



CITY OF GUSTAVUS

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

(RESCHEDULED GENERAL MEETING FROM 01-12-2026)

Monday, January 19, 2026 at 7:00 PM
Gustavus City Hall

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Sally McLaughlin
Vice Mayor Lucas Beck
Council Members: Renee Patrick,
Justin Marchbanks, Karen Hutten,
Jim Kearns, Mike Taylor

CITY HALL

City Administrator – Kathy Leary
City Clerk – Liesl Barker
City Treasurer – Ben Sadler
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MINUTES - PENDING

VIRTUAL MEETING INFORMATION

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ID: 515 501 9406

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ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor Sally McLaughlin
Council Member Renee Patrick
Council Member Karen Hutten
Council Member James Kearns
Council Member Justin Marchbanks

ABSENT

Vice Mayor Lucas Beck (excused)
Council Member Mike Taylor (excused)



Reading of the City of Gustavus Mission Statement

Mission Statement read by Hutten.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None

MAYOR'S REQUEST FOR AGENDA CHANGES

There were no agenda changes.

Hearing no objections, Mayor McLaughlin announced the agenda set as presented by unanimous consent.

COMMITTEE / STAFF REPORTS

1. Gustavus Volunteer Fire Department Quarterly Report

Interim Fire Chief, Johan Janse Van Rensburg submitted a written report and provided an oral summary.

Council Clarifying Questions:

Hutten

2. City Treasurer Monthly Report

City of Gustavus City Treasurer, Ben Sadler provided monthly financial documents.

Clarifying Questions: None

3. City Administrator Monthly Report

City of Gustavus City Administrator, Kathy Leary provided a written report and provided an oral report.

Clarifying Questions:

Hutten

Kearns

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

CONSENT AGENDA

4. FY26-12NCO An Ordinance providing for the amendment of the City Held Accounts in Fiscal Year 2026 - Closing Out Capital Project CP24-02 Same Old Road Drainage.(Introduced 01-19-2026)
5. Approve 2026 city council meeting schedule change due to holidays: reschedule September 7 work session to take place on Tuesday, September 8, at 6PM

Motion made by Hutten to adopt the consent agenda by unanimous consent as presented.

Seconded by Patrick

Hearing no objections, the motion passed.

ORDINANCE FOR PUBLIC HEARING

6. FY26-08NCO An Ordinance providing for the amendment of the City Held Accounts in Fiscal Year 2025 - Endowment Fund Transfer (Introduced 12-08-2025)

Mayor McLaughlin opened the public hearing at 7:24PM

Public Testimony: None

Mayor McLaughlin closed the public hearing at 7:24PM

Motion made by Hutten to approve FY26-08NCO An Ordinance providing for the amendment of the City Held Accounts in Fiscal Year 2026 - Endowment Fund Transfer (Introduced 12-08-2025).

Seconded by Kearns

Council Debate: None

Voting Yea: Mayor McLaughlin, Council Member Patrick, Council Member Hutton, Council Member Kearns, Council Member Marchbanks

5 yea/0 nay

Motion Passed

7. FY26-09NCO Ordinance Providing for the Amendment of the City Held Accounts in Fiscal Year 2026 - Closing Capital Project CP 26-01 New Council Computers (Introduced 12-08-2025)

Mayor McLaughlin opened the public hearing at 7:27PM

Public Testimony: None

Mayor McLaughlin closed the public hearing at 7:27PM

Motion by Marchbanks to approve FY26-09NCO Ordinance Providing for the Amendment of the City Held Accounts in Fiscal Year 2026 - Closing Capital Project CP 26-01 New Council Computers (Introduced 12-08-2025).

Seconded by Hutton

Council Debate: None

Voting Yea: Mayor McLaughlin, Council Member Patrick, Council Member Hutton, Council Member Kearns, Council Member Marchbanks

5 yea/0 nay

Motion Passed.

