

# City of Edna Bay - Regular Meeting

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

This Regular meeting was held on Monday, September 13th, 2021 via Cisco WebEx teleconference. Mayor Poelstra called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

## 2 — Roll Call:

Tyler Poelstra	- Mayor / City Council	(Present)
Karen Williams	- Vice Mayor / City Council	(Present)
Myla Poelstra	- Clerk + Treasurer / City Council	(Present)
Mike Williams	- City Council	(Present)
Sandy Henson	- City Council	(Present)
Paul Haag	- City Council	(Present)
Doris Greif	- City Council	(Present)

## 2.1 — Public Participants:

Katie Buss	Joe Wargi	Sharon Wargi	Brian Mortenson	Becky Tenant
Louise DiPaolo	Roger DiPaolo	Camille Cattanni		

## 3 — Consent Agenda:

### A: Approval of Meeting Agenda:

The current agenda was read by Mayor 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 Meeting Minutes of August 8th, 2021 - No questions.
- 2: Special Meeting Minutes of September 3rd, 2021 - No questions.

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

### Motion:

Mayor Poelstra moved to approve the consent agenda as presented.

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

## 3.1 — Business:

### Old Business:

- a: *Draft Municipal Code "Title 7 - Harbor Facilities" (Pending Availability), Discussion and Decision.*
- b: *Bulk Fuel Sales Discount (2,000+ Gallons) Revision or Removal, Discussion and Decision.*

### New Business:

- a: *Bid Opening for Outer T-Float, Discussion and Decision.*
- b: *Draft Certified Financial Statement Resolution #2021-30, Discussion and Decision.*
- c: *Evaluating / Continuing Telephonic City Meetings, Discussion and Decision.*

## 4 — Mayor's Report:

Mayor Poelstra reported that another request has been sent out to DOT for conclusion of the Harbor Project so the City can release local funds encumbered to it. These encumbered funds will then be available to designate to other projects, such as rock blasting for municipal road repairs. The draft of Title 7- Harbors is not yet available for review. It is actively being developed, with the aim to keep it simple and accessible with language that aligns with what has already been approved in the temporary harbor policies.

He also reported that the Municipal General Election is on track.

## **5 — Clerk's Report:**

No report.

## **6 — Treasurer's Report:**

Myla Poelstra (Treasurer) read back the Treasurer's Report. There were no questions.

## **7 — Committee Reports**

### **7.1 — Dock Committee:**

Tyler Poelstra (Dock Chairman) had nothing new to report.

### **7.2 — Road Committee:**

Michael Williams (Road Chairman) said he and the Mayor reviewed areas around town and identified a suitable location for a new rock pit to be developed near the small LTF in Edna Bay. Mayor Poelstra is working to get a dialogue between stakeholders in the area (USFS, Mental Health, DNR) for approval so that the pit can be stripped, loaded and blasted as quickly as possible.

### **7.3 — EMS Committee:**

Karen Williams (EMS Administrator) reported that COVID-19 infection are rising rapidly again and to be cautious when traveling.

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

Roger DiPaolo (Chairman) had no report.

### **7.5 — Fire Committee:**

Brian Mortensen (Fire Chief) had no report.

### **7.6 — Fish & Game Advisory:**

No report.

### **7.7 — Bulk Fuel:**

Tyler Poelstra (Plant Manager) reported that the next load of fuel will be coming tomorrow and will deliver 9,000 gallons of unleaded gasoline and 1,500 gallons of #1 ULSD.

## **8 — Old Business**

### **Item A - Draft Municipal Code "Title 7 - Harbor Facilities", ...:**

Mayor Poelstra stated that the draft has not yet been fully prepared by our LGS's and that this item is tabled.

### **Item B - Bulk Fuel Sales Discount (2,000+ Gallons) Revision or Removal, ...:**

Mayor Poelstra explained some history with the number of bulk sales and what types of fuel were purchased since the facility opened. There has been a consistent level of intermittent bulk sales, but not a notable increase in bulk sales that could be attributed to the lower rate offered by the City for 2,000+ gallon loads.

Councilor Haag noted similar sentiment and felt there was not a valuable reason to maintain the discount.

Consensus of the public attendants was taken in favor of eliminating the 2,000+ gallon bulk discount, no objections were noted.

### **Motion:**

Councilor Haag moved to do away with the bulk discount at the bulk fuel facility..

- *Seconded by Mayor Poelstra*

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

## **9 — New Business**

### **Item A - Bid Opening for Outer T-Float, Discussion and Decision:**

Mayor Poelstra reported that no bids were received by the Saturday evening deadline. Councilor Haag



asked how specific a restriction was the term “local” on the notice. Mayor Poelstra noted that the term “local” is intended to mean anyone in the area, not necessarily limited to Edna Bay, even though it is preferred to always give locals first option on items put out to bid. Mayor Poelstra noted the City could reach out to Port Protection to see if there is any interest in the float since it was originally planned to be re-used there.

The notice will be reposted and bids will be opened at the next regular meeting.

**Item B - Draft Certified Financial Statement Resolution #2021-30, Discussion and Decision:**

Mayor Poelstra read back the language of the draft resolution to those in attendance and asked for questions.

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

**Motion:**

Mayor Poelstra moved that we accept Resolution #2021-30, FY '21 Certified Financial Statement as presented.

- *Seconded by Councilor Haag*
- **Approved by unanimous vote of the Council**

**Item C - Evaluating / Continuing Telephonic City Meetings, Discussion and Decision:**

Mayor Poelstra explained that it was agreed in June to revisit this as a formal agenda item in a few months time. Moving to teleconference last was based on case counts and public exposure risks which, as of this time last year, were averaging 100-160 per day in Alaska. Case counts as per DHS are currently more than 1000 cases per day, which is showing a trend in the wrong direction to return to normal in-person meetings.

The State of Alaska has delineated power to the municipalities to manage risks related to COVID, and the law as it currently stands would require masks if the City were to return to in-person meetings at this time. Mayor Poelstra also noted we are entering the time of year when it takes much longer to heat the facility, and road conditions for locals to drive to the meeting can be more challenging. He noted that once the City does return to in-person meetings, it would be his preference that teleconference access to the meetings be discontinued at that time.

After discussion it was agreed to revisit this agenda item in March of 2022, or sooner, if COVID conditions improve notably between now and then.

Consensus of the public attendants was taken in favor of revisiting this agenda item in March of 2022, or sooner, if COVID conditions improve notably between now and then. No objections were noted.

**Motion:**

Councilor Haag moved to continue telephonic meetings, with another agenda to continue or discontinue no later than March, 2022.

- *Seconded by Councilor (Mr.) Williams*
- **Approved by unanimous vote of the Council**

Mayor Poelstra noted that he continues to routinely heat and ozone and clean the High School room so it is ready to go when the City does return to in-person format meetings.

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***Persons to Be Heard***

Louise DiPoalo thanked the City for taking care of the High School room and making it available to her for her art class that she held there last month

Councilor Haag expressed his thanks to Myla Poelstra for her work on the Certified Statement as he is aware of all the effort it took to prepare it before the meeting. He noted that the only item we went over budget on was Postal and would like the City to add an agenda item next month for Postal.

***Adjournment***

Mayor Poelstra moved that the meeting be adjourned.  
Motion to adjourn seconded by Councilor (Mrs.) Williams.

