



CITY OF KOTZEBUE NOTICE

Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

July 02, 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#**

4th Public Hearing on Ordinance 26-06.

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, Jackson, Greene, and Haviland-Lie. *Telephonically:* Council Member Sherman.

Telephonically Mayor Chase called in at 5:51pm.

Quorum Established.

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, Police Chief Cook, City Clerk/HR Jones, PW Director Avery, Fire Chief Funk, Planning Director Walker, and City Attorney Evans.

Guests present at time of roll call: Citizens Matthew Tekker, Holly Taylor, Ginger Douglas, and John Rae.

VI. Adoption of The Agenda

Council Member Hadley made a motion to amend the agenda to add Resolution 26-30 to New Business, Grants Update by Consultant Tessa Cyrus to Unfinished Business, and adopt the amended agenda, seconded by Council Member Greene.

Motion passed unanimously.

VII. Adoption of Minutes

No Minutes presented.

VIII. Citizen Comments

No Citizen Comments.

IX. Correspondence

a) State Lobbyist - Ben Mohr - Legislative Update

State Legislative Update letter submitted by Lobbyist Ben Mohr.

X. Unfinished Business

a) ORDINANCE 26-02, "A NON-CODE ORDINANCE CORRECTING OMITTED FEES FOR CY2026."

Public Comment for Ordinance 26-02 opened at 5:24pm.

Public Comment for Ordinance 26-02 closed at 5:43pm.

A motion was made by Council member Greene and seconded by Council Member Haviland-Lie, to amend Ordinance 26-02, relating to CY2026 Omitted Fees, by striking line items 16 and 19 in its entirety from Exhibit A.

Discussion followed. A roll call vote on the amendment was called:

Roll Call Vote

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

The motion to amend Ordinance 26-02 carried.

Council Member Haviland-Lie made a motion and seconded by Council Member Hadley to adopt Ordinance 26-02 as amended. A roll call vote was called:

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion passed.

b) Grants Update

City Consultant Cyrus gave a grants update for the City of Kotzebue to City Council. A notice of intent for the Village Safe Water Grant of \$12,350,000.00 for lift stations 4, 5,

and 8. The three VIF applications through the Northwest Arctic Borough for a jetter, fire station training/equipment/upgrades, and police vehicles were approved.

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

XI. New Business

a) RESOLUTION 26-27, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KOTZEBUE *NUNC PRO TUNC* ENTENDING LARGE ITEM PICK-UP (INCLUDING VEHICLES) FOR THE PERIOD JUNE 22, 2026 TO JULY 31, 2026 AND WAIVING ALL FEES ASSOCIATED WITH SUCH LARGE ITEM PICK-UP (INCLUDING VEHICLES)."

Council Member Haviland-Lie made a motion to approve Resolution 26-27, 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) RESOLUTION 26-28, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KOTZEBUE ACCEPTING THE ALASKA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION ("ACF") DONATIONS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF TWO HUNDRED TWENTY-TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$222,000.00) TO SUPPORT OCTOBER 2025 STORM RECOVERY, RESIDENTIAL SEWAGE BACKUP HOME REPAIRS, AND FIRE TRUCK REPLACEMENT."

Council Member Haviland-Lie made a motion to approve Resolution 26-28, 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	Abstain		

Motion Passed.

c) **RESOLUTION 26-29**, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KOTZEBUE ACCEPTING THREE NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT FUND ("NWAB/VIF") AWARDS FOR TWO POLICE VEHICLES, NEW JETTER AND REPAIRS TO THE KOTZEBUE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S AERIAL LADDER TRUCK, PURCHASE OF NEW FIRE SAFETY GEAR AND FIRE HOSES, PROVIDE ESSENTIAL FIRE SAFETY TRAINING AND MAKE UPGRADES TO THE FIRE STATION."

Council Member Hadley made a motion to approve Resolution 26-29, seconded by Council Member Greene.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Passed.

d) **RESOLUTION 26-30**, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KOTZEBUE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF KOTZEBUE TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE STATE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF A SECURITY SYSTEM FOR THE KOTZEBUE POLICE DEPARTMENT."

Council Member Haviland-Lie made a motion to approve Resolution 26-30, 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.

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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

Council Member Haviland-Lie 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 Council Member Greene.

Motion passed unanimously.

Entered Executive Session 6:49pm

Reentered Open Session 7:14pm

Discussion was had, no votes were taken, directions were given to Administration, and City Manager personal leave approved.

XIV. Adjournment

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

Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:14pm.

Accepted by:

Ernest Norton, on behalf of Saima Chase
Vice Mayor

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Respectfully Submitted By:

Donald Jones
City Clerk