



CITY OF KOTZEBUE

Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

****Amended Agenda****

April 17, 2025 at 5:15 PM

Kotzebue Youth Center – 946 Wanda St

THE PUBLIC IS ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.

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

ORDINANCE 25-03 [FOR INTRODUCTION]

I. Call to Order

Mayor Haviland-Lie called the meeting to order at 5:16pm.

II. Roll Call

City Council Members present at time of roll call: Mayor Derek Haviland-Lie, Vice Mayor Kathleen Sherman, Members Ernie Norton, Joshua Hadley, Johnson Green, and Ruth Moto. Member Cory Jackson attended telephonically. *Absent:* Youth Rep. Bristol Huffman

Quorum Established.

Staff and Guests present at time of roll call: City Manager Leon Kiana, PW Director Russell Ferguson, City Clerk Donald Jones, CFO Mike Laughlin, KPD Chief Christopher Cook, FD Chief Joshua Funk, KPD Lt. Douglas Popp, and Arctic Spirits Manager Jamie Lambert. City Attorney Joe Evans, HR Administrator Rachel Belamour, and State Lobbyist Ben Mohr attended telephonically.

III. Invocation/Moment of Silence

Council Member Hadley provided an invocation.

IV. Pledge of Allegiance

All stood for Pledge of Allegiance.

V. Adoption of The Agenda

Mayor Haviland-Lie tabled Resolution 25-18 to after Executive Session

Council Member Norton made a motion to approve the amended agenda, Seconded by Vice Mayor Sherman.

Passed unanimously by voice vote.

VI. Citizen Comments

No citizens present.

VII. Correspondence

- a) Ambler Road SOA Decision
- b) Donation Request - On Time Sports
- c) Donation Request - Alliance for Reason and Knowledge

The following legal proceeding regarding Correspondence, all comments can be found on recording at the City Hall.

VIII. Unfinished Business

No unfinished business.

IX. New Business

- a) Manager's Reports
 - 1. City Manager
 - 2. Holland and Hart
 - 3. The Mulder Company
 - 4. Joe Evans City Attorney
 - 5. Finance Director (need to vote to accept & approve)

Council Member Hadley made a motion, and Council Member Norton Seconded to accept and approve Finance Report.

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

6. Public Works (need to vote to accept & approve)

Council Member Hadley made a motion, and Council Member Norton Seconded to accept and approve Public Works Report.

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

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 proceeding regarding Manager's Report, all comments can be found on recording at the City Hall.

b) ORDINANCE 25-03 ENTITLED: "A CODE ORDINANCE ADDING NEW SECTIONS TO THE KOTZEBUE MUNICIPAL CODE ("KMC") TITLE 13, CHAPTER 13.04, WATER AND SEWER UTILITY, A NEW SECTION 13.043.350, ENTITLED '*LIENS FOR PAST DUE UTILITY BILLINGS*' AND KOTZEBUE MUNICIPAL CODE ("KMC") CHAPTER 8.04, REFUSE COLLECTION, A NEW SECTION 8.04.310, ENTITLED '*LIENS FOR PAST DUE UTILITY BILLINGS*' AS SET FORTH HEREIN." **[INTRODUCTION]**

Council Member Hadley made a motion to introduce ORDINANCE 25-03 and Seconded by Council Member Norton.

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

Mayor Haviland-Lie set first public hearing date May 8, 2025.

The following legal proceeding regarding ORDINANCE 25-03, all comments can be found on recording at the City Hall.

- c) **RESOLUTION 25-18**, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KOTZEBUE AUTHORIZING *NUNC PRO TUNC* THE PURCHASE OF A NEW BALER FOR THE CITY OF KOTZEBUE FROM BLANKENSHIP EQUIPMENT, AUBURN, WASHINGTON, IN THE AMOUNT OF NINE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$900,000.00), WHICH INCLUDES PRICE OF THE EQUIPMENT, DELIVERY TO KOTZEBUE, REMOVAL OF THE OLD BALER AND INSTALLATION OF THE NEW BALER IN THE PUBLIC WORKS BALER BUILDING."

Council Member Norton made a motion and Seconded by Council Member Greene.

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

- d) **RESOLUTION 25-19**, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KOTZEBUE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ISSUE A NOTICE TO PROCEED TO DRAKE CONSTRUCTION, INC., ("DCI") OF KOTZEBUE, ALASKA TO REPAIR AND STABILIZE THE BERM ON THE CITY OF KOTZEBUE'S SEWAGE LAGOON CELL THREE IN THE AMOUNT OF SEVEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SIX THOUSAND, ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$786,125.00)."

Council Member Norton made a motion and Seconded by Council Member Hadley.

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

e) **RESOLUTION 25-20**, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KOTZEBUE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE, THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR AND FINANCE DIRECTOR TO EXPLORE THE ACQUISITION OF LIGHT DUTY VEHICLES FOR PUBLIC WORKS SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE FUNDING."

Council Member Hadley made a motion and Seconded by Council Member Sherman.

Roll Call Vote

Ernest Norton	YES	Derek Haviland-Lie	YES
Joshua Hadley	NO	Kathleen Sherman	YES
Ruth Moto	YES	Cory Jackson	YES
Johnson Greene	YES		

Motion Passed

f) **RESOLUTION 25-21**, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KOTZEBUE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO PLACE AND PURCHASE ALCOHOL SUPPLIES FOR THE ARCTIC SPIRITS PACKAGE STORE FOR SHIPMENT ON THE FIRST AML BARGE OF THE SUMMER 2025 BARGE SEASON."

Council Member Hadley made a motion and Seconded by Council Member Moto.

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

X. Council Members Comments

Seat F: Cory Jackson

Seat G: Johnson Greene

Seat B: Derek Haviland-Lie, Mayor

Seat D: Kathy Sherman, Vice Mayor

Seat C: Joshua Hadley

Seat E: Ruth Moto

Seat A: Ernest Norton

Youth Representative: Bristol Huffman

The following legal proceeding regarding Council Members Comments, all comments can be found on recording at City Hall.

XI. Executive Session

Council Member Hadley made a motion and Seconded by Council Member Norton, to move the Council and go into an Executive Session in order that we may discuss matters, the immediate knowledge of which would have an adverse effect upon the finances of the City and to discuss subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person; in matters that are required by law to be kept confidential.

The Council moved into Executive Session unanimously by voice vote.

The Council Members went into Executive Session at 8:37pm.

The regular city council meeting reconvened in open session at 10:01pm.

Mayor Haviland-Lie reported that no votes were taken in Executive Session and direction was given to City Administration.

XII. Adjournment

Council Member Moto made a motion and Seconded by Council Member Norton to Adjourn.

Motion passed unanimously.

Adjourned at 10:04pm.

Accepted By:

Derek Haviland-Lie Mayor

[SEAL]

Respectfully Submitted By:

Donald Jones, Jr. City Clerk