8. FY26-10NCO Ordinance Providing for the Amendment of City Held Accounts in Fiscal Year 2026 for the Old Post Office Building Renovation Project Phase 2 (Introduced 12-08-2025)

Mayor McLaughlin opened the public hearing at 7:29PM

Public Testimony: None

Mayor McLaughlin closed the public hearing at 7:29PM

Motion made by Kearns to approve FY26-10NCO Ordinance Providing for the Amendment of City Held Accounts in Fiscal Year 2026 for the Old Post Office Building Renovation Project Phase 2 (Introduced 12-08-2025).

Seconded by Hutton

Council Debate:

Marchbanks

Kearns

McLaughlin

Voting Nay: Mayor McLaughlin, Council Member Patrick, Council Member Hutton, Council Member Kearns, Council Member Marchbanks

0 yea/ 5 nay

Motion Failed.

9. FY26-11NCO Ordinance Providing for the Amendment of the City Held Accounts in Fiscal Year 2026 - Transferring Gravel Pit Funds to AMLIP Current Capital (Introduced 12-08-2025)

Mayor McLaughlin opened the public hearing at 7:37PM

Public Testimony: None

Mayor McLaughlin closed the public hearing at 7:37PM

Motion made by Hutten to approve FY26-11NCO Ordinance Providing for the Amendment of the City Held Accounts in Fiscal Year 2026 - Transferring Gravel Pit Funds to AMLIP Current Capital (Introduced 12-08-2025).

Seconded by Patrick

Council Debate: None

Voting Yea: Mayor McLaughlin, Council Member Patrick, Council Member Hutten, Council Member Kearns, Council Member Marchbanks

5 yea/0 nay

Motion Passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

10. Approve Position Description for Fire Chief

Motion made by Patrick to approve position description for Fire Chief.

Seconded by Hutten

Public Comment:

Leland Barker

Council Debate:

Marchbanks

Motion made by Marchbanks to postpone the approval of the position description for the fire chief to time certain of the February general meeting.

Seconded by Kearns

Council Debate: None

Voting Yea: Mayor McLaughlin, Council Member Patrick, Council Member Hutten, Council Member Kearns, Council Member Marchbanks

5 yea/0 nay

Motion Passed

11. CY26-01 A Resolution Opposing the use of Heavy Fuel Oil by Vessels in Alaska Waters

Motion made by Kearns to approve CY26-01 A Resolution Opposing the use of Heavy Fuel Oil by Vessels in Alaska Waters.

Seconded by Hutton

Public Comment:

Jim Mackovjak

Aaron Brakel

Council Debate:

Hutton

Kearns

Marchbanks

Voting Yea: Mayor McLaughlin, Council Member Patrick, Council Member Hutton, Council Member Kearns, Council Member Marchbanks

5 yea/0 nay

Motion Passed

12. CY26-02 A Resolution by the City of Gustavus Declaring a Local Disaster and Requesting Assistance from the State of Alaska

Motion made by Patrick to approve CY26-02 A Resolution by the City of Gustavus Declaring a Local Disaster and Requesting Assistance from the State of Alaska.

Seconded by Hutton

Public Comment: None

Council Debate:

Marchbanks

Kearns

McLaughlin

Voting Yea: Mayor McLaughlin, Council Member Patrick, Council Member Hutton, Council Member Kearns, Council Member Marchbanks

5 yea/0 nay

Motion Passed

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

13. Mayor Monthly Report

McLaughlin submitted a written report and provided an oral summary.

Clarifying Questions: None

14. AML Report

Beck submitted a written report about the 2025 AML conference.

CITY COUNCIL QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Kearns - Thankful for Mayor and other leadership during snow event.

McLaughlin - reminder special work session for CIP on 01-26-26

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Whitney Rapp - Old PO in historic district

Clarifying Question - Marchbanks

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business and hearing no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 8:17PM

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MISSION STATEMENT

The City of Gustavus is a distinctive Alaskan City that provides high quality public services in a thoughtful, cost effective and professional manner to sustain a safe, beautiful tolerant environment to live, work, and play with respect for individual freedom and each other.

Date

Attest: Liesl M. Barker, City Clerk

Date