

City of Edna Bay - Regular Meeting

1 — Meeting Date, Place and Call to order:

This Regular meeting was held on Monday, January 14th, 2019 at Edna Bay School.
At the approval of those in attendance, Mayor Richter called the meeting to order at 6:05 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:

Joe Wargi	Katie Buss	Sharon Wargi	Richard Stockdale
Brian Poelstra	Louise DiPaolo	Roger DiPaolo	John Dodson
Brian Mortensen	Becky Mortensen	Sue Crew	Pat Richter

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: Special Minutes of December 3rd, 2018 - Extra letter "a" needs removed before "reducing".
- 2: Regular Minutes of December 11th, 2018 - "Brian" spelled incorrectly, needs correction.

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

Motion:

Mayor Richter moved to approve the consent agenda.

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

3.1 — Business:

Old Business:

- a: Opening of Bids/Award For Road Contracts EDB-11-18-C105 and EDB-11-18-C106, Discussion and Decision.
- b: City Employment / Bulk Fuel Training Opportunity, Discussion and Decision.

New Business:

- a: First Reading of Budget Amendment Ordinance #18-17NCO for Fuel and Postal, Discussion and Decision.
- b: Shared Fisheries Resolution #2019-17, Discussion and Decision.
- c: Resolution #2019-18 to DOT regarding New Dock Construction and Transfer to City Ownership, Discussion and Decision.

4 — Mayor's Report:

No report.

5 — Clerk's Report:

No report.

6 — Treasurer's Report:

Myla Poelstra read back the treasurer's report. ~\$97K in fuel sales to date. DOT reimbursement has been received for work completed last season, and the final reimbursement has been received from the AEA for bulk fuel facility development expenses. Sue Crew raised a question from the last meeting around the finances for the bulk fuel facility. Myla explained the processing sequence with Quickbooks, Square deposit delays and that it sometimes allows for data not to be available for accounts receivable in time for the meeting.

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Committee Reports

7.1 — Dock Committee:

Tyler Poelstra reported that the middle breakwater light has been inspected and found to be working normally. He explained that the finger floats are at the end of their usable life and a decision needs to be made in the near future on whether to try to patch them along until the new dock is built, or remove them. Councilor Henson noted that the finger floats are in need of some safety improvements.

Councilor (Mrs.) Greif requested discussing figures for the new breakwater design for the next agenda.

7.2 — Road Committee:

No report. A special thanks was given to Brian Mortensen for plowing the road.

7.3 — EMS Committee:

No report.

7.4 — Search & Rescue Committee:

No report.

7.5 — Fire Committee:

No report.

7.6 — Fish & Game Advisory:

No report.

7.7 — Bulk Fuel:

Myla Poelstra reported that the bulk fuel facility construction expenses have been fully reimbursed and the project is now officially closed out. A few improvement items are in need of completion, primarily the installation of the lexan sheeting to the dispenser cages to reduce rain exposure. This item was struck from the fence contract due to the lexan not being available for installation at the time. The lexan is now in Edna Bay and ready for installation.

Mayor Richter noted that part of the remaining grant funding was used to purchase additional facility lighting, a containment boom and a few remaining items.

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Old Business

Item A – Opening of Bids/Award For Road Contracts....:

Mayor Richter asked if any bids were submitted; no bids were announced or submitted.

Sue Crew asked where the notice was posted for the new date the bids would be opened, and felt it should be included somewhere in the contracts and/or posted publicly in an obvious location. Councilor (Mr.) Poelstra noted that he announced the new bid closure date at that December meeting while Sue was present and agreed that a more obvious notice could be posted for the two qualified local contractors to inspect. Mayor Richter stated the bid opening will be moved out one more month with new notices for the closing date posted.

Louise DiPaolo stated she would like to see the safety logs installed in the next month, or let to bid outside of Edna Bay to get the project completed. Mayor Richter explained the costs would be prohibitively high to mobilize equipment from Prince of Wales for such a small project.

Item B – City Employment / Bulk Fuel Training Opportunity....:

Mayor Richter explained that the City would like to train one, possibly two individuals to operate the Bulk Fuel Facility. The City will have an application process, with notices posted and applications available for request from the Clerk hopefully in the next week. The item will be on the agenda for next month to come back and look at candidates.

After brief discussion Mayor Richter noted that the position will be for 2.25 - 2.50 hours per week and will be an on-call position. With an interest in hiring up to two individuals, it won't amount to many hours for the two standby operators. The position will require the candidate to attend AVTech in Seward and pass a required 65-hour bulk fuel training class, a 40-hour HAZWOPER class and accept the terms of the City Personnel Handbook.

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New Business

Item A – First Reading of Budget Amendment Ordinance #19-17NCO....:

The draft ordinance was projected on the overhead, read back and copies shared with those in attendance.

Sue Crew noted her interpretation of the municipal code to mean that any expense over \$5000 should be let as a contract. Mayor Richter stated that the question about the Post Office budget requiring a contract will be revisited at the next meeting. It was noted that services of this nature fall under different criteria.

Mayor Richter stated that the remaining Bulk Fuel construction budget needs to be reclaimed now that the project is principally completed. Councilor (Mrs.) Poelstra suggested moving all but \$7K of the remaining construction budget into the general fund, leave a small portion of funds for completing the installation of the lexan and any other minor components.

