

# DRAFT - City of Edna Bay - Regular Meeting

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

This Regular meeting was held on Monday, November 18th, 2024 at Edna Bay School and via WebEx. Mayor Poelstra called the meeting to order at 6:04 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)
Jay Towne	- City Council	(Present - Teleconference)
Louise DiPaolo	- City Council	(Present)
Caleb Kitson	- City Council	(Present)

## 2.1 — Public Participants:

Katie Buss	Roger DiPaolo	Brian Mortensen	Melody Ogle	McKenna Wickware
Sue Crew	John Dodson	Fran Rhodes	Matthew Yellen	Sarah Yellen
Lee Reinard				

## 3 — Consent Agenda:

### A: Approval of Meeting Agenda:

The current agenda was read by Mayor Poelstra.

Mayor Poelstra struck item A due to lack of follow up quote from Alaska Commercial Divers.

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 October 14th, 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 (Mrs.) Poelstra*

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

## 3.1 — Business:

### Old Business:

- None.

### New Business:

- a: *Discussion Regarding Local Solid Waste Management.*

## 4 — Mayor's Report:

Mayor Poelstra reported that item A was struck due to there being no follow up quote from Alaska Commercial Divers that included zinc replacements. He said the request for inspection and repairs was preemptive and not necessary at this time, so the item was dropped until next summer. Brian Mortensen noted that Sever Paulson will also be in the area in the spring and may be another option.

The safety ladders for the harbor are shipping tomorrow. The replacement solar charge controller will hopefully arrive on the next plane to fix the dock phone power system. A pack of black roof shingles will be ordered to replace those that have aged out on the floatplane float.

Mayor Poelstra reported Joe will be grading the road one more time before the ground freezes up, if weather allows. He noted that, before the meeting, Sue Crew suggested that the dump truck Joe is using cannot haul more than 8yds of rock per load, not 10 like the City is purchasing. Mayor Poelstra said he would double look into this, but noted that Joe had stated publicly at a meeting that it would haul 10yds per load minimum.

Roger and Louise DiPaolo noted that Tony Hendershot's truck broke down next to Limestone PI and it is a narrow area to get past it. They suggested widening the road with loads of rock to get around. Mayor Poelstra said he would look into what could be done to help. Parts are on the way for Tony's truck.

Mayor Poelstra noted that WebEx fees for the year are due, and to expect a charge for the year to be coming. He noted he was unable to transfer the account from his name after he set it up to the City without losing the conference number and needing to rebuild the account. He suggested that the next few meetings be via teleconference for the holidays and while the roads are the most dangerous. Consensus was okay with meeting telephonically for the next few months. Mayor Poelstra said if any business warranted an in-person setting that we would meet at the School as needed.

#### **5 — Clerk's Report:**

Myla had nothing new to report.

#### **6 — Treasurer's Report:**

There were no questions on the Treasurer's Report.

### **7 — Committee Reports**

#### **7.1 — Dock Committee:**

Tyler Poelstra (Dock Chairman) reported that the new kelkote layer applied to the bottom transition plate on the gangway is holding up very well. He will be looking into what he can do to provide a wear surface for the upper transition plate. More snow shovels will be ordered for the dock to replace the ones that ended up in the water below the gangway. Ice melt will be ordered from town for the dock. Tyler would like to discuss purchasing an electric snow blower for the dock on a future agenda.

Matthew Yellen relayed that Kenny would like to see the life ring and fire extinguisher near his boat moved if possible. Tyler said he would check with DOT first, since they still own the dock, and would then want to see it voted on at a meeting on a case-by-case basis, since this would set precedent for anyone else to request items near a slip they use to be moved and re-installed. The fire extinguishers on the dock are past their cert date and need to be re-tested or replaced. Tyler will check with DOT on size requirements, and if possible replace from the batch just received from Tyler Rental.

#### **7.2 — Road Committee:**

Michael Williams (Road Chairman) is not present; no report. Mayor Poelstra said there are a few side road projects that could use some focus in the coming year heading down Alcoa, over the top of Limestone PI. some bad areas heading down Holbrook, and some grading and cleanup on Green Island Way. Jay Towne volunteered to provide some of his own funds to cover some road improvements on Green Island Way.

