

# City of Edna Bay - Regular Meeting

## 1 — Meeting Date, Place and Call to order:

This Regular meeting was held on Monday, August 13th, 2018 at Edna Bay School.  
Mayor Richter called the meeting to order at 6:06 PM.

## 2 — Roll Call:

Heather Richter	- Mayor / Presiding Officer	(Present)
Karen Williams	- Vice Mayor / City Council	(Present)
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:

Louise DiPaolo	Roger DiPaolo	Russ Bartels	Joe Wargi	Sharon Wargi
Jim Cramer	Sue Crew	John Dodson	Mike Woodhouse	

## 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 July 11th, 2018 - No questions or comments.

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

### Motion:

Mayor Richter moved to pass the consent agenda as presented.

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

## 3.1 — Business:

### **New Business:**

- a: *Election Judges for 2018 Annual Election, Discussion and Decision.*
- b: *Pursuing Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) Funding for the Harbor, Discussion and Decision.*

## 4 — Mayor's Report:

No report

## 5 — Clerk's Report:

2018 Election timeline has been posted, and all activities are on-time.

## 6 — Treasurer's Report:

Myla Poelstra read back the treasurer's report and noted the \$100 of petty cash for the bulk fuel facility.

## 7 —

## Committee Reports

### 7.1 — Dock Committee:

Tyler Poelstra (Dock Chairman) explained that an issue had been brought to him regarding installing railings at the entrance to the gangway to prevent someone from falling down into the water. It was also suggested that ladders could be installed on the dock so that if someone falls in the water they can swim to the ladder and climb out. He asked what the attendance felt about the questions.

The general consensus was that with the new dock facility likely being installed in the near future it may be best to wait until then to possibly implement these items. Mayor Richter also noted that the City has installed a life ring at the dock to help if someone falls in the water. Mayor Richter said she would talk with the DOT about what they would normally do with installing ladders on dock facilities and report back.

#### **7.2 — Road Committee:**

Councilor Henson shared her concern with the state of the roads in Edna Bay. Mayor Richter stated that the road chairman will have a meeting before the next regular Council meeting.

#### **7.3 — EMS Committee:**

No report.

#### **7.4 — Search & Rescue Committee:**

Mayor Richter noted that she has been charging and maintaining the S&R Radios since they were purchased, but the radios have started to have issues over time. One battery has failed, and the screen on another radio is no longer functioning. Lee and Doris have donated a replacement radio to S&R to make up for the radios that are no longer functioning.

Mike Woodhouse would like to chair the committee. It was agreed to discuss him becoming the chairman at the next meeting.

#### **7.5 — Fire Committee:**

No report.

#### **7.6 — Fish & Game Advisory:**

No report.

#### **7.7 — Bulk Fuel:**

Mayor Richter reported that the City has received the most recent reimbursement funds from the AEA. The City is currently obtaining quotes on fencing for the facility, getting prices on tin to enclose the dispenser cages and deciding on what type of barricades would be best for in front of the dispensers. It was noted that the City would like to have alternative operators trained in the future, and will put out applications and select from the candidates at that time. The City will pay travel to/from Anchorage, and AVTech will cover training. It was agreed to prepare for sending someone for the April, 2019 class.

Tyler Poelstra (Plant Manager) reported that the painting on all of the exposed pipe in 3 colors is completed. He explained his frustration with misinformation regarding the fuel sales and taxes, and how rumors divide the community. He explained that the Council has no power to enact any tax. Every registered voter would have an opportunity to opt-in to any tax by ballot during a special or annual election, and a majority would need to do so for one to be implemented. He suggested that the worst thing that could happen if fuel sales fell too low, is that not enough R&R/O&M would be generated to replace the facility after 40 years.

Councilor Henson asked if there were future plans for propane storage/sales. Mayor Richter said that not at this time, or during this phase of construction.

### **8 — New Business**

#### **Item A – Election Judges For The 2018 Annual Election...:**

Councilor (Mr.) Poelstra explained that this activity would normally be conducted 30 days before the Election on September 2nd, but he felt it would be good to start discussing who would like to volunteer to be the 2018 Election judges early, or approve them in advance of that date.

Councilor Henson offered, if she was able. Karen Williams also offered. Title 5 Elections was cited as specifying that Council members cannot be Election Judges.

Sue Crew offered, but only if she could be in the library during library hours. Mayor Richter said that all judges need to be at their post for the entire 12-hour election day window.

Sharon Wargi volunteered. Mike Woodhouse volunteered, but will need to get registered to vote right away.

Louise DiPaolo volunteered.

Consensus of the public attendants was taken in favor of the three volunteers. No objections were noted.

**Motion:**

Mayor Richter moved that we accept Sharon Wargi, Louise DiPaolo and Mike Woodhouse as 2018 Election Judges.

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

***Item B – Pursuing Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) Funding For The Harbor....:***

Councilor (Mr.) Poelstra explained that during his recent conversation with the DOT, they suggested that if the City can locate and obtain additional funds for the dock facility replacement project, the DOT would incorporate them in to ensure we get the best possible facility. They suggested looking into FLAP funding, which some other communities have obtained up to \$40,000 from for their harbors.

Consensus of the public attendants was taken in favor of pursuing FLAP funding. No objections were noted.

**Motion:**

Mayor Richter moved to apply for FLAP funding for the Edna Bay Dock and to identify and apply for others as available.

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

Councilor (Mrs.) Greif asked if the City can discuss pros/cons for the replacement dock being installed on the School side of the bay compared to where it is now.

**9 — *Persons to Be Heard***

Councilor (Mr.) Poelstra recapped his visit to Prince of Wales to attend a meeting with GCI in Coffman Cove. His feeling was that they are interested in improving cell coverage, but that it is hard to make a business case, and it may take years before anything comes to fruition.

Russ Bartels noted for the record his view that the Edna Bay Dock is a “Welfare Dock”, and that we may want to put a “Use at your own risk” sign somewhere near the entrance to the facility.

Roger DiPaolo noted that in July he met with the president of AP&T. The company shared their difficulty providing telephone services in Edna Bay. They indicated that the old wireless system is obsolete, and that they feel there are no good replacement technologies on the market for this type of location. This means he will not be able to receive phone service.

***Adjournment***

Mayor Richter moved that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion seconded by Councilor (Mrs.) Poelstra.

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 PM.