lease with Community Connections;

Mayor Pro-Tem moved to approve Resolution 26-04-21-01, Seconded, discussion:

- Nyquest commented on the increase in rent from \$10 to \$100 minimum. Lovell questioned if the 3-year met with the community focus? Anderson commented in disagreement with the \$10 rent. Council discussed raising rental rates from \$10 to \$100 as that would be the base rate for all leases to cover administrative costs.
- Trina Pesterfield commented that the standard should be set by square footage or acreage for consistent answers to questions.
- Nyquest commented on lease length and rates, would like to see \$150 and 2 years, max 3 years. Council continued discussions.

Clerk requested a 5 minute recess

Nyquest moved to amend Resolution 26-04-21-01 for the rental rate to be increased to \$150/ month and 2-year term, discussion as follows:

- Kaer suggested a higher rate and lower term.
- Nyquest commented in agreement however, construction timing is longer than the 2 years proposed.

MOTION: Move to approve amendment of lease terms, \$150 2 year term,

F/S: Pesterfield/ Nyquest

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

NAYS: Kaer

ABSENT: Cunningham

STATUS: Motion Passed

MOTION: Move to approve Resolution 26-04-21-01, with amended lease terms, \$150/ month, 2 year length,

F/S: Pesterfield/ Nyquest

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

NAYS: Kaer

ABSENT: Cunningham

STATUS: Motion Passed

b) Resolution 26-04-02-02: Approving Fees and rates table adjustments, discussion and action item;

Mayor Pro-Tem moved to approve Resolution 26-04-02-02, Seconded, discussion:

- Pesterfield commented that the rates increased due to increases that are relatable to fuel and energy costs as well as employee wages COLI annually. Council reviewed items on the rates tables and agreed on amending Commercial Sewer Rates, prorated commercial sewer rates, RV Miscellaneous fees for water, and RV dump sales. Public input from Trina Pesterfield and Sam Sawyer was heard.

7:57 Councilman Anderson left the meeting, a quorum was still held.

MOTION: Move to approve Resolution 26-04-02-02.

F/S: Pesterfield/ Nyquest

YEAS: Pesterfield, Lovell, Killian, Nyquest, Kaer

NAYS:

ABSENT: Cunningham, Anderson
STATUS: Motion Passed

Mayor motioned to postpone Agenda items C & D to the next meeting, May 5, 2026, Seconded,

MOTION: Move to postpone agenda items C & D to the next meeting

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

- c) Discussion item: Budget templates and upcoming needs of FY27, discussion item;
- d) Discussion item: Proposed lease for FAA cameras, discussion item;
- e) Resolution 26-04-21-03: Approving the removal and addition of Signer on the First Data credit card merchant account, discussion and action item;

Mayor Pro-Tem moved to approve the Resolution 26-04-21-03, Seconded, discussion:

- Clerk clarified why this Resolution was necessary, no further discussion.

MOTION: Move to approve Resolution 26-04-21-03.

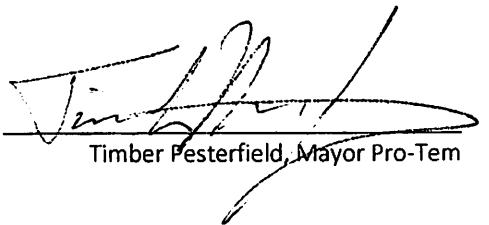
F/S: Pesterfield/ Killian
YEAS: Pesterfield, Lovell, Killian, Nyquest, Kaer
NAYS:
ABSENT: Cunningham, Anderson
STATUS: Motion Passed

13) CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC COMMENT: None

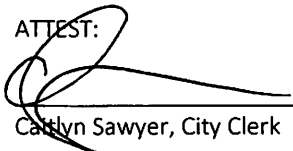
14) CONTINUATION OF COUNCIL COMMENT:

- i. Pesterfield commented on increases in upcoming budget due to fuel price increases. Commented again on procedure for public comments.

15) ADJOURNMENT: Mayor adjourned at 8:27 pm



Timber Pesterfield, Mayor Pro-Tem

ATTEST:

Catelyn Sawyer, City Clerk