



CITY OF KOTZEBUE NOTICE

Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

January 15, 2026

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#

INTRODUCTION FOR ORDINANCE 26-01

I. Call to Order at 5:17pm

II. Roll Call

Council Members present at time of roll call: Mayor Chase, Vice Mayor Norton, Council Members Haviland-Lie, Hadley, Jackson, and Greene.

Council Member Sherman participated telephonically.

III. Invocation/Moment of Silence

Fire Chief Funk gave invocation.

IV. Pledge of Allegiance

All stood for Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Introduction of Staff & Guests

Staff present at time of roll call: City Manager Johnson, Police Chief Cook, Fire Chief Funk, City Clerk/HR Jones, Finance Director Wetzel, PS/DS Manager Lambert, Acting PW Co-Director Hunnicutt, Acting Parks & Rec Director Johnson, Office Administrator Moore, State Lobbyist Mohr, and Federal Lobbyist Rindfuss. Telephonically – City Attorney Evans.

Guests present at time of roll call: Citizen's Brittney Sweeney, Matt Tekker, and Matt Bergan. Telephonically – Travis Stubblefield (NANA), Jason Louvier (NANA).

VI. Adoption of The Agenda

Council Member Haviland-Lie made a motion to **amend** the agenda and add KMHS Budget to Correspondence, seconded by Council Member Hadley.

VII. Adoption of Minutes

VIII. Citizen Comments

Brittney Sweeney thanked Public Works staff for working outside in extreme conditions.

IX. Correspondence

KMHS Budget – KHS Student Council Advisor presented Student Council Budget recommendations for City of Kotzebue Annual Donation of \$20,000.

X. Unfinished Business

XI. New Business

a) Manager's Reports

1. City Manager - Ron Johnson
2. Holland and Hart
3. The Mulder Company
4. City Attorney - Joe Evans
5. Finance Director (accept and approve report)

Council Member Hadley made a motion to approve and accept Finance Director's report, seconded by Council Member Norton.

Motion passed unanimously.

6. Public Works (accept and approve report)

Council Member Hadley made a motion to approve and accept Public Works report, seconded by Council Member Jackson.

Motion passed unanimously.

- i. Public Works Water
7. Police Department
8. Fire Department
9. Parks & Recreation
10. Package Store
11. Public Relations/Human Resources
12. Planning Department

The following legal proceedings regarding Manager's Reports, all comments can be found at City Hall.

b) **KMC 3.20.360** - Elders' or disabled citizens' sales tax exemption update.

c) **INTRODUCTION** FOR ORDINANCE 26-01, "A NON-CODE ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KOTZEBUE ADOPTING SERVICE FEES, RATES, AND CHARGES FOR CY2026."

Council Member Haviland-Lie made a motion, seconded by Norton to formally introduce Ordinance 26-01.

Motion passed unanimously.

First Public Hearing set for February 19, 2026.

d) **RESOLUTION 26-01**, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KOTZEBUE TO ADD CITY MANAGER RONALD JOHNSON, FINANCE DIRECTOR MICHAEL WETZEL, AND CITY CLERK DONALD JONES AS AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES ON ALL OF THE CITY'S ACCOUNTS WITH WELLS FARGO."

Council Member Norton made a motion, seconded by Council Member Haviland-Lie.

Roll Call Vote

Derek Haviland-Lie	YES	Joshua Hadley	YES
Kathleen Sherman	YES	Cory Jackson	YES
Johnson Greene	YES	Ernest Norton	YES
Saima Chase	YES		

Motion Passed.

e) **RESOLUTION 26-02**, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KOTZEBUE APPROVING A PURCHASE ORDER IN THE AMOUNT OF FIFTY-NINE THOUSAND, EIGHT HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FOUR DOLLARS AND NINETY CENTS (\$59,884.90) FOR SPECIALIZED SPRINKLER SERVICES, LLC, CHUGIAK, ALASKA TO REPAIR THE SPRINKLER SYSTEM IN THE BALER BUILDING."

Council Member Hadley made a motion, seconded by Council Member Jackson.

Roll Call Vote

Derek Haviland-Lie	YES	Joshua Hadley	YES
Kathleen Sherman	YES	Cory Jackson	YES
Johnson Greene	YES	Ernest Norton	YES
Saima Chase	YES		

Motion Passed.

f) **RESOLUTION 26-03**, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KOTZEBUE ACCEPTING AND APPROVING A TEMPORARY USE PERMIT ("TUP") FOR NANA REGIONAL CORPORATION *NUNC PRO TUNC* FOR THE CITY-OWNED FAIRGROUNDS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE CITY OF KOTZEBUE PLANNING COMMISSION IN ITS RESOLUTION 26-01."

Council Member Jackson made a motion, seconded by Council Member Norton.

Roll Call Vote

Derek Haviland-Lie	YES	Joshua Hadley	YES
Kathleen Sherman	YES	Cory Jackson	YES
Johnson Greene	YES	Ernest Norton	YES
Saima Chase	YES		

Motion Passed.

The following legal proceedings regarding New Business, all comments can be found at City Hall.

XII. Council Members Comments

Seat B: Derek Haviland-Lie

Seat C: Joshua Hadley

Seat D: Kathleen Sherman

Seat E: Cory Jackson

Seat G: Johnson Greene

Seat A: Ernest Norton

Seat F: Saima Chase

Youth Representative: Vacant

The following legal proceedings regarding Council Member Comments, all comments can be found at City Hall.

XIII. Executive Session

Council Member Hadley made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss matters the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the City, and matters affecting personnel, seconded by Council Member Haviland-Lie.

Motion passed unanimously.

Entered Executive Session 8:33pm

Reentered Open Session 10:07pm

No votes were taken, and directions were given to Administration.

XIV. Adjournment

Council Member Norton made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Council Member Jackson.

Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 10:07pm.

Accepted by:

Saima Chase
Mayor

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Respectfully Submitted By:

Donald Jones
City Clerk