

City of Edna Bay - Special Meeting

1 — Meeting Date, Place and Call to order:

This Special meeting was held on Thursday, March 26th, 2015 at Edna Bay School.
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)
Carleigh Fairchild	- City Council	(Present)
Doris Greif	- City Council	(Present)
Paul Haag	- City Council	(Present)

2.1 — Public Participants:

Joe Wargi Pat Richter Curtis Greif Lee Greif Mike Williams

3 — Consent Agenda:

A: Approval of Meeting Agenda:

The current agenda was read by Mr. Poelstra.

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

Motion:

Mayor Richter moved to approve the Consent Agenda as read.

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

3.1 — Business:

Special Business:

- a: *Breakwater Anchor Line Discussion and Decision*

4 — **Special Business**

Item A – Breakwater Anchor Line Discussion and Decision:

Councilor (Mr.) Poelstra explained the information related to the issue at hand. The anchor line on the Northernmost anchor has frayed and come free, which initially led to the poly-line floating at the surface until a volunteer bundled the line and affixed a buoy. Councilor (Mr.) Poelstra prepared a set of records for the Council and public to review before reaching a decision, and detailed the pertinent history related to the Northernmost anchor. The anchor line has broken previously due to its path passing over a rock shelf that causes abrasion damage.

The records related to the anchor and its placement beginning in early 2008 indicated that its placement and installation were due to the pre-existing outside anchor not being found during diver inspections, warranting the need for an additional anchor at the time. The previously lost anchor has been located recently and is currently being utilized by the breakwater. Councilor (Mr.) Poelstra felt that due to the original anchor being utilized, the newer anchor was no longer necessary. He recommended that a diver be hired to have the line removed from the unnecessary anchor to remove any further navigational hazard in the future.

Discussion opened on whether to work with the outside anchor and continue to utilize it. One member of the public noted that it was his recollection that the original outside anchor also forces the line to pass over a rock, and that it may still be beneficial to maintain use of the newer outside anchor as well. It was suggested that until a solution can be reached, that the line be extended, re-attached to the breakwater and sunk to remove the navigational hazard until a diver can come and remove the line or replace it.

Councilor (Mr.) Poelstra noted that he would like to see a clear decision on how the City will resolve the issue at hand and not push the resolution timeline out, since the Coastguard is being appraised of the status

of the hazard until it can be eliminated. He explained that there were in-process communications to have an additional rock anchor placed to replace the newer far outside anchor. He felt that with the original outside anchor now being utilized that the facility and its support structures are adequate at this time.

It was agreed to hire a diver, remove the line(s) from the outside anchor and have him find a good location for a new rock anchor, as well as inspect all existing attachment points for the breakwater anchors while he is in Edna Bay. A question was raised on if the bundle should be cut. Councilor Haag felt it would be nice to be able to re-use the line if it could be left as intact as possible. It was agreed not to remove the bundle.

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

Motion:

Councilor Fairchild moved to contact a diver with Diversified Diving to remove the outside anchor line and determine optimal placement of a future additional anchor, and conduct an inspection of all other anchor lines.

- *Seconded by Councilor (Mr.) Poelstra*

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

Councilor Greif felt strong concern with leaving the line floating in a bundle. Councilor (Mr.) Poelstra noted that the Coastguard has already been notified of its placement and that it is bundled and attached to an buoy. He felt if any change is made to the existing placement until a diver can remove the hazard, that it be based on the Coastguards best recommendation of procedure.

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

Motion:

Councilor (Mr.) Poelstra moved that the floating line be maintained in a state as recommended by the Coastguard until it can be removed.

- *Seconded by Councilor Williams*

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

Councilor (Mr.) Poelstra noted that he would call Diversified Diving and get a quote as soon as possible and get an estimated date of arrival to resolve the issue. He also noted that as soon as he could get the best recommendation from the Coastguard that he would notify the Council of his findings so that any necessary action could be taken.

5 – Persons to be Heard:

None.

Adjournment

Councilor Fairchild moved that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion seconded by Councilor Haag

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.