

(Draft) City of Edna Bay - Regular Meeting

1 — Meeting Date, Place and Call to order:

This Regular meeting was held on Monday, August 12th, 2024 at Edna Bay School and via WebEx. Mayor Poelstra called the meeting to order at 6:02 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)
Jay Towne	- City Council	(Present)
Louise DiPaolo	- City Council	(Present)

2.1 — Public Participants:

Lee Reinard	Melodie Ogle	Kody Belisle	Fran Rhodes	Katie Buss
Matthew Yellen	Sarah Yellen	Caleb Kitson	Jere Crew	Tasheena Huestis
McKenna Wickware				

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: Special (Postponed Regular) Meeting Minutes of July 15th, 2024 - No comments or questions.

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

Motion:

Mayor Poelstra moved to approve the consent agenda as presented.

- *Seconded by Councilor Greif*

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

3.1 — Business:

Old Business:

- a: *Feasibility of Developing Public / City Water Source Near No Name Bridge (by Christian's), Discussion and Decision.*

New Business:

- a: *Hiring Alaska Commercial Divers for Breakwater Inspection + Zinc Maintenance, Discussion and Decision.*
- b: *Purchasing Additional Loads of Rock for Main Road, Discussion and Decision.*
- c: *Appointing 3 Volunteer Election Judges for 2024 General Election, Discussion and Decision.*
- d: *Discussion Regarding Local Solid Waste Management.*

4 — Mayor's Report:

Mayor Poelstra reported that Alaska Commercial Divers is working on a quote to inspect our new breakwater and include a work estimate for optionally replacing/upgrading the existing welded on zincs. They offered if scheduling lines up and they can get out here while working another job in the area, the quote will be reduced by \$10K. They can replace the 25LB weld-on zincs with bolt on 50LB zincs to reduce future maintenance costs and extend the duration between inspections.

Scandia Marine is working on our up-n-out ladder order. They are working up a freight quote to Seattle and

should have the final quote prepared for processing soon. He spoke with Tyler Industrial about available refillable fire extinguishers. 5LB models are \$85, 10LB are \$125. They are willing to deliver them to Craig for pickup at Tyler Rental free of charge.

The City General Election will be held Tuesday, October 1st. 2 incumbent seats, and 1 vacancy for the remainder of Doris Greif's term will be on the ballot. Tyler and Myla are running to continue work, Doris has decided to resign from her position and open the seat for another person. Absentee ballots will soon be available once the candidates have all submitted their petitions.

5 — Clerk's Report:

No report.

6 — Treasurer's Report:

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

7 — Committee Reports

7.1 — Dock Committee:

Tyler Poelstra (Dock Chairman) said he got black kelp on the other half of the bottom gangway ramp. He said he will work on getting the new replacement bumpers attached between the gangway float and floatplane float to replace the ones that have broken free. He will also replace the rope lashings with new bungee lines to hopefully prevent the bumpers from breaking off as easily going forward. He performed some maintenance on the skiff and the motor is running good again.

7.2 — Road Committee:

Michael Williams (Road Chairman) is not present; no report. Mayor Poelstra reported that Joe has finished putting 10x 12-yard loads of material on the road past the muskeg and working to crown the mainline road with the grader. He was able to stir up enough material in most places to fill nearly all potholes. Mayor Poelstra felt the road was better today than it has ever been. Some brushing is needed in a few places where there are blind corners, and he felt it would be great to organize a few community brushing parties.

7.3 — EMS Committee:

Mayor Poelstra said there needs to be a committed team of locals ready to complete ETT training before a trainer is requested. The next step is looking into the threshold for a class to be held, as the number may have changed from years past.

7.4 — Search & Rescue Committee:

Roger DiPaolo (Chairman) not present - no report.

7.5 — Fire Committee:

Brian Mortensen (Fire Chief) not present - no report.

Mayor Poelstra said he has inspected the fire truck and found that the water tank is smaller than expected, but is made of aluminum so there is no concern of rust in the tank.

Councilor Towne said it may be a good plan to evaluate who has fire ponds and make a map that indicates where they are.

Jere Crew suggested the City look into backpack fire pumps to stock the fire truck with so that a crew of volunteers can quickly load up a backpack and move to the location of the fire. They can be quickly refilled.

