



# CITY OF KOTZEBUE

## Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

April 03, 2025 at 5:15 PM

Kotzebue Youth Center – 946 Wanda St

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### THE PUBLIC IS ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.

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

### ORDINANCE 25-02 [FIRST HEARING]

#### I. Call to Order

Mayor Haviland-Lie called the meeting to order at 5:15 PM.

#### II. Roll Call

**Present in person:** Ernest Norton, Derek Haviland-Lie, Joshua Hadley, Ruth Moto, Cory Jackson, Johnson Greene.

**Present telephonically:** Kathleen Sherman

**Absent:** Youth Representative Bristol Huffman

#### III. Invocation/Moment of Silence

**Indicate which:** Invocation / Moment of Silence

**Lead by:** Leon Kiana

#### IV. Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge of Allegiance.

#### V. Introduction of Guests & Staff

**Guests:** Donald Jones, Jr., Matt Bergan, Carl Weisner, Mike Wetzel (telephonically), Tristan Ferguson (telephonically),

**City Staff:** Chris Cook, Jamie Lambert, Mike Laughlin, Russ Ferguson, Leon Kiana, Joe Evans, Lorraine Hunnicutt, Ron Johnson.

#### VI. Swearing-In of New City Manager

The Oath of Office was administered by Lorraine Hunnicutt for Leon Kiana.

#### VII. Swearing-In of New City Clerk

The Oath of Office was administered by Lorraine Hunnicutt for Donald Jones, Jr.

## **VIII. Adoption of The Agenda**

Councilor Moto moved, and Councilor Johnson seconded to adopt the amended agenda.

Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

## **IX. Adoption of Minutes**

### **a) March 6, 2025 & March 20, 2025**

Councilor Greene moved to adopt the minutes of 3/6/25 & 3/20/25, seconded by Councilor Norton.

**Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.**

## **X. Citizen Comments**

## **XI. Correspondence**

### **a) Donation Request-Arctic Circle Racing Association**

Russ Ferguson stated they are requesting \$2,500.00, the maximum amount for donations is \$500.00

This request will be discussed in Executive Session.

## **XII. Unfinished Business**

### **a) Water Filter Update**

Russ Ferguson stated we handed out around 800 pitchers and yesterday parks and recreation delivered pitchers to the elders and 19 to Tupich for the elders. There was one day delay so we could add the house numbers to the ones that we not on the list and some people were out of town.

Councilor Greene stated he had an elder call him and was very happy about the pitchers but not every elder will know how to order the filters.

Mayor Haviland-Lie stated he would like to say thank you to all the staff and councilors that helped with the distribution of the pitchers.

## **XIII. New Business**

### **a) ORDINANCE 25-02, ENTITLED "A NON-CODE ORDINANCE RESCINDING AND REPLACING ORDINANCE 24-07 AND IN ITS STEAD ADOPTING THIS BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF KOTZEBUE, ALASKA NUNC PRO TUNC FOR THE CALENDAR**

YEAR ("CY") JANUARY 1, 2025 TO ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025." **[FIRST HEARING]**

Councilor Hadley moved, and Councilor Jackson seconded to approve amended Ordinance 25-02.

Ernest Norton	Yes	Derek Haviland-Lie	Yes
Joshua Hadley	Yes	Ruth Moto	Yes
Cory Jackson	Yes	Johnson Greene	Yes

Joe Evans stated the utility rates will need to be incorporated into the revised budget.

Matt Bergan commented that the rates needed to come up and everyone should be paying a water, sewer and garbage bill so that the system can be maintained.

**Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.**

- b) RESOLUTION 25-16**, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KOTZEBUE ACCEPTING KOTZEBUE PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION 25-04 RECOMMENDING THE WAIVER OF THE BUILDING PERMIT FEE FOR THE NATIVE VILLAGE OF KOTZEBUE’S BUILDING PROJECT ON LOT 10, BLOCK 13, USS 2863."

Councilor Hadley moved, and Councilor Jackson seconded to approve Resolution 25-16.

Ernest Norton	Yes	Derek Haviland-Lie	Yes
Joshua Hadley	Yes	Kathleen Sherman	Yes
Ruth Moto	Yes	Cory Jackson	Yes
Johnson Greene	Yes		

**Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.**

Carl Weisner stated that we are overbudget on the building and he inherited the project and wanted the building permit fees waived. Thank you for allowing us to purchase the land.

- c) RESOLUTION 25-17**, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KOTZEBUE REQUESTING THE ADDITION OF CITY MANAGER LEON KIANA AND

CITY CLERK DONALD JONES AS AUTHORIZED SIGNERS ON ALL OF THE CITY'S ACCOUNTS WITH WELLS FARGO."

Councilor Norton moved, and Councilor Jackson seconded to approve Resolution 25-17.

Ernest Norton	Yes	Derek Haviland-Lie	Yes
Joshua Hadley	Yes	Kathleen Sherman	Yes
Ruth Moto	Yes	Cory Jackson	Yes
Johnson Greene	Yes		

**Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.**

#### **XIV. Council Members Comments**

Seat F: Cory Jackson thanked staff for working long hours.

Seat G: Johnson Greene thanks for getting the water pitchers and snow removal.

Seat B: Derek Haviland-Lie thanks for getting the water pitchers and would like a joint work session with the Parks & Rec Advisory Committee

Seat D: Kathleen Sherman sorry for being late, welcome to Leon Kiana and Donald Jones Jr. It was good to see snow plowing.

Seat C: Joshua Hadley Grateful that the City of Kotzebue and NVOK relationship is strong. I'm concerned about the ice hanging over the roof on the jail.

Seat E: Ruth Moto thank you for stepping up Russ Ferguson. Welcome to Leon Kiana and Don Jones and would like to have the snow removed from town.

Seat A: Ernest Norton welcome to Leon Kiana and Donald Jones Jr. and enjoy the Spring Festival.

Youth Representative: Bristol Huffman

All Council Member Comments can be found on a recording at City Hall.

#### **XV. Executive Session**

##### **a) Finance**

Councilor Hadley moved, and Councilor Hadley seconded to enter Executive Session to discuss matters which by law, or municipal ordinance are required to be confidential.

Entered Executive Session at 6:20 PM.

Reentered Open Session at 7:40 PM.

**XVI. Adjournment**

Councilor Norton moved, and Councilor Hadley seconded to adjourn.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:41 PM.**

**Accepted By:**

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Derek Haviland-Lie      Mayor

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**Respectfully Submitted By:**

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Lorraine Hunnicutt      Acting City Clerk