

# City of Edna Bay - Special Meeting

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

This Special meeting was held on Thursday, February 23rd, 2023 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	(Present)
Paul Haag	- City Council	(Absent)
Camille Cattani	- City Council	(Present)

## 2.1 — Public Participants:

None.

## 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 accept the consent agenda as presented.

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

## 3.1 — Special Business:

- a: *Final Shipping Arrangements and Purchasing Tire Chains for City Road Grader(s), Discussion and Decision.*
- b: *Comments Letter Regarding Division of Forestry 5-Year Schedule of Timber Sales (Parlay), Discussion and Decision.*

## 4 — Special Business

### Item A - Final Shipping Arrangements and Purchasing Tire Chains for City Road Grader(s), ....:

Mayor Poelstra explained that Mike Papac was up front about keeping the chains that are on the working grader the City purchased. He provided the name of a supplier that he buys his chains from and said chains run about \$800/pair, not including shipping. 3 sets of chains will be needed, and Mayor Poelstra is hoping to line up purchase of the chains so they can come out with the graders.

Consensus of the public attendants was taken in favor of ordering 3 pairs of tire chains for the City road grader, no objections were noted.

### Motion:

Councillor Cattani moved to spend up to \$3000.00 for 3 sets of tire chains for the road grader.

- *Seconded by Mayor Poelstra*
- **Approved Unanimously by vote of the council**

Mayor Poelstra reported that if everything lined up, during conversations with Mike Papac it may have been possible for the graders to be brought from Thorne Bay right to Edna Bay in one planned trip. Due to the uncertainty around available barges to Edna Bay, Mike's original offer to deliver graders to Nauakti for pickup is what the City can count on. Mayor Poelstra wanted to ensure we allocate necessary funding ahead of time if final barging via Island Marine Transport is required, so that the graders are not sitting in Nauakti unattended for an extended period of time.

Councillor Cattani is communicating with Sue Crew regarding the barge schedule and pricing. Rates for the barge have gone up, and depending on which barge Jere intends to load the graders onto the rate will be different. Currently, the new barge does not have a loading ramp, and there are concerns about the weight of hauling both machines on the smaller barge, so it may end up taking two trips.

When Jere is back in town a cost estimate will be provided so that a funding allocation can be made at a Special Meeting. Making an allocation for final barging has been tabled.

**Item B - Comment Letter Regarding Division of Forestry 5-Year Schedule of Timber Sales, ....:**

Mayor Poelstra explained that a letter was sent by Division of Forestry to the City via postal mail, and it just arrived over the weekend. The letter asked for comments regarding the DOF's 5-year Schedule of Timber Sales and they must be submitted no later than the end of the month, prompting this item to be added to the agenda. He noted of particular importance is DOF's mention of a requirement to establish an agreement with the City to use local roads and the small LTF near the harbor.

Mayor Poelstra reached out to Gregory Staunton at DNR regarding the lack of dialogue leading up to this comment period and formally requested he come to Edna Bay and meet with locals so that everyone has a chance to voice their comments and concerns regarding their proposed requirement to access City roads and infrastructure, and any other topics they want to bring to the conversation. He noted that if the City does not submit a comment letter at each stage of the project when opportunities are presented, it can lose the right to comment on future phases of these proposals.

Councilor Williams requested that the letter make them aware of the risks using Kosciusko Dr. presented to the bulk fuel facility, if there were to be a runaway loaded logging truck. He suggested that logs could be taken out of the new LTF in Shipley Bay as an alternative. He also had concerns that logs could block the area used for medivacs.

Councilor Cattani suggested that if they use the City LTF, there should be some funding assistance provided to the City for road repairs through a log tax or a use fee for the LTF.

Councilor Henson noted her concern that logs in the water near our new City dock could obstruct access for airplanes and potentially damage the new harbor if logs get away.

Councilor (Mrs.) Williams felt there would be much less liability for them if they did not come through the community.

Councilor (Mrs.) Poelstra is concerned that it would impact the City's ability to receive fuel from Petro Marine's barge if there are logs anywhere near where the lines are floated to the fuel facility.

During the meeting, Mayor Poelstra looked up the "Good Neighbor Agreement" noted by Greg Staunton. The agreement provides a formal union of management authority for DOF and USFS on Kosciusko Island.

After discussion, many items were requested for consideration and inclusion in a comment letter that will be submitted to DOF. Consensus was to have the letter drafted and submitted and not wait to bring it back to an additional meeting for review.

Councilor Williams asked that Mayor Poelstra ask our municipal attorney for an hour of his time to review this DOF plan and get information on what the City's rights are to protect itself from the agency using the community roads for logging traffic. Mayor Poelstra said he would work on getting a scheduled time as soon as possible.

**5 — *Persons to Be Heard***

Mayor Poelstra noted that POFD's notice came out today, reminding elected officials to get their information submitted by the middle of March.

***Adjournment***

Mayor Poelstra moved that the meeting be adjourned.  
Motion to adjourn seconded by Councilor (Mrs.) Poelstra.  
Meeting adjourned at 7:19 PM.