After discussion it was agreed to order 50x 10LB Amorex refillable fire extinguishers and 50x smoke detectors. Mayor Poelstra suggested this provides enough to put an extinguisher and alarm two key locations at each household, such as near the wood stove and in the generator shed.

Consensus of the public attendants was taken in favor of purchasing 50x Amorex refillable fire extinguisher and 50x smoke alarms, no objections were noted.

Motion:

Mayor Poelstra moved to purchase (50) 10LB Amorex fire extinguishers and (50) smoke detectors from

Tyler Industrial.

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

7.6 — Fish & Game Advisory:

Myla Poelstra reports that she heard back from the main office. They are sending proposal books and the necessary materials for an Election and Orientation meeting. The meeting will be scheduled for September.

7.7 — Bulk Fuel:

Tyler Poelstra (Plant Manager) reported that the U.S. Coastguard has scheduled for their annual visit and will be coming in two weeks. The annual pressure testing was completed using the new City pressure testing equipment. Books and records are all ready for their inspection.

A mock drill was carried out for deploying the emergency containment boom to see how long it would take to deploy in an emergency. He indicated it would be prudent to look at staging the booms on the gangway float ready to deploy so that less time is needed to move them down to the water.

8 — Old Business

Item A - Feasibility of Developing Public / City Water Source Near No Name Bridge...:

Mayor Poelstra explained that a dialogue needs to be carried out with Mental Health Land Trust to see what avenues exist to establish a public use area at the water source and what they will allow. He noted that in prior conversations with the Municipal Attorney, our attorney had indicated there are several methods for the City to establish public water sources since they are critical to public health and safety.

Since Mike Williams is not present to detail this agenda item, it was agreed to table it to next month.

9 — New Business

Item A - Hiring Alaska Commercial Divers for Breakwater Inspection + Zinc Maintenance...:

Mayor Poelstra explained that Alaska Commercial Divers has not yet responded to his follow up E-mail with a final quote. This item will be tabled until a quote is received.

Item B - Purchasing Additional Loads of Rock for Main Road...:

Mayor Poelstra explained that now that Joe has finished adding the initial order of 10 loads of rock and grading the full length of the Edna Bay mainline road, there are a few specific areas that remain where some rock could be used. He would prefer that Joe be present to explain where the rock should go. He felt it would be good to add a few more loads in the low spots and then do a full grade on the road before the ground freezes.

It was agreed to table this item to the next agenda for further discussion.

Item C - Appointing 3 Volunteer Election Judges for 2024 General Election...:

Mayor Poelstra explained that the City Election requires there to be 3 volunteer judges to run the election. The volunteers cannot be existing council members, or candidates for office. In the past the community has aimed to also avoid relatives or family members of candidates for office, but that is not a mandate.

After discussion, Doris Greif, Fran Rhodes and Katie Buss volunteered to be election judges. Consensus of the public attendants was taken in favor of the three volunteers, no objections were noted.

Motion:

Mayor Poelstra moved to accept the three election judges; Doris Greif, Fran Rhodes and Katie Buss for the 2024 General Election.

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

Item D - Discussion Regarding Solid Waste Management...:

Mayor Poelstra explained a synopsis of his research and knowledge of the topic based on prior discussion. He noted Lee Greif had looked into this in the past and found similar challenges. He noted that the regulatory compliance requirements, personnel training and grant process to site and build a facility will take many years to work through, similar to what it took to establish the bulk fuel facility.

He suggested a Class II waste facility would likely be the most appropriate since it involves use of an incinerator and burying the waste with 6" of material daily. There is critical sensitivity to water runoff from waste management facilities which makes them very difficult to maintain in Southeast Alaska due to heavy annual rainfall and the many wetland areas.

Mayor Poelstra stated that the ADF&G provides resources for legal methods for individual households to incinerate their waste in burn barrels. There are cost effective kits available to build burn barrels. He suggested that if the community wants to see a subsidy for helping locals get burn barrels established that could be an option. He felt individuals would be best suited to handle their waste management needs and that it could be done for a significantly lower cost and labor overhead compared to the City.

Further discussion continued with some locals being opposed to the City taking on management and the enforcement duties involved, some felt it could be done since Craig has a controversial public incinerator and some towns have open pit waste areas. General consensus was there are a lot of unknowns and that further research needs to be done before the conversation is revisited.

It was agreed to table this item until November for further discussion.

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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 7:46 PM.