

City of Edna Bay - Regular Meeting

1 — Meeting Date, Place and Call to order:

This Regular meeting was held on Monday, July 9th, 2018 at Edna Bay School.
Councilman Poelstra called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

2 — Roll Call:

Heather Richter	- Mayor / Presiding Officer	(Absent)
Karen Williams	- Vice Mayor / City Council	(Absent)
Tyler Poelstra	- Clerk / City Council	(Present)
Myla Poelstra	- Treasurer / City Council	(Present)
Sandy Henson	- City Council	(Present)
Doris Greif	- City Council	(Present)
Lee Greif	- City Council	(Present)

2.1 — Public Participants:

Mike Woodhouse	Sue Crew	John Dodson	Katie Buss
Sharon Wargi	Joe Wargi		

3 — Consent Agenda:

A: Approval of Meeting Agenda:

The current agenda was read by Councilor (Mr.) Poelstra.

Consensus of the public attendants was taken in favor, and no objections were noted.

B: Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:

The following minutes were presented for review:

1: Regular Minutes of June 12th, 2018 - No questions or comments.

Consensus of the public attendants was taken in favor, and no objections were noted.

Motion:

Councilor (Mrs.) Poelstra moved to approve the consent agenda.

- *Seconded by Councilor (Mrs.) Greif*
- **Approved by unanimous vote of the council**

3.1 — Business:

New Business:

- a: *Seeking assistance regarding local phone/internet issues/availability, Discussion and Decision.*
- b: *Travel expenses to POW regarding cell phone/broadband coverage, Discussion and Decision.*

4 — Mayor's Report:

No report

5 — Clerk's Report:

Annual elections preparations are underway. The election day is set for October 2nd, 2018.

6 — Treasurer's Report:

Myla Poelstra read back the treasurer's report and noted that fuel sales are now included in the report. Sue Crew asked where some of the charges listed in the current report were spent (\$5K / \$10K). Myla explained that this treasurer's report was for June, which shows FY '18 figures. The charges were for FY '18, not FY '19 starts next month.

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Committee Reports

7.1 — Dock Committee:

Tyler Poelstra (Dock Chairman) explained that he is working to get in contact with DOT at this time but has

not yet been able to get in contact. Mike Woodhouse explained that it would be nice to see a fish cleaning station incorporated into the new dock facility.

7.2 — Road Committee:

No report.

7.3 — EMS Committee:

No report.

7.4 — Search & Rescue Committee:

No report. Mike Woodhouse expressed his interest in the position.

7.5 — Fire Committee:

No report.

7.6 — Fish & Game Advisory:

No report.

7.7 — Bulk Fuel:

Tyler Poelstra (Plant Manager) reported an instance where he felt it was beneficial to make a sale for less than 5 gallons of fuel at the end of scheduled hours when no other customers were present.

Mike Woodhouse had asked if the policy amendment could be discussed to remove the minimum purchase. Tyler felt that with his current experience operating the facility, making small sales during normal hours would not effect his ability to take care of other customers and would make better use of his allotted time.

Consensus of the public attendants was taken in favor of amending the policy. No objections were noted.

Motion:

Councilor (Mrs.) Poelstra moved to amend the bulk fuel facility operations policy to remove the 5-gallon minimum purchase.

- *Seconded by Councilor (Mr.) Greif*

- **Approved by unanimous vote of the council**

Sue Crew asked where the prices were posted for the fuel. Councilor (Mr.) Poelstra indicated that they are displayed at the facility every Friday during business hours. He felt they would need to be adjusted at some point in the near future, likely on a quarterly basis, but to this point there has been no reason to change them. A policy and responsible person for price adjustment will need to be established in the near future.

Councilor (Mr.) Poelstra volunteered to post recent bulk fuel prices at the post office and update them as he is able.

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New Business

Item A – Seeking Assistance Regarding Local Phone/Internet Issues/Availability...:

Councilor (Mr.) Poelstra discussed issues that have been previously outlined with local phone service availability and quality. He explained that in his experience it appears the communications system issues in Edna Bay seem to effect the wireless phones and internet in a very similar fashion and are in need of a solution, or a new means of providing service to residents. Both are addressed by cell phone coverage.

He explained that GCI is planning a trip to Prince of Wales Island to discuss cell phone coverage expansion into Southeast Alaska. Senator Murkowski has set aside \$10-million in funds to assist in expansion of cell coverage in Southeast Alaska for interested providers. The GCI meetings will be held on Prince of Wales in Klawok, Coffman Cove and Thorne Bay on July 18th-19th. Tyler has been in communications with Misty Fitzpatrick in Coffman Cove to help structure questions and work to participate in their upcoming meeting.

Our local representative Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins will be attending the Coffman Cove meeting. Councilor (Mr.) Poelstra feels that attending will give Edna Bay a much needed voice in the upcoming discussion

around improving cellular coverage around the area. He feels that cell phone service will provide an answer to local phone issues and also offer an additional form of internet access to residents. Mike Woodhouse volunteered his availability to take Tyler to Coffman Cove for the meeting being held there if needed. He is also interested in participating in the meetings due to his experience in the technical services industry.

Councilor (Mr.) Poelstra further explained that due to his experience and role working with the City, AT&T, and others in the region who are effected by similar issues with service availability, that he is seeking approval from the voting body to act as the City representative on this issue going forward. He would like to spend time working to find solutions to the communications system challenges Edna Bay faces and would like to know it is publicly noticed and supported.

Consensus of the public attendants was taken in favor of authorizing Councilor (Mr) Poelstra to act as representative of the City of Edna Bay on communications system challenges. No objections were noted.

Motion:

Councilor (Mr.) Greif moved to authorize Tyler Poelstra as representative of the City of Edna Bay in pursuing representation on local communications infrastructure issues.

- *Seconded by Councilor Henson*
- **Approved by unanimous vote of the council**

Item B – Travel Expenses to POW Regarding Cell Phone/Broadband Coverage....:

Councilor (Mr.) Poelstra continued the discussion from the prior agenda item.

Consensus of the public attendants was taken in favor of approving transportation fees for Councilor (Mr). Poelstra to attend the meeting(s) on Prince of Wales with GCI. No objections were noted.

Motion:

Councilor (Mrs.) Poelstra moved that we approve travel for Tyler Poelstra to attend any meetings regarding Prince of Wales cell phone coverage improvements with a \$500 travel budget.

- *Seconded by Councilor Henson*
- **Approved by unanimous vote of the council**

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Persons to Be Heard

None.

Adjournment

Councilor (Mrs.) Poelstra moved that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion seconded by Councilor (Mr.) Poelstra.

Meeting adjourned at 7:07 PM.