

# DRAFT - City of Edna Bay - Regular Meeting

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

This Regular meeting was held on Monday, May 11th, 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:

Joe Wargi	Fran Rhodes	Sue Crew	Roger DiPaolo (Tele)	Lee Reinard (Tele)
Katie Buss (Tele)	Matthew Yellen	Sarah Yellen	Caleb Yellen	Tony Hendershot (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 April 13th, 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 Kitson*

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

## 3.1 — Business:

**Old Business:** None.

### **New Business:**

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

## 4 — Mayor's Report:

Mayor Poelstra reported that the danger trees were removed near the bulk fuel facility. Joe Wargi graded the road and cleaned up most of the potholes. The fish cleaning station needs a few more pieces cut and welded so it fits over the bull rail and then it will be installed. Tyler said he had some time to look into the wiring issues on the fire truck and he determined the alternator is bad. A new one has been ordered.

He noted that someone appears to have backed into the hand rail at the bottom of the gangway with an ATV and damaged the attachments. He said he needs to work on re-affixing all of the handrails and welding them back together as soon as he is able.

Mayor Poelstra said he has heard about Naukati working towards Second Class City status. He was contacted by people in Naukati who had reportedly heard from an Edna Bay resident who attended one of their meetings and stated that the City of Edna Bay was in the process of instituting a property tax. Mayor Poelstra said he wanted to put that rumor to rest. It is 100% baseless.

He said that from the start of the 2nd Class City petition in Edna Bay until now, there has been no

discussion about local taxes. In fact, the cornerstone of our petition was that we proved we could sustain a City without them since we had done such a good job of managing what limited funds we received as a Community. The Local Boundary Commission (LBC) agreed with that assessment.

Typically, the LBC will require a City to implement a some source of revenue (tax) before being granted City status but they did not see a need to in Edna Bay because locals have been so careful with our money. Mayor Poelstra said he wanted this in the record that the word “Tax” in Edna Bay is not a thing and as long as any of us are here, he hopes that it never is.

Mayor Poelstra said the second unfounded rumor that comes up every now and then is that there is a “secret planning and zoning committee” in Edna Bay. There is no planning and zoning, there has been no discussion regarding planning and zoning, and as far as he knows there will never be a good reason to need planning and zoning. He said he really wants to put that to rest as well.

He thinks it is important to look at our record as we get ready to do our budget tonight. We have close to three-quarters of a million dollars in assets and we’ve saved so much money we’ve been able to put money into savings to generate money off of the interest. We’re on the other side of where a lot of other cities are in Alaska, where they are operating in the red. Many are in arrears and trying to figure out how to generate revenue and we’re making money off our money. He believes we are all doing an awesome job and we should be proud of what Edna Bay has accomplished.

Mayor Poelstra said it is very unfortunate that rumors hurt Edna Bay like they do. It is very unfortunate to hear that they are also hurting Naukati too, as they’re trying to organize and protect themselves from the borough. He said he hopes if anyone hears about this, help put the rumors to rest because this is going into the minutes. Naukati has a lot to get through to become a City, and they don’t need things like this slowing them down. He hopes that Naukati is successful with their petition.

#### **5 — Clerk’s Report:**

Myla Poelstra had nothing new to report.

#### **6 — Treasurer’s Report:**

Copies of the Treasurer’s Report were available online. She said that we have our Revenue Sharing Application due by June 1st. As soon as we are finished with our budget ordinance she said she would upload it to the State website to complete the application.

### **7 — *Committee Reports***

#### **7.1 — Dock Committee:**

Tyler Poelstra (Dock Chairman) said it’s getting to be the time of year when he would like to get some estimates for inspecting the breakwater. He said there was nothing new from DOT regarding the harbor transfer at this time. Jay Towne said he has a new hand truck coming that he will add to the others at the harbor.

#### **7.2 — Road Committee:**

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

Mayor Poelstra said that Joe has just finished grading. At some point he said it would be good to discuss putting some more fines on the other areas of the mainline road where we haven’t yet so they can be maintained by the grader.

#### **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) not present. Mayor Poelstra reported that all of the hardware is here for the snow plow. Tyler will work on installing the plow after the new alternator is in and the wiring is sorted out. He also noted that a new fuel tank is in for one of the two City fire pumps. Brian will be installing it.

### **7.6 — Fish & Game Advisory:**

Myla Poelstra had no report.

### **7.7 — Bulk Fuel:**

Tyler Poelstra (Plant Manager) reported that he has been watching prices closely. He has been checking with Petro Marine and adjusting wholesale pricing at the facility accordingly.

## **8 — Old Business**

**None.**

## **9 — New Business**

### **Item A - Public Hearing for 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.

A discussion was held around the budget figures. Sue Crew noted that she read up on accounting since the last meeting, and after discussing with Jere she was able to make sense out of the numbers. Mayor Poelstra thanked her for taking the time to learn about the budget and find a way to understand it in way that made sense to her.

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

#### **Motion:**

Mayor Poelstra moved to adopt City of Edna Bay Non-Code 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 Henson*

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

## **10 — Persons to Be Heard**

Louise DiPaolo said she spent a lot of time learning about bookkeeping this past month, and she went through the math on the April 13th balance sheet and had to get very familiar with what she was seeing with the numbers. She said she also came to the conclusion that it's all beautiful. Thank you.

## **Adjournment**

Mayor Poelstra moved for the meeting be adjourned.

Motion to adjourn seconded by Councilor Towne.

Meeting adjourned at 6:32 PM.