



CITY OF KOTZEBUE NOTICE

Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

May 20, 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#

2ND PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCE 26-02

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 Jackson, Haviland-Lie, Sherman, and Johnson.

Council Member Hadley arrived at 5:59pm.

III. Invocation/Moment of Silence

Chief Funk gave invocation.

IV. Pledge of Allegiance

All stood for Pledge of Allegiance.

V. Introductions of Staff & Guests

Staff present at time of roll call: City Manager Johnson, City Clerk/HR Jones, Police Chief Cook, Arctic Spirits Manager Lambert, PW Assistant Director Hunnicutt, Acting Parks & Rec Director Johnson, Fire Chief Funk, and Finance Director Wetzel.

Staff present telephonically: PW Director Avery

Guests present at time of roll call: Citizens Matthew Tekker

VI. Adoption of The Agenda

Council Member Haviland-Lie made a motion to amend the agenda to add May 7, 2026 Meeting Minutes to Adoption of Minutes, and adopt the agenda, seconded by Vice Mayor Norton.

Motion Passed Unanimously.

VII. Adoption of Minutes

a) May 7, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Council Member Haviland-Lie made a motion to approve May 7, 2026 meeting minutes, seconded by Council Member Sherman.

Motion Passed Unanimously.

VIII. Citizen Comments

No Citizen Comments.

IX. Correspondence

a) Letter of Interest from Renee Lincoln for LBCB/LRA

Council Member Sherman made a motion to approve appointment of Renee Lincoln to the LBCB/LRA Board, seconded by Vice Mayor Norton.

Motion Passed Unanimously.

X. Unfinished Business

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

Public Comment for Ordinance 26-02 opened at 5:21pm.

Public Comment for Ordinance 26-02 closed at 5:36pm.

A motion was made by Council member Haviland-Lie to postpone for a third public comment on Ordinance 26-02 until the next available city council meeting, seconded by Vice Mayor Norton. A roll call vote was called:

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion passed.

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

XI. New Business

a) RESOLUTION 26-20, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KOTZEBUE AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT

FUND APPLICATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$347,000.00 FOR THE PURCHASE OF A NEW SEWER JETTER."

Vice Mayor Norton made a motion to approve Resolution 26-20, seconded by Council Member Haviland-Lie.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion passed.

- b) RESOLUTION 26-21**, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KOTZEBUE AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT FUND APPLICATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$131,195.00 FOR THE PURCHASE OF POLICE DEPARTMENT VEHICLES.

Council Member Haviland-Lie made a motion to approve Resolution 26-21, seconded by Council Member Greene.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion passed.

- c) RESOLUTION 26-22**, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KOTZEBUE AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT FUND APPLICATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$180,000.00 FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT, VEHICLE REPAIR, TRAINING, FIRE HOSES, AND FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS."

Council Member Sherman made a motion to approve Resolution 26-22, seconded by Vice Mayor Norton.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion passed.

- d) RESOLUTION 26-23,** "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KOTZEBUE DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER, HR LEAD, AND FINANCE DIRECTOR WORKING WITH THE CITY'S BROKER, THE ALERA GROUP, TO PROVIDE THE CITY OF KOTZEBUE ("CITY") EMPLOYEES WITH AN AFFORDABLE AND COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH, DENTAL, VISION, PHARMACY, LIFE, AND SHORT-TERM DISABILITY PLANS FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2026 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2027."

Council Member Haviland-Lie made a motion to approve Resolution 26-23, seconded by Council Member Jackson.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion passed.

- e) RESOLUTION 26-24,** "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KOTZEBUE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR THEIR DESIGNEE TO PLACE AND PURCHASE ALCOHOL SUPPLIES FOR THE ARCTIC SPIRITS PACKAGE STORE FOR SHIPMENT ON THE SECOND AML BARGE OF THE SUMMER 2026 BARGE SEASON."

Council Member Haviland-Lie made a motion to approve Resolution 26-24, seconded by Council Member Jackson.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion passed.

- f) RESOLUTION 26-25,** "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KOTZEBUE ACCEPTING THE NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH ("NWAB") ASSEMBLY DONATION IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$150,000.00) FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES."

Vice Mayor Norton made a motion to approve Resolution 26-25, seconded by Council Member Sherman.

Roll Call Vote

Derek Haviland-Lie	Abstain	Joshua Hadley	Absent
Kathleen Sherman	YES	Cory Jackson	YES
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.

g) 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 Director Report)

Council Member Haviland-Lie made a motion to accept and approve the Finance Directors Report, seconded by Vice Mayor Norton.

Motion Passed.

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

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

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

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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

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XIII. Executive Session

No Executive Session.

XIV. Adjournment

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

Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:13pm.

Accepted by:

Ernest Norton, on behalf of Saima Chase
Vice Mayor

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Respectfully Submitted By:

Donald Jones
City Clerk