

City of Edna Bay - Regular Meeting

1 — Meeting Date, Place and Call to order:

This Regular meeting was held on Monday, March 14th, 2016 at Edna Bay School.
Mayor Richter called the meeting to order at 6:10 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	(Absent)
Doris Greif	- City Council	(Present)
Paul Haag	- City Council	(Absent)

2.1 — Public Participants:

Lee Greif	Maureen Viera	Richard Stockdale	Pat Richter
Sharon Wargi	Mike Williams		

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:

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| 1: Regular Meeting Minutes of February 8th, 2016 | - No questions or objections |
| 2: Emergency Meeting Minutes of February 25th, 2016 | - No questions or objections |
| 3: Special Meeting Minutes of February 29th, 2016 | - No questions or objections |

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: *AMLJIA Insurance Policy Changes, Discussion and Decision.*
- b: *West Edna Bay DNR Public Use Area and Dock Facility Purchase or Public and Charitable Lease Resolution.*
- c: *Title 4 Attorney Review, Discussion and Decision.*
- d: *Public Hearing - Title 4 Amendments - Chapters 4.01, 4.04, 4.08, 4.12, 4.16, and 4.17 of the Edna Bay Municipal Code, Ordinance 2016-09CO.*

New Business:

- a: *Municipal Water Rights for Local Water Sources 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.

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Committee Reports

7.1 — Dock Committee:

Tyler Poelstra (Dock Chairman) reported that work needs to be done at the dock, but that Title 4 is needed for projects to be put out to bid. Once Title 4 is adopted, he indicated that he would like to begin having committee meetings to organize the first maintenance projects for the year.

7.2 — Road Committee:

Pat Richter (Road Chairman) noted that bridge work on the main road system is still coming, and that the delay in the project starting is due to an additional bridge being built.

He shared that without Title 4 being ready to use for work on the road system, no local work can be done at this time. He asked if it would be possible for the City to ask the USFS if they are willing to locate / apply funding for topping the remaining areas of the road that will not be upgraded during the bridge contract. Mayor Richter indicated that she would call the USFS and ask questions on the subject and get back to everyone, but also felt that it may be advisable not to ask for too much with the bridges being rebuilt.

Councilor (Mrs.) Poelstra noted her feeling that with the bridges being rebuilt, and the roads being used for logging activity that it was likely the areas not seeing improvements would take on more damage from the increase in commercial use, and wanted to know if the road system could hold up to that level of activity. Pat indicated that part of logging contracts is to maintain the road infrastructure used to access and transport the logs and that requirement would take care of the road system in Edna Bay.

Richard asked if the City could improve the West Edna Bay boat launch to mitigate the impacts caused to access around the bay while the bridges are out or blocked for several months. Mayor Richter indicated the City could look into that, but that improvements to the launch site near the school would involve working with SISD before making any improvements.

7.3 — EMS Committee:

Karen Williams (EMS Administrator) reported that a meeting was held last week. ETT Recertification with Chaundel was discussed. The schedule is currently for Chaundel to be in Edna Bay for the recertification in early May.

Pat asked if the EMS could inquire about whether or not Chaundel would have time to schedule and provide First Aid training to local fisherman and forest workers. Some felt that Chaundel's schedule was very tight as is, and it would be very unlikely that more training could fit in this time. Mike asked if ETT's can train these locals in the basic First Aid Skills. Karen indicated that ETT's cannot provide training, but that Chaundel is able to train an individual certifier in the EMS to support the needs of locals if we are interested.

7.4 — Search & Rescue Committee:

Pat Richter (S&R Chairman) had no report.

7.5 — Fire Committee:

Lee Greif (Fire Chief) had no report.

7.6 — Fish & Game Advisory:

Pat Richter (Advisory Committee Chairman) had no report..

7.7 — Bulk Fuel:

Mayor Richter reported that the AEA is still negotiating with the contractor. All they are able to do right now is look at reworking the site to fit into the remaining funding. New information will be shared as it becomes available.