Roger DiPaolo asked about the water washing through the rock around the replacement culvert on FDR1525 right behind the fuel facility, and whether it will be fixed. Mayor Poelstra said he contacted Greg Staunton and he said it was normal and should settle out and stop leaking. Greg referred the issue to the USFS. Mayor Poelstra will be double checking with the USFS and DOF that the City is clear to keep the 1525 road up to and through Kosciusko Dr open with the road grader when it snows without needing any change in process.

Mayor Poelstra said he would still like to see a snow plow on the Fire Truck for the winter season if possible and asked for some help locating some good options so we can get one coming soon. If some good options come up, he will run them by the Road Chairman for final approval. He noted for the record that as a 2nd Class City, the City has no obligation to provide even one service, including road services. We do our best given how small and remote the town is.

#### **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) present. He asked everyone to be sure to clean their chimneys. Mayor Poelstra shared a summary of the type of 5-gallon hand pump extinguishers that will be ordered, and said it was a good suggestion to keep them stored in the fire truck ready to use. Jay Town volunteered to fill them with a type of safe anti-freeze so they are ready to use year-round.

Councilor (Mrs.) Poelstra said a Fire Extinguisher distribution list will be available in the Post Office tomorrow.

### **7.6 — Fish & Game Advisory:**

No report.

### **7.7 — Bulk Fuel:**

Tyler Poelstra (Plant Manager) said a snow blower might be good to use around the facility so that the heavier machinery does not need to come through the gate. The weight of plow equipment has moved the gate lock mechanism slightly, making it harder to open and close.

Sue Crew handed out a pamphlet of figures and suggested that the numbers shown in QuickBooks and the Certified Financial Statement do not add up the way she sees it. Her figures suggest the facility funding is trending in the red, not in the positive as other City reports indicate. Mayor Poelstra noted he is unsure of why this is still coming up after many prior discussions with her regarding this issue, including specific complaints to the State of Alaska that resulted in an investigation. The State review concluded that our books are in order and are well kept. The report is available on the City website.

Mayor Poelstra assured those in attendance that the facility is running well, and that every effort is taken to minimize operating cost to the bare minimum to keep the price per gallon as low as possible. He suggested that discussion of this topic may require attendees to take a Quickbooks course to be versed in why the formulas work the way they do. Mayor Poelstra said the facility is operating on the business plan provided by the AEA and is on track. He asked for a show of hands on whether to discuss Sue Crew's pamphlet and the Bulk Fuel finances on the next agenda, no hands were raised.

## **8 — Old Business**

**None.**

## **9 — New Business**

### **Item A - Discussion Regarding Solid Waste Management...:**

Mayor Poelstra summarized prior discussion on this item, but noted it was first requested for an agenda item by Sue Crew, who was not present at the prior meeting. He noted that he has researched several options for our area and felt that any ADEC and EPA approved City managed facility would create a large bureaucracy and cost overhead to manage in a karst permeated, high rainfall location like Kosciusko Island. Due to how small the local population is and the high cost of management, enforcement and upkeep of any traditional solid waste management facility is unfeasible for the City at this time especially given the City's commitment to not require any form of tax to sustain services.

Mayor Poelstra noted as a 2nd class City no services are required to be offered by the City, and that even a more basic one like Bulk Fuel took over 8 years and near 100% unanimous support the entire duration to achieve the required financial backing of the State. This type of waste management structure would likely be even harder to achieve, especially given how divided opinion is on it from the start. He suggested ADF&G approved remote bush cabin burn barrels and personal responsibility would be the best option for Edna Bay. There was general consensus among attendees to manage their own waste and incineration. Mayor Poelstra suggested there may be a private business opportunity to haul out batteries and other bulky waste items.

Sue Crew suggested that she would like to see the City engage with land owners of rock pits where some locals have put waste items and see if there is a way to obtain permission to make an area to bury garbage. Councilman Towne stated that he has not used any rock pits for waste, and suggested that trying to bring the City government into taking ownership of those areas welcomes penalties from both State and Federal entities for something the City did not condone or encourage. Councilman Kitson noted his research into the subject and agreed with Councilman Towne that trying to create a waste dump facility on any land that does

not belong to the City is a non-starter.

Councilman Town, Councilor Henson and Councilor DiPaolo motioned to close the issue. Mayor Poelstra sustained the motion, the item was closed.

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## ***Persons to Be Heard***

None.

## ***Adjournment***

Mayor Poelstra moved that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion to adjourn seconded by Councilor Kitson.

Meeting adjourned at 7:23 PM.