

City of Edna Bay - Regular Meeting

1 — Meeting Date, Place and Call to order:

This Regular meeting was held on Monday, February 12th, 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	(Absent)
Doris Greif	- City Council	(Present - Teleconference)
Jay Towne	- City Council	(Present - Teleconference)
Louise DiPaolo	- City Council	(Present)

2.1 — Public Participants:

Sue Crew Matthew Yellen Sarah Yellen Roger DiPaolo John Dodson

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 January 8th, 2024 - No questions.
- 2: Special Meeting Minutes of January 10th, 2024 - No questions.
- 3: Special Meeting Minutes of January 16th, 2024 - No questions.

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

Motion:

Mayor Poelstra moved to approve the consent agenda as presented.

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

3.1 — Business:

Old Business: None.

New Business:

- a: *Support Statement for House Bill HB201, Discussion and Decision.*
- b: *First Reading of Budget Amendment Ordinance #24-34NCO for Fire Dept. and Administration, Discussion and Decision.*

4 — Mayor's Report:

No report.

5 — Clerk's Report:

No report.

6 — Treasurer's Report:

No report. No questions on the Treasurer's Report.

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Committee Reports

7.1 — Dock Committee:

Tyler Poelstra (Dock Chairman) said he will start pushing on DOT again to close out the harbor project so we can release encumbered funds tied to the project.

Once weather is better, Tyler said he will work with Caleb on installing the first up-n-out ladder to see how best to complete installation and determine what other materials will be needed before ordering more.

7.2 — Road Committee:

Michael Williams (Road Chairman) not present. Mayor Poelstra said that weather has either been too cold or too rainy for the road to be graded, but as soon as conditions are right Joe will be out cleaning up potholes.

7.3 — EMS Committee:

No report.

7.4 — Search & Rescue Committee:

Roger DiPaolo (Chairman) had no report.

7.5 — Fire Committee:

Brian Mortensen (Fire Chief) not present - no report. Mayor Poelstra talked with Brian about purchasing fire extinguishers using Fire Department budget. He was okay with purchasing one for each household and some additional smoke detectors for everyone (some extras are still available from the last order).

Councilor DiPaolo suggested using some old or new extinguishers for a training event.

7.6 — Fish & Game Advisory:

No report.

7.7 — Bulk Fuel:

Tyler Poelstra (Plant Manager) stated a delivery is scheduled for Thursday. He also noted there was a problem with the breaker on the generator that he had to repair. He is looking into getting a replacement part.

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None.

Old Business

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New Business

Item A - Support Statement for House Bill HB201 ...:

Mayor Poelstra summarized the contents of the house bill. Generally, the bill is being introduced to set the local hunting and fishing license availability to the same requirements for obtaining the Alaska PFD. This would mean summer cabin residents and people who don't reside in Southeast Alaska at least 6 months a year would not qualify for resident rates or benefits. This is aimed at preventing abuse to the local fish and game with the intent of keeping more resources local.

Though many agreed that out of state visitors appear to be abusing the local resources, discussion around the language and principal amendment proposed by the bill resulted in some concerns that there may be unintended consequences from tying local license application requirements to the stringent level of the PFD. Some felt it may cause issues for locals who have always lived in Edna Bay or others that fall into the added enforcement and reporting that would occur if it is passed. Generally, consensus was that abuse of local hunting and fishing licenses and over-harvest of resources is a problem and something needs to be done, there are some reservations about whether this bill is the best approach to the problem.

It was agreed that if a letter of support is approved that it be noted Edna Bay is in favor of Proposal 235 to improve the definition of domicile. It was also agreed that the letter should state that a 6-month annual residency requirement similar to the PFD be used, but that the overall requirements that go along with the PFD not be added to the bill, which may inadvertently affect local residents. Generally, it was considered that the definition of domicile is too broad, but the requirements of the PFD to apply for a local hunting and fishing license are too strict. The bill needs to meet somewhere in the middle.

Consensus of the public attendants was taken in favor of sending a basic letter of support for HB201,

6 were in favor and 5 were opposed.

Motion:

Mayor Poelstra moves to send a letter of support for HB201.

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

Item B - First Reading of Budget Amendment Ordinance #24-34NCO for Fire Dept. and Admin.:

Mayor Poelstra read back the language of the draft ordinance to those in attendance. Paper copies were available and digital copies were posted to the City website.

The ordinance covers the cost of purchasing more fire extinguishers and the replacement City laptop.

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

Motion:

Mayor Poelstra moves to accept the first reading of Budget Ordinance #24-34NCO as presented.

- *Seconded by Councilor Henson*
- **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 8:11 PM.