

# City of Edna Bay - Special Meeting

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

This Special meeting was held on Wednesday, March 2nd, 2022 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	(Resigned)

## 2.1 — Public Participants:

Katie Buss                      Brian Mortenson                      Becky Tennant                      Camille Cattani

## 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.

### Motion:

Mayor Poelstra moved to approve the consent agenda as presented.

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

## 3.1 — Special Business:

- a: *Discussion and Decision Regarding Unauthorized Vessel at Harbor.*

## 4 — **Special Business**

### **Item A - Discussion and Decision Regarding Unauthorized Vessel at Harbor, ...:**

Mayor Poelstra stated that an unpowered vessel was moved to the harbor before first light on March 1st. He noted the City must promptly work to discuss how to address this and communicate with the owner.

Mayor Poelstra read the applicable policies of Non-Code Ordinance #21-26NCO, citing examples of where an un-powered vessel is not allowed to anchor at the harbor and where the boat owner agrees to the policies governing the harbor when they tie to the facility. The policies provide for the Harbor Master to allow a timed exception, at his or her discretion, for the owner to remove the vessel or restore it to a running condition. The Mayor cited sections, 2, 4, 9 and 11.

Camille Cattani (Harbor Master) stated she has been in contact with a family member of the boat owner, and he has indicated there is a plan to tow the boat to Craig and have it hauled out in two weeks. She is actively pursuing information regarding the disposal of non-running vessels at the harbor by reaching out to harbor masters in other towns, including Craig, to see what they do in this kind of situation. She will also see who would be able to tow the vessel out of Edna Bay if removal becomes necessary.

Councilor Haag recommended that in the letter, and any other communication with those involved with the vessel, an appeal be included that states a little bit of communication goes a long way. Had there been clearly communicated expectations prior to the vessel moving to the dock, much of this could have been avoided. Though he understands wanting to discuss this in a meeting, he felt the Mayor and Harbor Master are already provided with necessary powers by the current policies to carry out steps that may be required if the City need to act on removing the vessel.

After discussion, it was agreed a letter should be sent to the boat owner via return-receipt, including a copy of the harbor policies and citing examples of why it is not in compliance and must be removed. A request will be made that the owners(s) keep an open communication channel with the City on the status of the boat until it can be removed. It was agreed to give the owner two weeks, and if the vessel is not moved by Friday, March 18th, the City will proceed with taking necessary action to have the vessel removed from the harbor.

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## ***Persons to Be Heard***

None.

## ***Adjournment***

Mayor Poelstra moved that the meeting be adjourned.  
Motion to adjourn seconded by Councilor (Mr.) Williams.  
Meeting adjourned at 6:27 PM.