

DRAFT - City of Edna Bay - Regular Meeting

1 — Meeting Date, Place and Call to order:

This Regular meeting was held on Monday, April 13th, 2026 at the 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	(Present - Tele)
Jay Towne	- City Council	(Present - Tele)
Louise DiPaolo	- City Council	(Present - Tele)
Caleb Kitson	- City Council	(Present)

2.1 — Public Participants:

Sue Crew	Fran Rhodes	Roger DiPaolo (Tele)	Brian Mortensen (Tele)
Tony Hendershot (Tele)	Lee Reinard (Tele)	Katie Buss (Tele)	

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 March 16th, 2026 - No comments or questions.

Consensus of the public attendants was taken in favor of the consent agenda, there were no questions.

Motion:

Mayor Poelstra moved to approve the consent agenda as presented.

- *Seconded by Councilor DiPaolo*

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

3.1 — Business:

Old Business: None.

New Business:

- a) First Reading of City of Edna Bay FY '27 Budget Ordinance #26-39NCO, Discussion and Decision.

4 — Mayor's Report:

Mayor Poelstra stated he has restarted the dialog with DOT and DNR regarding final transfer of the harbor to the City and there is some activity. He will keep asking them for updates.

He noted that the next treasurer's report will show an expense for WebEx and City of Edna Bay website domain fees since the last time they were paid was over a year ago.

Tyler said he will be getting the fish cleaning station modified so that it can be installed at the end of the T over the bull rail and getting the new bench installed on the float plane float. He plans to volunteer a weekend of work down at the dock and close out several maintenance tasks.

Joe will be grading the road and cleaning up the potholes as soon as it firms up again.

Fran Rhodes asked about the revision to Title 4. Mayor Poelstra said lura had it partially completed but has been spread thin and his office has been understaffed for how many regions they support.

Sue Crew noted her issue with the way the Limestone project was closed out. Mayor Poelstra re-stated his comments from the last meeting, that the code provides for the Mayor to be the project manager by default and allows for the project manager to close out and issue payment. He stated that the entire contract was carefully reviewed and amended by the City attorney to be code compliant and conducted accordingly.

5 — Clerk's Report:

Myla Poelstra had nothing new to report.

6 — Treasurer's Report:

Copies of the Treasurer's Report were available online.

7 — Committee Reports

7.1 — Dock Committee:

Tyler Poelstra (Dock Chairman) said the only thing he saw at the dock that needs to be taken care of is a bumper between the gangway and floatplane float that needs to be re-attached. Caleb Kitson (Harbormaster) had nothing new to report.

7.2 — Road Committee:

Mike Williams (Road Chairman) present, he had nothing new to report.

Fran Rhodes asked about the snow plow policy and if it could be revised and whether it applied to how the road grader plows snow. Mayor Poelstra said the policy only applies to hiring a local contractor to plow if there is excessive snow, and only if they are available and willing.

The road grader operator is a City employee and areas that are plowed are based on assessed need, and community communication with the City. Some roads cannot be plowed with heavy equipment, and the City is under no obligation to provide snow plow services.

7.3 — EMS Committee:

Myla Poelstra (Squad Captain) had no report. Fran Rhodes asked when there would be an EMS meeting. Myla noted that there are not enough interested locals; only two signed up on the last volunteer list.

7.4 — Search & Rescue Committee:

Roger DiPaolo (Chairman) had no report.

7.5 — Fire Committee:

Brian Mortensen (Fire Chief) had no report. Tyler Poelstra said he will be donating time to work on the fire truck as he is able, now that the weather is improving and the snow has melted off.

7.6 — Fish & Game Advisory:

Myla Poelstra had no report.

7.7 — Bulk Fuel:

Tyler Poelstra (Plant Manager) reported that the last wholesale price report was showing prices were steady at the moment and he was hoping they would start to come down some soon.

8 — Old Business

None.

9 — New Business

Item A - First Reading of City of Edna Bay FY '27 Budget Ordinance #26-39NCO:

Mayor Poelstra read back the cover letter for draft ordinance #26-39NCO and copies were available. He noted that throughout the year budget amendments can be made as necessary.

Discussion was held around the draft budget figures, with a few questions about Bulk Fuel finances and how they related to the City budget. Mayor Poelstra asked after the discussion if there were any suggestions or requests to change any of the draft budget figures. No changes were made to the draft budget figures.

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

Motion:

Mayor Poelstra accept the first reading of FY '27 Budget Ordinance #26-39NCO, an ordinance of the Council of the City of Edna Bay, Alaska to establish an operating budget for the Fiscal Year 2027.

- *Seconded by Councilor Towne*

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

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Persons to Be Heard

Sandy Henson said she has been thinking about it all month because the last meeting was a little disturbing, having to explain ourselves the way we did, and the accusations being made, made her really uncomfortable. And it wasn't just her. Some people have come up to her and they're concerned about the negativity towards mainly just Tyler and how that last job was done.

She said her comment is that we all try to work together here. We're all part of this community. We're all neighbors. If there's questions, please ask and we'll try to straighten it out the best we can. It's better than sitting here accusing and using a negative tone to the Council. It's not productive and it's really not appreciated. We all try to do our best to work with everybody. Let's try to work together as neighbors.

Mike Williams said it seems like every one of these meetings that he attends that the disruption, and the questions that are asked, are all pointing fingers at some of the folks in our Council. Like some people think these folks could be outlaws; mishandling the money, doing things that aren't right. And it's the same people every time that are doing that.

If you think that way about your neighbors and the people that are governing our community, you really need to get on your knees to the Lord and ask Him to guide you through this because it's all BS. And it's BS that it happens at every meeting, and these kind of things come from the same people. You know you who are. You really need to question yourself. Look in the mirror and ask yourself, what are you doing?

These folks are your neighbors. They work very hard trying to help our community and some of the people work very hard at disrupting every thing they can about it. I really hope that they think hard about it, because it's time for this crap to be over with.

The folks that run our community and are doing the hard work in our community are honest, hard working people; somebody needs to give them a little credit for that.

Adjournment

Mayor Poelstra moved for the meeting be adjourned.

Motion to adjourn seconded by Councilor Kitson.

Meeting adjourned at 6:54 PM.