

City of Edna Bay - Regular Meeting

1 — Meeting Date, Place and Call to order:

This Regular meeting was held on Monday, June 10th, 2024 at Edna Bay School and via WebEx. Mayor Poelstra called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

2 — Roll Call:

Tyler Poelstra	- Mayor / City Council	(Present)
Sandy Henson	- Vice Mayor / City Council	(Present)
Myla Poelstra	- Clerk + Treasurer / City Council	(Present - Teleconference)
Mike Williams	- City Council	(Absent)
Doris Greif	- City Council	(Present)
Jay Towne	- City Council	(Present)
Louise DiPaolo	- City Council	(Present - Teleconference)

2.1 — Public Participants:

Katie Buss	Rachelle Estes	Sue Crew	McKenna Wickware	Melody Ogle
Roger DiPaolo	Caleb Kitson	Sarah Yellen	Matthew Yellen	Kelsey Leak
Paul Haag	Fran Rhodes	John Dodson		

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 May 20th, 2024 - No 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 bulk fuel delivery went smoothly and explained that pricing changes often take place from when we are quoted to when the fuel finally delivers and that is folded into the cost at the pump. He explained that is why local prices must also change if wholesale cost increases from Petro so that we don’t come up short when getting low on fuel and need to pay for the next load.

He noted that Caleb Kitson volunteered to help pull out the City skiff since keeping it pumped out is a bit of a burden. Mayor Poelstra noted he plans to run a drill at the fuel facility to review moving, linking and deploying fuel containment booms using the City skiff before it is removed from the water.

Mayor Poelstra noted that the City battery for the generator was taken by someone while the door was open and meeting was underway. It will need to be replaced. He was disappointed to see something like this happen in Edna Bay.

He stated that Joe Wargi fixed up the dump truck and is preparing to haul fresh material onto the road and

spread it with the City grader, starting past the big muskeg and run it as far as he can towards Fran's driveway to smooth over the bumpiest part of the road. He is waiting for optimal weather to do the work so he doesn't create mud.

Mayor Poelstra shared that the Bulk Fuel Repair and Replacement (R&R) account now has enough money in it and now that it is in an interest bearing account it generates ~\$400 a month. He asked if everyone would be okay with looking at how much of our reserve General Fund in the City account could be moved to the same kind of interest bearing account. Combined, interest from the two accounts will generate enough to pay all of the City's routine expenses (phone, internet, insurance, etc).

Funding moved into an interest bearing account can be taken out of the account for use by the City up to four times per year. There was agreement to add it to the next agenda for a decision.

5 — Clerk's Report:

No report.

6 — Treasurer's Report:

No report. No questions on the Treasurer's Report.

7 — *Committee Reports*

7.1 — Dock Committee:

Tyler Poelstra (Dock Chairman) said he and Caleb Kitson will work on applying fresh (black) Kelkote to the bottom gangway ramp as soon as possible, pending good weather. Caleb noted that the new safety ladder is already coated in a lot of algae. Tyler said he would get a few long dock brushes ordered that can scrub them off. Councilman Towne felt the ladders will still serve their purpose in an emergency even if there are some barnacles and algae on them.

He also noted some of the blue bumpers that protect the floatplane float from contacting the gangway float are missing. The floats are not touching, but he has ordered replacement bumpers and larger lag bolts to secure them. He will also replace the ropes with stronger ones to reduce the gap between the wear surfaces and prevent the bumpers from being broken free.

The wind sock is ripped and needs to be replaced. Councilman Towne said we should replace it with a 25 knot sock that will withstand more wind. Tyler will look into getting a replacement. McKenna Wickware asked if the City would be reimbursed for the safety ladder purchases now that the safety ladder mandate was passed. Tyler noted the bill was passed, but not signed into law by the Governor yet. At this time he suggested we proceed with ordering the ladders regardless of the status of the legislation.

7.2 — Road Committee:

Michael Williams (Road Chairman) not present. Mayor Poelstra said that there is some discussion with Mike Williams and Papac Alaska Logging to see if they would be interested in putting in a bid to do roadwork on Limestone PI. Papac Alaska Logging has a rock chisel on his excavator that would be able to shave down the rock walls and boulders along the road without a need to blast, and he has enough equipment to quickly clean up the road. Mike will report back on this soon.

