

DRAFT - City of Edna Bay - Special (Postponed Regular) Meeting

1 — Meeting Date, Place and Call to order:

This Special meeting was held on Monday, June 23rd, 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	(Absent)
Jay Towne	- City Council	(Present)
Louise DiPaolo	- City Council	(Present - Teleconference)
Caleb Kitson	- City Council	(Present)

2.1 — Public Participants:

Roger DiPaolo	Brian Mortensen (Tele)	Katie Buss (Tele)	Lee Reinard (Tele)
Sue Crew	Jere Crew	Sarah Yellen	Melanie Ogle
Fran Rhodes			

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 May 12th, 2025 - No comments or 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: None.

4 — Mayor's Report:

Mayor Poelstra reported that the meeting was postponed to allow additional time for answers to come in on the City's rock pit, from DOT on harbor transfer finalization and from our LGS on the municipal code revisions.

The Alaska Dept of Transportation (DOT) indicated that the Final Finding and Decision from the Alaska Dept. of Natural Resources (DNR) was completed and they were ready to approve the final bill of sale. However, they will still need to conclude final survey requirements for the outside anchor of the new breakwater and are hoping to get a paper survey done for those offset points to save fees for the City and/or DOT.

DNR has their survey department looking at the line between the old Mental Health Trust rock pit and the new City rock pit. Since both monuments on that line are offset points, and due to the specific nature of the question asked about the line, they have indicated the only way to be 100% certain is to pay for a survey. Mayor Poelstra is hoping to meet with Mental Health shortly and come to some agreement, even if it means paying for a portion of the rock that may be in question so projects can to move forward without further delay.

Joe Wargi added two loads of rock on Alcoa and donated two more to resurface the washed area of Alcoa leading up to Russ and Charleen's driveway. He pulled the ditch that had filled in with small trees and moss and spread the rock using the road grader while keeping to the \$500 cap for small material purchase.

Mayor Poelstra noted that a decision on the Sat Phone subscription will be on the next agenda. The service fees keep going up and the need for the unit has been almost completely eliminated due to StarLink.

He said he will be volunteering his time as a neighbor over the next few weekends to brush the few areas on Davidson Ave that have leafy trees that have grown enough to start making blind spots. There were questions on what the standard was for brushing. Tyler indicated he would be brushing based on a curated approach that respected people's driveways and privacy, but focused on trees that were grown over the edge of the road and those on corners that were making blind spots for vehicles. He would be happy to have anyone volunteer to help, but thinks he could do all of the work on his own in a few days.

Mayor Poelstra mentioned it was brought to his attention that a component of the new Federal Budget Bill includes a provision that may open up all of the USA National Forests for select privatization and sale, and the maps show that all of the remaining non-private land on Kosciusko is included, along with the rest of the USFS and BLM lands in Southeast Alaska. He suggested contacting Senators and Congressmen about this.

He reported that Alaska Commercial Divers has added the City of Edna Bay as additionally insured for 2025, same as they did in 2024. A brief discussion took place on replacing the old breakwater zincs with new bolt-on 25LB zincs. Mayor Poelstra noted that the laminated harbor rules need to be replaced, since it appears that someone removed all of the laminated sheets.

5 — Clerk's Report:

No report.

6 — Treasurer's Report:

Copies of the Treasurer's Report were available at the meeting.

7 — *Committee Reports*

7.1 — Dock Committee:

Tyler Poelstra (Dock Chairman) gave a report. He put up a group of safety ladders at the bottom of the gangway and out on the small boat finger floats so he could determine how to work around the bull rails. He said they were fairly easy to install but require special tools to get under the bull rail. He also installed three of the new "72 Hour Parking" signs at the head of the gangway approach. The parking lot is currently empty and he hopes the signs help with awareness and the parking area can stay open from now on.

7.2 — Road Committee:

Mike Williams (Road Chairman) not present. Mayor Poelstra reported that Joe Wargi has been out grading the road and has it smoothed up and crowned in most areas where there is sufficient material. He said that he will continue working towards getting a written answer from DNR and Mental Health on the City rock pit. Our LGS, Iura, is continuing to work on our revised contracting title around his other duties. When complete, it will be sent off to our attorney for final review and revision before presenting the first reading.

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. Mayor Poelstra reported that Brian Mortensen located a very nice (used) snow plow in Ketchikan for the Fire Truck. He stopped in to look at it in person, and purchase arrangements were quickly made to ensure we didn't miss out on the plow. It needs attachment hardware. The plow will be coming into Craig via AML. Once in Edna Bay it can hopefully be installed before winter.

7.6 — Fish & Game Advisory:

Myla Poelstra had no report. Vacant seats at the State level are still holding up re-activation.

7.7 — Bulk Fuel:

Tyler Poelstra (Plant Manager) reported that due to recent world events in the Middle East, he will be watching prices closely for any spikes and changes. Costs may need to increase to compensate. The USCG annual review should be coming soon, and all paperwork and tests are complete for review. Paint will be ordered to start getting the pipes cleaned up when there is a period of favorable weather conditions.

**8 —
None.**

Old Business

**9 —
None.**

New Business

10 —

Persons to Be Heard

Jay Towne said he was letting everyone know commodities will be available at the dock at 11:00AM.

Sarah Yellen said “Thank you” to the community for all of the help with Matthew’s rescue.

Adjournment

Mayor Poelstra moved that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion to adjourn seconded by Councilor Towne.

Meeting adjourned at 7:04 PM.