



CITY OF KOTZEBUE NOTICE

Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

August 06, 2026 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#**

Meeting Notice

I. Call to Order at 5:15pm

II. Roll Call

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

III. Invocation / Moment of Silence

Council Member Hadley gave invocation.

IV. Pledge of Allegiance

All stood for Pledge of Allegiance.

V. Introduction of Staff & Guests

Staff present at time of roll call: Acting City Manager Cook, City Clerk/HR Jones, PW Director Avery, Planning Director Walker, City Planner Smith, and City Attorney Evans. *Telephonically* Finance Director Wetzel.

Guests present at time of roll call: Citizen Matt Bergan and Henry Sherman Jr.

VI. Adoption of The Agenda

Council Member Hadley made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented, seconded by Council Member Greene.

Motion passed unanimously.

VII. Adoption of Minutes

a) Meeting Minutes for July 16, 2026

Council Member Sherman made a motion to adopt the meeting minutes for July 16, 2026, 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.

VIII. Citizen Comments

No Citizens Comments.

IX. Correspondence

a) KOTZ Annual Fund Drive

City of Kotzebue financial donation from approved CY2026 budget of \$2,500 and for administration to pick a day during the fundraising drive.

X. Unfinished Business

No Unfinished Business.

XI. New Business

a) RESOLUTION 26-34, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KOTZEBUE SUPPORTING THE PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE FOR THE SWAN LAKE/LAGOON LOOP REPLACEMENT PROJECT."

Council Member Hadley made a motion to approve resolution 26-34, seconded by Council Member Greene.

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.

b) RESOLUTION 26-35, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KOTZEBUE TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT FUND PROGRAM FOR A PAVED ROAD CRACK-SEALING PROJECT."

Council Member Hadley made a motion to approve resolution 26-35, 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.

b) City of Kotzebue Elections Timeline for 2026.

City Clerk covered seats open and term years for election and Monday, August 10, 2026 deadline to file Declaration of Candidacy.

d) City of Kotzebue FY2024 Audit Plan

Council Member Sherman made a motion to postpone City of Kotzebue FY2024 Audit Plan, 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.

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 can be found on recording at City Hall.

XIII. Executive Session

Council Member Hadley made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss contract and financial negotiations, the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the City, seconded by Council Member Greene,

Motion passed unanimously.

Entered Executive Session 5:46pm

Reentered Open Session 6:57pm

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

XIV. Adjournment

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

Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:58pm.

Accepted by:

Saima Chase
Mayor

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Respectfully Submitted By:

Donald Jones
City Clerk