



CITY OF KOTZEBUE NOTICE

Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

July 16, 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 Haviland-Lie. *Telephonically:* Mayor Chase.

Council Member Jackson excusal approved.

Quorum Established.

III. Invocation / Moment of Silence

Chief Funk 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 Wetzel, City Clerk/HR Jones, KPD Chief Cook, Planning Project Coordinator Schaeffer, PW Director Avery, KFD Chief Funk, Arctic Spirits Manager Lambert, Acting Parks & Rec Director Rae, City Attorney Evans. *Telephonically* State Lobbyist Ben Mohr.

Guests present at time of roll call: Citizen Henry Sherman.

VI. Adoption of The Agenda

Council Member Hadley made a motion to amend the agenda to add Resolution 26-33 to New Business as item C, seconded by Council Member Sherman.

Motion carried.

Council Member Haviland-Lie made a motion to approve the amended agenda, seconded by Council Member Hadley.

Motion passed unanimously.

VII. Adoption of Minutes

a) Meeting Minutes for May 20, 2026

b) Meeting Minutes for June 18, 2026

c) Meeting Minutes for July 2, 2026

Council Member Hadley made a motion to approve the adoption of minutes as a block, seconded by Council Member Haviland-Lie

Motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Citizen Comments

No Citizen Comments.

IX. Correspondence

No Correspondence.

X. Unfinished Business

No Unfinished Business.

XI. New Business

a) **RESOLUTION 26-31**, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KOTZEBUE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF KOTZEBUE TO SUBMIT A ZENDER ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATION FOR A COMMUNITY CLEANUP INITIATIVE."

Council Member Haviland-Lie made a motion to approve Resolution 26-31, seconded by Council Member Hadley.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Passed.

b) **RESOLUTION 26-32**, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KOTZEBUE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A DENALI COMMISSION GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO MILLION DOLLARS AND NO CENTS

(\$2,000,000.00) FOR THE CAPE BLOSSOM PHASE II PROJECT LOCAL MATCH AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND/OR HIS DESGINEE TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY AGREEMENTS TO PASS THROUGH THE GRANT FUNDS TO THE STATE OF ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTION & PUBLIC FACILITIES."

Council Member Greene made a motion to approve Resolution 26-32, seconded by Council Member Sherman.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Passed.

- c) **RESOLUTION 26-33**, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KOTZEBUE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, ACTING CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO PAY THE ALASKA PUBLIC RISK ALLIANCE ("APRA") THE CITY OF KOTZEBUE'S DEPOSIT CONTRIBUTION FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2026 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2027 IN THE AMOUNT OF EIGHT HUNDRED TWENTY THOUSAND, TWO HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-EIGHT DOLLARS AND NINTY-SEVEN CENTS (\$820,288.97) BY USING THE FY27 APRA PAYMENT CONTRACT.

Council Member Haviland-Lie made a motion to approve Resolution 26-33, seconded by Council Member Hadley.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Passed.

The following legal proceedings regarding New Business can be found on recording at City Hall.

d) Manager's Reports

1. City Manager
2. Holland and Hart
3. The Mulder Company

4. Joe Evans City Attorney

5. Finance Director (accept and approve Finance Directors Report)

Council Member Haviland-Lie made a motion to accept and approve Finance Directors Report, seconded by Council Member Hadley.

Motion passed unanimously.

6. Public Works (accept and approve Public Works Report)

6a. Public Works Water Treatment Plant

Council Member Hadley made a motion to accept and approve Public Works Reports, seconded by Council Member Haviland-Lie.

Motion passed unanimously.

7. Police Department

8. Fire Department

9. Parks & Recreation

10. Package Store

11. Public Relations/Human Resources

12. Planning Department

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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

No Executive Session.

XIV. Adjournment

Council Member Haviland-Lie made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Council Member Sherman.

Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:58pm.

Accepted by:

Saima Chase
Mayor

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Respectfully Submitted By:

Donald Jones
City Clerk