

City of Edna Bay - Special Meeting (Postponed Regular Meeting)

1 — Meeting Date, Place and Call to order:

This Regular meeting was held on Monday, July 25th, 2022 via Cisco WebEx teleconference. Mayor Poelstra called the meeting to order at 6:00 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	(Absent)
Paul Haag	- City Council	(Present)
Camille Cattani	- City Council	(Absent)

2.1 — Public Participants:

Roger DiPoalo Louise DiPaolo Katie Buss

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 June 20th, 2022 - No questions.

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

Motion:

Mayor Poelstra moved to accept the consent agenda as presented.

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

3.1 — Business:

Old Business:

- a: *Road Grader / Snow Plow Considerations, Discussion.*
- b: *Draft Municipal Code "Title 7 - Harbor Facilities" (Pending Availability), Discussion and Decision.*
- c: *Extending Deadline of Ordinance #21-26NCO for Temporary Basic Harbor Policies, Discussion and Decision.*

New Business:

- a: *Edna Bay Watersheds, Discussion.*

4 — Mayor's Report:

Mayor Poelstra reported that the Bulk Fuel Facility just received 11,000 gallons of fuel. He also noted that the USCG is continuing to work the issue with the derelict boat at the harbor and will be following up soon.

The 2022 General Election timeline is posted. He shared that seats C and D are up for re-election this year.

Mayor Poelstra noted that he is currently planning to be absent from town most of September, returning on or before the 25th.

5 — Clerk's Report:

No report.

6 — Treasurer's Report:

Myla Poelstra (Treasurer) asked if attendees wanted to have the treasure's report read back in full, summarized or just to defer to the copy posted on the website. Attendees agreed reading the report back was not necessary and they can get copies from the City website if interested.

There were no questions or comments.

7 — *Committee Reports*

7.1 — Dock Committee:

Tyler Poelstra (Dock Chairman) recapped on conversation with the USGC. They are continuing to pursue remedies, and he noted that until the USCG follows through on their timelines he would prefer that the City hold off on contacting the municipal attorney to keep costs addressing this issue to a minimum.

7.2 — Road Committee:

Michael Williams (Road Chairman) not present, no report.

7.3 — EMS Committee:

Karen Williams (EMS Administrator) had no report.

7.4 — Search & Rescue Committee:

Roger DiPaolo (Chairman) noted that the committee is working on a policy for distribution of equipment, a release of responsibility document for responders and a Search & Rescue plan document. He asked if the records could be sent out or posted online somewhere. Mayor Poelstra suggested Roger post a notice in front of the Post Office with related information and a link to the records for the public to review.

7.5 — Fire Committee:

Brian Mortensen (Fire Chief) not present. Mayor Poelstra reported that there was a small brush fire near Brian Mortensen's house that was successfully put out by volunteers from around the bay. He felt the Fire Department should look at getting a grant to resupply locals with new fire extinguishers since so many were used on the brush fire.

He also felt holding a short volunteer class for proper use of a fire extinguisher would be valuable so that locals who may have never used an extinguisher before are better prepared in a high stress situation. Louise suggested that some of the old / out of date extinguishers could be donated and used for the class.

7.6 — Fish & Game Advisory:

No report.

7.7 — Bulk Fuel:

Tyler Poelstra (Plant Manager) reported that the annual USCG pressure testing conducted by Sam Johnson is complete and everything looked good during his panel of tests. He also noted that with the new volume of fuel there should not be a need for a new barge load until spring. He anticipates lower prices on this fuel.

8 — *Old Business*

Item A - Road Grader / Snow Plow Considerations,:

Mayor Poelstra noted that Joe Wargi is continuing to research available graders online and will let the City know if he locates another good candidate.

Item B - Draft Municipal Code "Title 7 - Harbor Facilities",:

No new information is available on this item. This item is tabled to the next meeting.

Item C - Extending Deadline of Ordinance #21-26NCO,:

Mayor Poelstra explained that the draft Title is not yet ready and as fall approaches it may become harder to get work done on the final harbors title around holidays. He suggested moving out the deadline 4 months.

Councilor Haag asked if it was possible to incorporate a yearly-rate into the current policy since it has taken so long to get Title 7 prepared, or if it would be better to wait until the final title is adopted. Mayor Poelstra said a new provision could be added, but it would require a new non-code ordinance to be drafted and passed since the City would be changing more than the effective end data of the current law.

Mayor Poelstra felt it was important not to give the impression of “grandfathering” in users at the low rate and it would be important to include language stating rates are subject to change and apply at the time of adoption. Councilor (Mrs.) Williams noted that it has already been discussed that in the final Title 7 there would be tiers of rates, including a yearly rate. Councilor Haag rescinded his request.

Consensus of the public attendants was taken in favor of extended the deadline of Non-code Ordinance #21-26NCO by 6 months, no objections were noted.

Motion:

Councilor Haag moved to extend the deadline for Non-Code Ordinance #21-26NCO six month to January 25th, 2023.

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

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New Business

Item A - Edna Bay Watersheds, ...:

Mayor Poelstra opened the item for discussion and deferred to Councilor Cattani to explain the request for this item to be on the agenda.

Camille has heard from some community members that they would like the water quality tested at Car Wash springs and a few other places around town and she wanted to discuss what that process would look like.

Mayor Poelstra explained the history of source testing that took place before the City was formed, and that only Car Wash was focussed on at the time. He suggested that private individuals who want to know water quality form their source of choice send a sample into a lab to have it tested and that if they have concerns about water quality that they should boil water or use a Brita filter to ensure it is clear of any items that may be unsanitary.

Mayor Poelstra explained the requirements for the City to conduct water testing and noted that the requirement for “safe” water to be established in town would be that the City work with the state to develop a water storage and treatment plant. This is an expensive option and requires trained personnel and chemical treatment of the water source. He also noted that Car Wash is on private property that is owned by Mental Health Land Trust, and could not be considered a City water source.

He explained that other municipals in the region have already recently enacted protections for their watersheds prior to the logging industry starting back up, and what other Cities have already spent time and money designing could provide Edna Bay with a model to establish identified watersheds. He felt that at some point the City may want to take on the project. Councilor (Mrs.) Williams suggested we leave this item be for now.

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Persons to Be Heard

None.

Adjournment

Mayor Poelstra moved that the meeting be adjourned.
Motion to adjourn seconded by Councilor Haag.
Meeting adjourned at 6:49 PM.