

# City of Edna Bay - Special Meeting

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

This Special meeting was held on Wednesday, January 10th, 2024 at Edna Bay School and via WebEx. Mayor Poelstra called the meeting to order at 6:10 PM.

## 2 — Roll Call:

Tyler Poelstra	- Mayor / City Council	(Present)
Sandy Henson	- Vice Mayor / City Council	(Present)
Myla Poelstra	- Clerk + Treasurer / City Council	(Present)
Mike Williams	- City Council	(Present)
Doris Greif	- City Council	(Present)
Jay Towne	- City Council	(Present - Teleconference)
Louise DiPaolo	- City Council	(Present)

## 2.1 — Public Participants:

Roger DiPaolo	Matthew Yellen	Sarah Yellen	Caleb Kitson
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## 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 Towne*
- **Approved by unanimous vote of the council**

## 3.1 — Special Business:

- a: *First Reading of Code-Ordinance #24-33CO Amending Title 6 to Add Chapter 6.50: Timber Harvest, Discussion and Decision.*

## 4 — Special Business

### Item A - First Reading of Code-Ordinance #24-33CO Amending Title 6 to Add Chapter 6.50 ...:

Mayor Poelstra read back the contents of the draft ordinance to those in attendance. Copies were available in paper format for attendees and on the City website.

Mayor Poelstra described some background on the origins of the language in the ordinance, and the work that has gone into preparing the ordinance with our LGS and attorney. The ordinance and related Timber Transport Permit are derived almost entirely from the language used in the laws in the Mat-Su Borough. The ordinance is specifically focused on timber harvest activities, not mining or other activities. The intent of this ordinance is to require a dialogue on safety and road upkeep with any user that takes on a large, high truck volume sale and has intent to haul over local municipal roads. This law would not apply to federal or private roads inside of the City limits. It establishes definition to existing road authority powers related to timber harvesting.

Conversation continued around the draft language. Mayor Poelstra emphasized that the language in the draft has already been vetted by our attorney. Any changes will also need to be reviewed by the attorney.

After discussion it was agreed to amend the word "Shall" in chapter 6.50.080 to "May" regarding the approval process for the Timber Transport Permit. It was agreed to remove all instances of "Mayor" from the law and replace it with "City" to ensure all review and approval of a TTP is handled by the public at City meetings. It was agreed to establish GVW (Gross Vehicle Weight) ratings into the law to ensure a dump truck, log truck or other vehicle coming through local roads over a certain GVW loaded or empty falls into the purview of this title. It was also agreed to add language noting "Aggregate" timber harvest totaling 40 acres or more will be the minimum for the law to take effect. Lastly, it was agreed to add a penalty fee of \$5000 per violation.

Consensus of the public attendants was taken in favor of the draft ordinance including the discussed revisions, no objections were noted.

**Motion:**

Mayor Poelstra moved to accept the first reading of Code Ordinance #24-33CO with the noted amendments.

- *Seconded by Councilor Towne*
- **Approved Unanimously by vote of the council**

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***Persons to Be Heard***

None.

***Adjournment***

Mayor Poelstra moved that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion to adjourn seconded by Councilor Henson.

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 PM.