Mayor Poelstra has spoken with Mike Papac on several occasions about how traffic will work around the MAF while they are hauling logs. Mike Papac will have flaggers and personnel on-site to route traffic as needed.

Mayor Poelstra said he wants to meet with Mike to take a look at Kenny's road and how to replace the log crossing there that has deteriorated, ditch the road up to Russ and Charlene's driveway, and apply some rock to the road past their driveway to extend the road surface for other property owners past them.

7.3 — EMS Committee:

Mayor Poelstra stated a interested volunteer roster is posted at the Post Office outside of the postal window where locals can write in their name along with the name of the Emergency Services committee they would like to participate in (i.e. EMS, Fire, S&R). He said he appreciates how much work Roger and Louise have done with Search & Rescue.

If there are enough volunteers to pull together an ETT training class, he and Myla will look into what it will take

for a trainer to come out to Edna Bay and hold classes. If there are not enough volunteers, he suggested neighbors can continue helping neighbors as they have been and the EMS can provide supplies as needed during emergencies until a point in time when there are more people in town who are willing and able to participate effectively.

Myla Poelstra reported she has a "Life-vac" on the way that can help recover a child who is choking on an object without the need to perform the Heimlich maneuver.

7.4 — Search & Rescue Committee:

Roger DiPaolo (Chairman) had no report. He asked if the remaining 2 original S&R backpacks could be made available for pickup. Myla said she will give them to Roger next time he is at the store.

7.5 — Fire Committee:

Brian Mortensen (Fire Chief) not present - no report. Mayor Poelstra gave his thanks to Christopher Wickware for volunteering to get the fire truck running and getting it started and moved out of Roger's yard. He has volunteered to continue do more work on the truck when he returns some time in August.

Mayor Poelstra said he has looked into a few different kinds of fire extinguishers to replace the used up 5LB models previously provided by the Fire Department to households. He has a quote on non-refillable 5LB models for about \$50 a piece (w/o shipping), and \$150 a piece for re-fillable models. The refillable models will keep their charge even if partially used. There were many questions about shipping, shelf life, refill options and how many to purchase. Tyler said he would call around and bring more info to the next meeting.

The last batch of 30 fire extinguishers and smoke alarms was ordered in 2017. Councilor DiPaolo said that refillable units have up to 10 year shelf life, but single-use models only last around 2 years.

Mayor Poelstra asked everyone to please keep an eye out for a good deal on a snow plow for the fire truck. Winter will be here before we are ready and it would be good to have it installed before there is snow.

7.6 — Fish & Game Advisory:

Myla Poelstra reported there is a volunteer roster posted outside the postal window for the committee. There will need to be 9 volunteers before the election process can be started, and it must be done in coordination with the State. Mayor Poelstra suggested the committee has the most value with the widest diversity of viewpoints since it involves policy decisions that must be carefully considered for all users of wildlife resources.

7.7 — Bulk Fuel:

Tyler Poelstra (Plant Manager) restated that he would like to hold a drill involving the spill response boom and City skiff. The current group of USCG personnel are more specific in their scrutiny and he expects they will request that training events be held and detailed prior to their next annual inspection. Current HAZWOPER training is on file, and there may be an AVTech Plant Manager training class opening available soon. He said it would be great to have another person for a backup, and to assist with fuel deliveries since it involves so much work pulling and managing the barge fuel hoses. He is also hoping to see some maintenance work get done while there is good weather this summer, since the pipes could use some fresh paint.

8 — Old Business
None.

9 — New Business
None.

10 — Persons to Be Heard

Paul Haag thanked John Dodson for planning to move off of the City's beach parking near the school. He appreciates when public resources are not used for private gain.

Fran Rhodes thanked Christopher Wickware for cleaning a fallen tree from the Charlie Creek boardwalk. He also removed some remains of a tree that had blown down years ago near the boardwalk.

Sue Crew said at the last meeting there was discussion about the swimming hole and the water quality. She said that she checked it out and a tree had some branches in it but it looked okay to her.

Adjournment

Mayor Poelstra moved that the meeting be adjourned.
Motion to adjourn seconded by Councilor Greif.
Meeting adjourned at 6:56 PM.