

City of Edna Bay - Special Meeting

1 — Meeting Date, Place and Call to order:

This Special meeting was held on Tuesday, January 16th, 2024 at Edna Bay School and via WebEx. Mayor Poelstra called the meeting to order at 6:00 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	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: *Public Hearing of Code-Ordinance #24-33CO Amending Title 6 to Add Chapter 6.50: Timber Harvest, Discussion and Decision.*
- b: *Adopting CEB 6.50.080 Timber Transport Permit Application, Discussion and Decision.*
- c: *Review and Submission of Draft Letter Regarding Division of Forestry Kosciusko East Timber Sale (SSE-1384-K), Discussion and Decision.*

4 — Special Business

Item A - Public Hearing 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.

Only one item was noted for revision, and that was adding the word "rating" to GVW where it was listed in Chapter 6.50.080(a). Mayor Poelstra shared the attorney's request to change the \$5000 penalty to \$1000, since it is a legal requirement in Alaska law not to exceed that amount.

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

Motion:

Mayor Poelstra moved to adopt City of Edna Bay Ordinance #24-33CO, as amended. An ordinance of the Council of the City of Edna Bay, Alaska to amend Title 6 - Municipal Lands adding a Chapter 6.50 Timber Harvest, including Sections 6.50.010 through 6.50.110 for road management authority related to timber harvest.

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

Item B - Adopting CEB 6.50.080 Timber Transport Permit Application....:

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

The permit is an addendum that accompanies the Chapter 6.50: Timber Harvest title and provides detailed requirements for the applicant to follow when requesting approval to access local municipal roads for high volume timber harvest activities.

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

Motion:

Mayor Poelstra moved to adopt CEB 6.50.080 Timber Transport Permit, as amended.

- *Seconded by Councilor Henson*

- **Approved Unanimously by vote of the council**

Item C - Review and Submission of Draft Letter Regarding Division of Forestry (sale):

Mayor Poelstra explained that a draft letter has not yet been written since many factors have changed around the information we have around road authority powers and ownership of certain roads.

He explained that after discussion with our attorney and local government specialist (LGS) it became clear how City roads are established. In almost all cases where a land plat is pulled from Federal Lands, except where perpetual easements are used in specific cases, all planned and platted subdivisions and named roads are transferred to the State of Alaska for disbursement. DNR is the road authority in cases where a local government does not yet exist, as was the case for the roads prior to the City of Edna Bay forming. After the City was formed in 2014, all named subdivision roads and road powers transferred from DNR to the City.

Our attorney found no references to an underlying perpetual easement on Kosciusko Dr., however he did find one for the Marine Access Facility and USFS 1525 road connecting to the MAF. Since one is not listed for Kosciusko Dr. on any of the most recent plat maps, he recommended to be certain we pay for a detailed title search for the road. He expressed it is very rare for State or Federal easements to be overlooked on legal plat maps, but despite that it would be good to have a search done to be confident one does not exist.

Contents of the letter were discussed further. Councilor Towne felt it was important to mention the issues with Greg Staunton and his lack of response or follow up at this point in the process. Councilor DiPaolo and Mayor Poelstra reiterated concerns about a possible accident on Kosciusko Dr. with a runaway truck. They shared it is easy to find information on the statistics showing the concern is real even on flat ground, let alone an overly steep, sub-standard roadway.

Since there is little time remaining before the comment period closes and there may not be time to hold another meeting before the deadline, it was agreed the main bullet points of the letter were well understood and the attendees agreed for the Clerk and Mayor to write and submit a comment letter regarding SSE-1384-K.

Consensus of the public attendants was taken in favor of submitting a comment letter on the proposed East Edna Bay Timber Sale, SSE-1384-K, no objections were noted.

Motion:

Mayor Poelstra moved to write and submit a comment letter from the City of Edna Bay regarding the Division of Forestry Kosciusko East Timber Sale (SSE-1384-K).

- *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 Towne.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.