

# City of Edna Bay - Special Meeting

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

This Special meeting was held on Tuesday, February 19th, 2015 at Edna Bay School. Mayor Richter called the meeting to order at 6:10 PM.

## 2 — Roll Call:

Heather Richter	- Mayor / Presiding Officer	(Present)
Tyler Poelstra	- Clerk / City Council	(Present)
Myla Poelstra	- Treasurer / City Council	(Present)
Carleigh Fairchild	- City Council	(Present)
Doris Greif	- City Council	(Present)

## 2.1 — Public Participants:

Joe Wargi	Sharon Wargi	Pat Richter	Fran Wright	Curtis Greif
Lee Greif				

## 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.

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

## 3.1 — Business:

### Special Business:

- a: Discussion and approval of City letter to the University of Alaska

## 4 — Special Business

### Item A – Discussion and Approval of City Letter to the University of Alaska:

Mayor Richter introduced the agenda item. She noted that Patrick Kelly (University of Alaska) said that he could help the City of Edna Bay with planning for an energy solution.

The draft letter was read and shared with the Council and public in attendance. Councilor Fairchild asked if the word “Community” at the start of the letter should be “City” now that the City has formed. Councilor (Mr.) Poelstra added that he felt since Patrick extended the offer to us now that we were a City, using the nomenclature that would give him the best leverage to access funds and resources to meet our desired request might be best. Members of the public in attendance felt that we are still a Community even though the City has formed, and others felt that language stating that he met with the Community and City Council would sufficiently address both points.

Councilor Fairchild asked that since the letter addresses woody biomass generation and previous hydroelectric pursuits, that it may be beneficial to have the University be inclusive of Wind generation as well to see how many viable options may be available to the City to access from in the future.

Discussion continued on whether or not Hydroelectric generation should be included in the letter, and if the letter should only go to the University of Alaska, or also to the AEA and USFS as Patrick had suggested. It was agreed to leave Hydroelectric in the letter along with other alternatives, and only submit the letter to the University of Alaska at this time, since Patrick and the University specifically extended the offer for support in finding solutions.

## 5 – Persons to be Heard:

Fran Rhodes asked about the letter heading and how it would be formatted. It was noted that it will be a standard letter head with “City of Edna Bay” in the title.

Pat Richter stated that he is concerned about seeing the City become too overloaded in the future, and wants to see each decision carefully considered.

Councilor (Mrs.) Poelstra noted that typically these sorts of projects take 5-10 years to see to completion, but they have to start with a conversation like those held at this meeting.

Joe Wargi noted that due to how unique Edna Bay is, a solution might be possible and reached sooner than expected.

### **Adjournment**

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

Motion seconded by Councilor Greif

Meeting adjourned at 6:36 PM.