



CITY OF KOTZEBUE NOTICE

Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

September 03, 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: Mayor Chase, Vice Mayor Norton, Council Members Hadley, Greene, Sherman, Jackson, and 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: City Manager Johnson, City Clerk/HR Jones, PW Director Avery, Police Chief Cook, City Attorney Evans. *Telephonically* Finance Director Wetzel, State Lobbyist Ben Mohr.

Guests present at time of roll call: citizen Matt Bergan, citizen John Rae, and Cornerstone PM Matt Cryer.

VI. Adoption of The Agenda

Council Member Haviland-Lie made a motion to amend the agenda to add City of Kotzebue Landfill Scope of Work and Maniilaq Association Tundra House Donation Request to Correspondence, and adopt the agenda as amended, seconded by Council Member Norton.

Motion passed unanimously.

VII. Adoption of Minutes

a) Meeting Minutes for August 20, 2026

Council Member Norton made a motion to approve the meeting minutes for August 20, 2026 as presented, seconded by Council Member Jackson.

Motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Citizen Comments

- Matt Cryer, Project Manager for Cornerstone Construction, expressed interest and need for local hire in the construction trade industry as work continues on the Maniilaq Association Employee and Patient Housing projects. The project will run through the end of 2029.
- Matt Bergan, citizen and Capital Projects Director for Maniilaq Association, stated the need for local hire for the Maniilaq Housing projects, the types of trades and apprenticeships that could be completed during the housing projects.
- John Rae, citizen, thanked the City for starting on the Veteran's Park, adding and leveling out the gravel. Opportunity to use the old recreation center as a possible man camp for construction projects around town. Thanks to Ron for listening and visiting issues around town. As a commercial fisherman, the Swan Lake Boat Harbor docks should have a loading/unloading zone or pay a fee for a section/spot closer to the entrance because hauling equipment and gear daily to the end of the dock, after a hard day commercial/subsistence fishing.

The following legal proceedings regarding Citizens Comments can be found on recording at City Hall.

IX. Correspondence

a) City of Kotzebue Landfill Scope of Work

Jason Avery, Public Works Director, reviewed and updated the progress of the City landfill approval and expansion.

b) Maniilaq Association Tundra House – Donation Request

City Council requested additional information regarding Tundra House. City Clerk recommends use of line item Community Support from the City Clerk budget.

X. Unfinished Business

No unfinished business.

XI. New Business

a) **RESOLUTION 26-38**, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KOTZEBUE AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE ALASKA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION FOR UP TO \$700,000 THROUGH THE SFY 2027 RURAL PROFESSIONAL HOUSING GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE RENOVATION OF A FORMER BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT RESIDENCE LOCATED AT 804 GARDEN STREET FOR POLICE HOUSING."

Council Member Greene made a motion to approve Resolution 26-38, 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.

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

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XIII. Executive Session

Council Member Hadley made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel matters, the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect on the reputation or character of a person, seconded by Vice Mayor Norton.

Motion passed unanimously.

Entered Executive Session 6:26pm

Reentered Open Session 8:03pm

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

XIV. Adjournment

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

Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04pm.

Accepted by:

Saima Chase
Mayor

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Respectfully Submitted By:

Donald Jones
City Clerk