

City of Edna Bay - Regular Meeting

1 — Meeting Date, Place and Call to order:

This Regular meeting was held on Monday, October 24th, 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 - Teleconference)
Myla Poelstra	- Clerk + Treasurer / City Council	(Present)
Mike Williams	- City Council	(Present)
Sandy Henson	- City Council	(Present)
Paul Haag	- City Council	(Present)
Camille Cattani	- City Council	(Present)

2.1 — Public Participants:

Roger DiPaolo Louise DiPaolo Jay Towne

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 September 12th, 2022 - No questions.
- 2: Special Meeting Minutes of September 29th, 2022 - No questions.
- 3: Special Meeting Minutes of October 7th, 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 Haag*
- **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" (will be reviewed / revised at Work Sessions).*

New Business:

- a: Search & Rescue Presentation.

4 — Mayor's Report:

Mayor Poelstra reported that he checked in with DOT. They are working on closeout steps for the Harbor Project. They are working with DNR to complete the final survey process, and reiterated they will be paying final survey fees related to the project. They asked that the City's committed funds for the project remain committed, as agreed to by resolution, until the project is officially closed out.

Mayor Poelstra stated the Title 7 draft needs some reformatting and typo corrections. He noted that he is not quite halfway through detailed review of the documents. He suggested we could continue document review over the holidays and then start to schedule work sessions when everyone is ready. He reiterated that if there are any specific concerns about the language in the draft, that everyone start to prepare those in a list that we send to our LGS lura for review prior to having him attend a work session to answer questions.

He noted that the drafts for Title 7 are based mostly off of Coffman Cove's harbor title. Iura used it as the foundation, since the language was all vetted by attorneys is recent, and is relative to our type of harbor, despite theirs being a bit larger. A discussion took place on where a future boat launch could be built and development planning being the next step for the City's entitlement and lease across from the school.

Mayor Poelstra said that as far as he was aware, the blasting pit preparations are moving along. The contractor had a breakdown while working and is going to wrap up the drilling as soon as the parts arrive.

He noted that Teleconference is working on the new equipment and noted that he voluntarily setup and paid for WebEx to this point. He started it on short notice due to the way the health mandates rolled out for public gatherings, and has been paying out of pocket since the start of the pandemic. He asked that at some point, the monthly fee for teleconferencing be picked up by the City, since it still provides a benefit to everyone. Councilor (Mrs.) Williams asked for this to be added to the next agenda for discussion and decision.

Mayor Poelstra noted that he has the rubber bumpers for the gangway ramp hand rail on order and will get them installed after they arrive.

He noted that the filled pot holes are holding up on the majority of the road surface except for the worst section of road that needed additional material past the big muskeg. There is an area near Steve Schallberger's that stays wet and could use a culvert, since it very quickly reverts to a pothole.

Councilors Cattani and (Mrs.) Williams are working to complete the DOT notice of intent to file application for road repairs. They will submit before the end of the month.

5 — Clerk's Report:

No report.

6 — Treasurer's Report:

Myla Poelstra (Treasurer) had nothing new to report. There were no questions for the Treasurer.

7 — *Committee Reports*

7.1 — Dock Committee:

Tyler Poelstra (Dock Chairman) had no report. Camille Cattani (Harbormaster) noted that the dock was mostly empty right now. Jay Towne asked if any person can pay to have more than one vessel at the harbor. It was noted that users can pay for more than one slip, if there is room.

7.2 — Road Committee:

Michael Williams (Road Chairman) explained that he was overseeing the blasting project. He mentioned that he received a letter from a community member about an area of road where water is washing some of the road out near their home. He and Mayor Poelstra will get together to drive the area and investigate further.

7.3 — EMS Committee:

Karen Williams (EMS Administrator) reported that there has been a big surge in COVID down South and hopes things will get better soon. She noted her hope to resume EMS meetings in January.