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Old Business

Item A – AMLJIA Insurance Policy Changes....:

Mayor Richter explained that the agenda item is for sharing information on changing policy holders as more

becomes available for consideration. As previously stated, the policy currently held by the City may be inadequate for the Harbor, which may make a supplemental policy necessary. The City will also need Pollution Insurance for the Bulk Fuel Facility, however research on that policy is on hold until more information is known on the status of the project and its needs.

The Mayor shared that the goal with changing policy providers is to save funds and maintain necessary coverage in the process. She stated that there are no decisions to be made at this time, only more new information to consider. As she can gather more information more will continue to be shared until an eventual decision on the matter can be reached.

She shared that one important reason to increase the Harbor policy is that AMLJIA has made the City aware that under the D.O.T. Maintenance Agreement the City agrees to indemnify the State of Alaska, and that the standard policy we hold with AMLJIA may not be adequate. The Mayor shared that some policy information may not be back until some time in May, but still in time for incorporation of any changes in funding to be added to the FY '17 budget figures.

Item B – West Edna Bay DNR Public Use Area and Dock Facility...:

Councilor (Mrs.) Poelstra shared that she has calls out on the item, but she is waiting on more information to come back from DNR. The application for the area has been submitted and accepted by DNR.

Item C – Title 4 Attorney Review...:

Mayor Richter shared that Title 4 has now been vetted by two LGS's, AMLJIA, and through an extensive public process. She asked if anyone felt that it was still necessary to send the Title 4 documents to an attorney for a complete review.

Pat felt there was no reason to spend funding on that kind of review after such a thorough process by so many who have been involved. Councilor (Mrs.) Poelstra felt that if money were not an issue it may be a prudent decision to spend a little now to avoid potentially spending more later, but also felt that an attorney review will not prevent a lawsuit.

Consensus of the public attendants was not to send Title 4 to an attorney at this time, and no objections were noted.

Motion:

Mayor Richter moved to suspend the previous motion to send in Title 4 for attorney review.

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

Item D – Public Hearing - Title 4 Amendments ... Ordinance 2016-09CO:

Mayor Richter explained that the Amendments in the documents have been reviewed previously, and asked if anyone had any comments about them or would like any further review or changes. None were stated.

Councilor (Mrs.) Poelstra stated that Title 4 is the most thoroughly vetted title in the City's municipal code, and feels very confident of the in-depth process and reviews that have been done to bring it to this point. Mayor Richter noted that to adopt this Title 4 it will be necessary to rescind the previous version of Title 4 in its entirety, replacing it with the final contents of Ordinance 2016-09CO. Councilor (Mr.) Poelstra read back the contents of Ordinance 2016-09CO to all in attendance.

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

Motion:

Mayor Richter moved to rescind the prior version of Title 4 and adopt the contents and amendments of Ordinance 2016-09CO in its entirety as the new Title 4.

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

Item A – Municipal Water Rights...:

Councilor (Mr.) Poelstra explained that Brian Mortensen has shown an interest in seeing the City discuss the merits of, and options for, obtaining Municipal Water Rights if not for protection of the sources that residents utilize, for potential economic gain. He had cited Sitka's use of municipal water rights to sell tanker loads of water for large sums of revenues to support the City and the needs of residents.

Pat felt that of the streams that are used for water sources around Edna Bay, none of them provide enough water volume to make selling it viable. Many in attendance felt that it may be worth obtaining water rights, but that more information and discussion will be needed. Mayor Richter indicated that water rights for private land owners and those the City would obtain are different in nature, and more research is needed on this topic. Pat felt that the community has been moving on this topic since that local water study was done.

It was agreed to continue researching into the item.

10 — Persons to Be Heard

Pat shared that Cory (Division of Forestry), Eric (Alcan Timber), Patrick (University of Alaska), and Clarence will be in Edna Bay to host a ribbon cutting ceremony and a hot dog roast at the new Edna Bay LTF on Wednesday at 4:00PM, and everyone in Edna Bay is invited to attend. Councilor Williams noted that she had notified everyone that it was coming, but will get ahold of them and note the time it will start.

Adjournment

Mayor Richter moved that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion seconded by Councilor Greif

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM.