



CITY OF KOTZEBUE NOTICE

Regular City Council Meeting Agenda

November 07, 2024 at 5:15 PM

City Hall Chambers – 258 A Third Avenue

THE PUBLIC IS ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.

For residents who want to participate telephonically call: **1-800-315-6338**; access code:
49401#

I. Call to Order

Mayor Haviland-Lie called the meeting to order at 5:15 PM.

II. Roll Call

Council Members present in person: Ernest Norton, Derek Haviland-Lie, Joshua Hadley, Kathleen Sherman, Ruth Moto, Cory Jackson, and Youth Representative Bristol Huffman.

Present Telephonically: Council Member Johnson Greene.

City of Kotzebue Staff Present: Tessa Baldwin, Christopher Cook, Russ Ferguson, Paeton Schaeffer, Joe Evans, Drue Pearce.

III. Invocation/Moment of Silence

Council Member Sherman provided an invocation.

IV. Pledge of Allegiance

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V. Adoption of The Agenda

The November 7th, 2024, agenda was approved as **AMENDED**, adding "Nominations for Vice-Mayor" before "Citizen's Comments".

VI. Adoption of Minutes

a) October 7, 2024

b) October 11, 2024 - Special Meeting

Council Member Hadley made a motion to approve October 7th, and 11th meeting minutes, seconded by Council Member Sherman.

VII. Nominations for Vice-Mayor/Selection of Vice Mayor

Council Member Hadley nominated Council Member Sherman for Vice-Mayor, seconded by Council Member Moto, Kathleen accepts.

Mayor Haviland-Lie nominated Council Member Greene for Vice Mayor, seconded by Council Member Norton, Johnson accepts.

Voting sheets were passed out to each Council Member, excluding Youth Representative Huffman, once completed they were tallied.

Kathleen Sherman is the new Vice-Mayor with a vote of 4-3.

VIII. Citizen's Comments

Finnian Sweeney congratulated Kathy for becoming Vice-Mayor and said that he was saddened to hear about the flood in Kotzebue, he was happy to see everyone come together during that time, and we should start preparing for what is to come.

IX. Correspondence

a) Notice of Resignation of City Manager

City Manager, Tessa Baldwin, summarized her resignation and transition plan. Council Member Norton made a motion to accept her resignation, seconded by Council Member Hadley.

b) Kotzebue Elders Council Letter and Ordinance re: House #671

It was stated that Curtis has NOT responded, excrement is still piling up. City Attorney Joe Evans will have a presentation regarding this matter at our November 21st, 2024, RCCM for what the next steps are.

c) Report on Arrangements for Mayor and Council Members Sherman, Jackson, and Moto to Attend AML Local Government Conference in Anchorage in December
City Attorney Joe Evans discussed this matter with the Council and stated that the cost for 4 Council Members and two staff members is estimated to be between \$11,000 to \$12,000.

d) KMHS/JNES Student Government Donations

JNES Assistant Principal Corey Shepherd, and student's Natalie Madison, and Barbara Howarth presented to the Council what they would like for their donations to be spent on. JNES was awarded \$20,000.

e) KMHS Wrestling Donation Request

20,000 Alaska Airlines miles were awarded to the KMHS Wrestling Team.

f) U.S. Fish & Wildlife Housing Bills

Fish and Wildlife requested the City of Kotzebue to cover one month of utility bills for the families that lost their homes during the flood. Council Member Hadley made a motion to approve waiving these family's utility bills for one month, seconded by Vice-Mayor Sherman. Motion passed by majority vote.

g) AMLJIA Special Membership Meeting Invite

City Attorney Joe Evans gave a summary of the AMLJIA Proxy Voting Form, recommending the Council to approve Mayor Haviland-Lie to sign it. Council Member Norton made a motion to approve Mayor Haviland-Lie to sign, seconded by Council Member Hadley.

IX. Unfinished Business

a) Ordering Water Filters for Homes Discussion

Russ Ferguson provided a quote of approximately \$58,600 for 1,000 filters, he stated that the prices went up and that this is a non-reimbursable purchase for the City of Kotzebue. He said they would proceed by putting out an ITB and RFP and try to have these delivered before the Spring Ice-Breakup which is when we usually see higher levels of manganese. He said that these filters will not filter out manganese and an RFP was put out to upgrade the current water filtration system.

X. New Business

a) RESOLUTION 24-64, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KOTZEBUE, ALASKA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HER DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH PND ENGINEERS, INC., ANCHORAGE, ALASKA, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF KOTZEBUE FOR PLANNING/DESIGN CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE CAPE BLOSSOM REGIONAL PORT."

Council Member Hadley made a motion to approve Resolution 24-64, seconded by Vice-Mayor Sherman.

Roll Call Vote

Ernest Norton	Yes	Joshua Hadley	Yes	Ruth Moto	Yes
Derek Haviland-Lie	Yes	Kathleen Sherman	Yes	Cory Jackson	Yes
		Johnson Greene	Yes		

Motion Passed Unanimously.

b) RESOLUTION 24-65, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KOTZEBUE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HER DESIGNEE TO FINALIZE AND EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH JOSEPH W. EVANS FOR CITY ATTORNEY LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE THREE-YEAR PERIOD OF CY2025, CY2026 AND CY2027."

Council Member Hadley made a motion to approve Resolution 24-65, seconded by Council Member Moto.

Roll Call Vote

Ernest Norton	Yes	Derek Haviland-Lie	Yes	Joshua Hadley	Yes
Ruth Moto	Yes	Kathleen Sherman	Yes	Cory Jackson	Yes
		Johnson Greene	Yes		

Motion Passed Unanimously.

c) RESOLUTION 24-66, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KOTZEBUE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HER DESIGNEE TO FINALIZE AND EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH DRUE PEARCE OF HOLLAND & HART FOR FEDERAL LOBBYING SERVICES FOR THE THREE-YEAR PERIOD OF CY2025, CY2026 AND CY2027."

Council Member Hadley made a motion to pass Resolution 24-66, seconded by Council Member Jackson.

Roll Call Vote

Ernest Norton	Yes	Derek Haviland-Lie	Yes	Joshua Hadley	Yes
Ruth Moto	Yes	Kathleen Sherman	Yes	Cory Jackson	Yes
		Johnson Greene	Yes		

Motion Passed Unanimously.

d) RESOLUTION 24-67, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KOTZEBUE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HER DESIGNEE TO FINALIZE AND EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH ELDON MULDER, THE MULDER COMPANY, AND BEN MOHR, THE MOHR COMPANY, FOR STATE LOBBYING SERVICES FOR THE THREE-YEAR PERIOD OF CY2025, CY2026 AND CY2027."

Council Member Hadley made a motion to approve Resolution 24-67, seconded by Vice-Mayor Sherman.

Roll Call Vote

Ernest Norton	Yes	Derek Haviland-Lie	Yes
Joshua Hadley	Yes	Kathleen Sherman	Yes
Ruth Moto	Yes	Cory Jackson	Yes
Johnson Greene	Yes		

Motion Passed Unanimously.

- e) **RESOLUTION 24-68**, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KOTZEBUE NUNC PRO TUNC AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ISSUE AN RFP FOR THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT FILTRATION SYSTEM UPGRADE."

Vice-Mayor Sherman made a motion to approve Resolution 24-68, seconded by Council Member Jackson.

Roll Call Vote

Ernest Norton	Yes	Derek Haviland-Lie	Yes
Joshua Hadley	Yes	Kathleen Sherman	Yes
Ruth Moto	Yes	Cory Jackson	Yes
Johnson Greene	Yes		

Motion Passed Unanimously.

