

DRAFT - City of Edna Bay - Regular Meeting

1 — Meeting Date, Place and Call to order:

This Regular meeting was held on Monday, May 12th, 2025 at Edna Bay School and via WebEx. Mayor Poelstra called the meeting to order at 6:05 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 - Teleconference)
Jay Towne	- City Council	(Present)
Louise DiPaolo	- City Council	(Present - Teleconference)
Caleb Kitson	- City Council	(Present - Teleconference)

2.1 — Public Participants:

Joe Wargi	Roger DiPaolo (Tele)	Matthew Yellen	Sarah Yellen
Brian Mortensen	McKenna Wickware	Katie Buss (Tele)	Jodie Trimmer
Jeff Doninger	Sue Crew	Fran Rhodes	Shayla Kitson (Tele)
Ken Widmyer	Tony Hendershot (Tele)	Lee Reinard (Tele)	Melody Ogle
Brian Poelstra	Jere Crew	Doris Greif	Brad Thompson

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 April 14th, 2025 - No comments or questions.

Consensus of the public attendants was taken in favor, no other 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 — Business:

Old Business:

- a) Harbor Parking Management, Discussion and Decision.

New Business:

- a) Public Hearing for City of Edna Bay FY '26 Budget Ordinance #25-37NCO, Discussion and Decision.

4 — Mayor's Report:

Mayor Poelstra reported that our LGS has followed up and said that the revised Contracting title is nearly complete. Once received it will be sent to our attorney for final review before it is added to the next agenda.

Mayor Poelstra reported that he has a meeting scheduled with DNR to discuss an inter-agency review of where the City rock pit is sited. Everything looks good, and he is aiming to get written concurrence later this week. He had a conversation with DOT and their survey department regarding the harbor parking expansion. After talking with DNR, the agencies have compared notes and we are now able to finish the harbor transfer process. DOT will be finishing up the sale documents and sending them over soon. For now, "72-hour parking" signs have been ordered and will be installed at the parking area at the head of the approach to the

dock. One of the vehicles that was left at the temporary parking area has now been moved.

For roads, Mayor Poelstra reported that the (Federal) National Forest Receipts payment has been reduced by \$12,000 annually down to \$297 going forward. These funds are specifically designated for road maintenance. Joe Wargi was able to use the road grader to clean out small trees and debris from the edge of the road going to Russ and Charleen's and resolve the road surface flooding that was occurring. Mayor Poelstra said he will be looking to find a location for a new rock pit where the City can get shale for road topping and suggested DOF might be able to assist with locating a new area to develop a pit.

5 — Clerk's Report:

No report.

6 — Treasurer's Report:

Copies of the Treasurer's Report were available at the meeting. Fran Rhodes had some questions on the formatting of the Treasurer's Report and asked for a total liabilities page to be printed with the reports. Myla Poelstra answered her questions and shared the basis for why the report is formatted this way.

7 — *Committee Reports*

7.1 — Dock Committee:

Tyler Poelstra (Dock Chairman) gave a report. He said he is hopeful to have a conclusion on the harbor transfer from DOT. DOT is going over the final records from DNR and the bill of sale to make sure everything has been closed out correctly. Information was requested from Taquan on a replacement wind sock and cleats for the float planes, they have not yet followed up.

Tyler said he will work on getting the first group of new safety ladders installed this month. He said that DOT confirmed the existing zincs on the breakwater are only rated for around 5 years. We will need someone to come out this year and get the old zincs replaced with new, hopefully larger 25LB bolt-on models. The diver needs to be able to weld and install the new zincs, since the old ones are welded to the breakwater pipes.

New batteries are here to replace the failed dock phone batteries. They will be installed soon, so that the phone works for local and 1-800 numbers. Different solutions for dock communication services will be evaluated to see if there are viable alternatives. Matthew Yellen said he will bring some info to the next meeting.

7.2 — Road Committee:

Mike Williams (Road Chairman) present. He thanked Joe Wargi for going over and pulling the edge of the ditch to open up the old drainage by Russ and Charleen's. He said we could use a few loads of rock on Alcoa, and then he'd like to see us get a contract drawn up for Limestone Place as soon as possible. He said Limestone Place is starting to become treacherous.

Councilor Towne said he wants to see more than few loads of rock on Alcoa. He wants to see that the ditches are completely redone on both sides of the road from Davidson Ave. all the way to Russ and Charleen's. He feels the road is worn down to the base and appears to be breaking up in places. The biggest issue is the water on Caleb's side of the road. Caleb is willing to temporarily take down his fence if needed to help address drainage work along the road.

Mayor Poelstra said Joe just went down the road with the grader and that he and Joe saw no sign of the road bed flexing under it. He also took core samples from the log bridge near the 4-way by Kenny's and found that all of the logs are old growth cedar and generally look good. The cable lashing needs to be tightened to keep the logs from walking, but it otherwise looks sound.

Conversation continued regarding whether there could be an issue with the road washing out, drainage, stump removal and the appropriateness of addressing ditching after a road is already established. Jeff Doninger said a traditional ditch in a borough is 4 feet wide and 2 feet deep. Jere Crew and Jeff felt the road should not have any road topping or improvements made until ditching is addressed. It was agreed there are factors, including the ongoing question raised about the City rock pit and Limestone Place that need to be addressed first.

Brad Thomson asked for an estimate on how long it would be before a contract is let on Limestone Place. Mayor Poelstra said if everything lines up, he was hoping to see it in two months.

7.3 — EMS Committee:

Myla Poelstra (Squad Captain) had no report.

7.4 — Search & Rescue Committee:

Roger DiPaolo (Chairman) had no report.

7.5 — Fire Committee:

Brian Mortensen (Fire Chief) present, no report.

7.6 — Fish & Game Advisory:

Myla Poelstra had no report.

7.7 — Bulk Fuel:

Tyler Poelstra (Plant Manager) reported that a new load of fuel should not be needed for a little while. He expects that the USCG will be scheduling their annual inspection soon.

8 — Old Business

Item A - Harbor Parking Management:

This item has been tabled.

9 — New Business

Item A - Public Hearing for City of Edna Bay FY '26 Budget Ordinance #25-37NCO:

Mayor Poelstra read back the cover letter for ordinance #25-37NCO and copies were available.

Consensus was in favor of the draft budget as presented, no objections were noted.

Motion:

Councilor Towne moved to approve Ordinance #25-37NCO, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Edna Bay, Alaska to establish an operating budget for the FY' 2026.

- *Seconded by Mayor Poelstra*

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

10 — Persons to Be Heard

Mayor Poelstra said he wanted to acknowledge that the room is full. He said this is what we signed up for when we became a City. This is ownership and involvement, and it is representation. He said it proves our process of having public comment and participation on every single topic is working. It makes him proud and thankful that everyone is coming.

Louise DiPaolo said she wanted to thank everyone for speaking level headed today. She also said thank you to Myla Poelstra for giving very detailed remarks and explanation of the Treasurer's Report.

Caleb Kitson said he wanted to address some issues we've had in town since he moved in. He is glad that everyone is at the meeting tonight, but there is something that gets in the way of us truly getting along. He said that the godless gossip and rumors need to stop. He noted that the local church has signs that say to love your neighbor, and gossip is sin, but many that attend the church do not obey the commands. He asked if you have a concern that involves your neighbor that you talk directly to your neighbor. If we can't work together when times are easy what will become of us when times get hard.

Adjournment

Mayor Poelstra moved that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion to adjourn seconded by Councilor Henson.

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 PM.