It was agreed to amend the draft ordinance and include the details as discussed.

Consensus of the public attendants was taken in favor of amending the ordinance to include the new specified budgetary changes. No objections were noted.

Motion:

Mayor Richter moved that we add Item C to Section 4, un-encumbering \$90,000.00 from Bulk Fuel construction, returning it to the General Fund.

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

Consensus of the public attendants was taken in favor of the amended draft ordinance. No objections were noted.

Motion:

Councilor (Mrs.) Poelstra moved to accept the first reading of Budget Amendment Ordinance #19-17NCO, including the noted amendments.

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

Item B – Shared Fisheries Resolution #2019-17....:

The draft resolution was projected on the overhead and copies handed out and reviewed. The amount of funds that will be provided for submitting the resolution is not known at this time. It was noted this is an annual process.

Consensus of the public attendants was taken in favor of passing the shared fisheries resolution. No objections were noted.

Motion:

Mayor Richter moved that we pass Resolution #2019-17 as presented..

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

Item C – Resolution #2019-18 to DOT Regarding New Dock Construction and Transfer....:

The draft resolution was projected on the overhead, copies presented to those in attendance and reviewed.

Mayor Richter introduced the resolution, noting that Mike Lukshin and Kirk Miller came to Edna Bay in late October to present DOT's plan for the facility and get input from locals. She explained that the DOT can not move forward with pursuing funding or a draft design without a show of good faith from the City by passing the first resolution of support for the DOT. After construction, the City will then take ownership of the new dock facility.

Mayor Richter summarized a recent conversation she had with Mike Lukshin, and he emphasized the importance of the DOT holding a resolution from the City before they can continue forward with the project. The current resolution does not bind the City to take ownership of the dock yet, but is necessary for DOT to prioritize obtaining funds and securing their application to this facility. DOT has indicated that the City can always back out of the resolution up to the point of letting the actual contract for construction. A second resolution will be necessary to select the final design plan from the group that are provided.

Consensus of the public attendants was taken in favor of accepting the resolution as presented. No objections were noted.

Motion:

Mayor Richter moved that we adopt Resolution #2019-18, in support of the DOT (Alaska Department of Transportation) replacing the Edna Bay float harbor facility.

- *Seconded by Councilor (Mr.) Poelstra*

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

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Persons to Be Heard

Sue Crew stated she is looking to purchase the CPR mannequins from the City if possible.

Pat Richter read back a written document that he provided based on his feelings, best recollection and historical position(s) regarding the Post Office (this is a bulleted summary of an extended comment):

- Has heard he was accused of stopping the Federal Post office in the early 90's by several people.
- Recited his recollection of the history of the Post Office in Edna Bay and those who were operating it.
- Noted he is only one vote, and the meeting where the post office vote was reversed was because it was agreed in the (then) Community Association not to hold meetings while the Fishermen were out of town.
- He recalled the meeting was not posted correctly as per the by-laws which he stated as his reason for moving to invalidate the meeting at the time.
- He explained his recollection that the vote that was reversed had to do with hiring an employee to sort the mail and did not have to do with a Federal Post Office.
- Explained that DCRA was eventually involved in confirming whether or not the meeting was legally invalidated, which he explained was supported by DCRA after a review of the bylaws.
- Has heard rumor that it was reversed because of \$20 for each postal box, and felt it only had to do with opposition to hiring an employee to run the post office which some felt could strap the community.
- Noted his historical position that government should not be in business.
- Best recollection was 24 against and 4 in favor of the postal vote, feels he couldn't have possibly directed the vote of that many people and felt those who voted for it initially were against it once they had the facts.
- Stated that Federal funding went away in that time period for new post offices, and felt that is why the Federal Post office was not an option.
- Stated he will not bear burden for stopping Federal Post Office for coming to Edna Bay, and feels its sad that people in the Bay accuse people of things without all of the facts.
- Felt that he and others would have been in favor of a Federal Post office, and recalled work was done to apply for a Federal Post Office and was almost successful had it not been for Federal funding drying up.
- Stated his request that when people hear rumors or accusations that they go to the person being talked about and ask them directly for more information.

Councilor Williams stated that the only thing she has against all of this is that she brought up the topic two months ago to remind us that we missed something and didn't want to do that again. She stated that she did not accuse Pat of anything and asked why he didn't come to her directly.

Mayor Richter stopped the conversation and stated that Person's to Be Heard is NOT a back and forth, and attendants of the meeting are not allowed to go back and forth.

Councilor (Mr.) Greif noted the he wanted to apologize for repeating that he had heard that, and didn't have

all the facts and should have approached it differently.

Councilor Williams asked if she can finish her comment. Louise DiPaolo asked if Karen could finish her comment. Mayor Richter stated that though she hears Louise feels that way that is not what Person's to Be Heard is for and unless there were any other person's to be heard we would start to move for adjournment.

Mayor Richter asked permission to summarize Pat's comment into bullet points. Pat stated he was okay with a condensed summary.

Adjournment

Mayor Richter moved that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion to adjourn seconded by Councilor Henson.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.