- f) **RESOLUTION 24-69**, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KOTZEBUE NUNC PRO TUNC AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER FOR PREPARATION OF A PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING REPORT ("PER") FOR REPLACEMENT OF THE SWAN LAKE LOOP AND LAGOON LOOP WATER MAINS AND PLANNING PHASE."

Council Member Norton made a motion to approve Resolution 24-69, seconded by Council Member Jackson.

Roll Call Vote

Ernest Norton	Yes	Derek Haviland-Lie	Yes
Joshua Hadley	Yes	Kathleen Sherman	Yes
Ruth Moto	Yes	Cory Jackson	Yes

Johnson Greene Yes

Motion Passed Unanimously.

- g) RESOLUTION 24-70**, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KOTZEBUE *NUNC PRO TUNC* DECLARING A DISASTER AS A RESULT OF THE 2024 OCTOBER WEST COAST STORM."

Council Member Hadley made a motion to approve Resolution 24-70, seconded by Council Member Jackson.

Roll Call Vote

Ernest Norton	Yes	Derek Haviland-Lie	Yes
Joshua Hadley	Yes	Kathleen Sherman	Yes
Ruth Moto	Yes	Cory Jackson	Yes
Johnson Greene	Yes		

Motion Passed Unanimously.

- h) RESOLUTION 24-71**, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KOTZEBUE EXTENDING DOWL ENGINEERING CONTRACT UNTIL JANUARY 15, 2025 AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HER DESIGNEE TO ISSUE AN RFP FOR ENGINEERING AND CAPITAL PROJECT MANAGEMENT."

Council Member Hadley made a motion to approve Resolution 24-71, seconded by Vice-Mayor Sherman.

Roll Call Vote

Ernest Norton	Yes	Derek Haviland-Lie	Yes
Joshua Hadley	Yes	Kathleen Sherman	Yes
Ruth Moto	Yes	Cory Jackson	Yes
Johnson Greene	Yes		

Motion Passed Unanimously.

- i) RESOLUTION 24-72**, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KOTZEBUE APPROVING THE NEW HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN ("HMP")."

Resolution 24-72 was tabled for the November 21st, 2024, RCCM.

XI. Council Members Comments

Seat F: Cory Jackson

Council Member Jackson congratulated Kathleen for being the new Vice-Mayor, she stated there would be volleyball games this weekend and the wrestling season is coming up, told everyone to be safe.

Seat G: Johnson Greene

Council Member Greene thanked the community of Kotzebue for pulling together during the flood.

Seat B: Derek Haviland-Lie

Mayor Haviland-Lie also thanked the community for pulling together during the flood, said it was hard to watch from out of town, but he was happy to see how well it was handled by the community and organizations.

Seat D: Kathy Sherman

Vice-Mayor Sherman thanked the Council for their vote of confidence making her the new VM, she also thanked Tessa, Sam, Russ, and their team for all their hard work and support.

Seat C: Joshua Hadley

Council Member Hadley said that everyone did a great job handling the disaster, and that we should think about ways to protect our community from future climate changes.

Seat E: Ruth Moto

Council Member Moto said we all had a great response to the disaster and thanked everyone for their hard work and support.

Seat A: Ernest Norton

Council Member Norton congratulated Vice-Mayor Sherman, thanked everyone for their hard work and support, he also warned parents about their kids playing on the ice and to stay safe this season.

Youth Representative: Bristol Huffman

Youth Representative Huffman congratulated Vice-Mayor Sherman, and said she was glad that the disaster didn't damage too much.

XII. Executive Session

Council Member Hadley moved, seconded by Council Member Norton to enter Executive Session to discuss matters which by law, or municipal ordinance are required to be confidential.

Entered Executive Session at 6:38 PM.

Re-entered Open Session at 7:49 PM.

Mayor Haviland-Lie reported that no votes were taken during this time, but direction was given.

XIII. Adjournment

Council Member Moto made a motion, seconded by Council Member Jackson, to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Approved By:

Derek Haviland-Lie Mayor

Date:

Submitted By:

Paeton Schaeffer City Clerk

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