7.4 — Search & Rescue Committee:

Roger DiPaolo (Chairman) presented copies of a document that detailed the laws and specifics related to how a certified Search & Rescue is required to function and the related liabilities, if the City wants to see the group organize further than just being a volunteer equipment manager. This will be discussed further on the agenda item later in this meeting.

7.5 — Fire Committee:

Brian Mortensen (Fire Chief) not present. No report.

7.6 — Fish & Game Advisory:

No report.

7.7 — Bulk Fuel:

Tyler Poelstra (Plant Manager) reported that he is closely monitoring fuel levels and prices to aim for the best price for the next load of fuel. Councilor (Mrs.) Poelstra noted that fuel prices in Anchorage are \$5.49/gal for unleaded, and \$6.18 for diesel and noted that local prices, for our remote location, are still reasonable. Jay Towne noted his agreement that local prices are competitive with what he has seen nationally.

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Old Business

Item A - Road Grader / Snow Plow Considerations, ...:

Mayor Poelstra noted that he has not been successful in obtaining quotes from a trucking company yet. He's hoping to get a quote to ship a grader from the East Coast to Seattle, since a lot of the best deals on nice equipment are on the East Coast. We would then have an idea of whether it's worth it to aim that far away or not. Councilors Cattani and (Mr.) Williams noted that there is a road grader in Thorne Bay. Mike will follow up with the owner and get more information.

Councilor Henson noted that there is currently a lot of State and Federal money available for Alaska road infrastructure. There may be some good opportunities available to the City. Councilor (Mrs.) Williams noted that Mike is in a good position working with so many construction companies to get the word out that the City is looking for a good used Road Grader.

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

Mayor Poelstra noted that the agenda item was adjusted to focus on extended discussion for this item taking place at appropriate Work Sessions. He asked that everyone continue reviewing the draft documents and that once everyone is ready, we start holding work sessions to discuss potential changes and cleanup.

Councilor Haag asked if there was any known means or method of determining appropriate harbor rates.

Jay Towne provided some information on dollars and cents rates he has paid at a range of facilities, and noted the types of services offered by harbors he has moored at. He noted there can be variations on how the rate is applied based on how the City decides the length of boat should be determined, either by bracketed boat sizes or specific measured boat length. He also noted there can be differences between resident / non resident rates.

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New Business

Item A - Search & Rescue Presentation, ...:

Mayor Poelstra opened the floor to discuss the documentation prepared by Search & Rescue regarding the specific State guidelines and laws pertaining to certified Search & Rescue teams. The document provides the City with context on what kind of training requirements and liabilities exist if the City decides to expand the roles of Search & Rescue at any point.

Roger and Louise recommend that language related to Search & Rescue be amended down to state the chairperson is a "Volunteer Equipment Manager" so that it is clear the chair is not a responder, and the City is under no implied obligation to respond. Locals have always and will always respond to help neighbors in an emergency, and the availability of adequate supplies for those who do not have equipment would be facilitated by Search & Rescue in an equipment manager role.

It was agreed to add a discussion and decision item for changing the nomenclature of the Search & Rescue chairperson to "Edna Bay Volunteer Equipment Manager" to the next agenda.

Councilor Haag suggested that Search & Rescue look into a dog collar / tracker system for volunteers who go out into the woods, so it is possible to see where they have been in case any of them get turned around, and to help get to the lost person more quickly once they are located by one of the volunteers.

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Persons to Be Heard

Camille Cattani noted that the Library is adding an SISD approved diesel power solution paid for by a grant. It may involve changes to the power system for the building. The City may need to take that into account. Camille noted that she is working to see things remain equally shared.

Tyler Poelstra stated for the record that the Library and local government are separate entities, and were intentionally separated by vote in years past for reasons that have not changed. He stated he would be

contacting SISD to work directly with them on determining any policy changes to the City's use arrangement.

Adjournment

Mayor Poelstra moved that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion to adjourn seconded by Councilor (Mr.) Williams.

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 PM.