



CITY OF KOTZEBUE NOTICE

Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

June 18, 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#

3RD PUBIC COMMENT ON ORDINANCE 26-02.

Meeting Notice

I. Call to Order at 5:16pm.

II. Roll Call

Council Members present at time of roll call: Vice Mayor Norton, Council Members Hadley, Jackson, Haviland-Lie, and Sherman. *Telephonically:* Mayor Chase and Council Member Johnson.

Quorum Established.

III. Invocation / Moment of Silence

Council Member Sherman gave invocation.

IV. Pledge of Allegiance

All stood for Pledge of Allegiance.

V. Introduction of Staff & Guests

Staff present at time of roll call: Acting City Manager Cook, City Clerk/HR Jones, Finance Director Wetzal, PW Director Avery, Planning Director Walker, Arctic Spirits Manager Lambert, City Planner Smith, and City Attorney Evans.

Staff present telephonically: State Lobbyist Ben Mohr.

Guests present at time of roll call: Citizens Matthew Tekker and Iva Baker.

VI. Adoption of The Agenda

Council Member Sherman made a motion to adopt the agenda, seconded by Council Member Haviland-Lie.

Motion Passed Unanimously.

VII. Adoption of Minutes

No minutes presented.

VIII. Citizen Comments

- 1) Iva Baker asked what are your plans for the tents located at the bottom of the hill?
 - a. Acting CM Cook responded that the people who won the raffle did not have the means to retrieve the tents and a new solution is being looked at and discussed.
- 2) Matt Tekker asked is the Port Road Phase II a part of the City priorities? And where is that at?
 - a. Mayor Chase responded that Cape Blossom Port Road is a regional priority.
 - b. Fred Smith, City Planner, stated that work will continue with a winter gravel haul from Nimiaq Point.

IX. Correspondence

X. Unfinished Business

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

Council Member Haviland-Lie made a motion to postpone for a fourth public comment on Ordinance 26-02 to the next available city council meeting, seconded by Council Member Hadley. Roll call vote was called:

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.

XI. New Business

- a) The City Council is being asked to consider a correction to the approved minutes of the June 5, 2025, regular city council meeting. Council Member Kathleen Sherman has requested that the minutes be amended to reflect a correction to the recorded vote on Resolution No. 25-23, titled "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Kotzebue Setting Revised/Updated/Recalculated Water, Sewer, and Garbage Rates as Required by Ordinance 25-02, Effective June 1, 2025."

Council Member Hadley made a motion to amend the June 5, 2025 approved meeting minutes, correcting the recorded city council member votes, seconded by Council Member Sherman.

- **Council Member Kathleen Sherman on Resolution No. 25-23 from 'Yes' to 'No.'**
- **Council Member Joshua Hadley on Resolution No. 25-23 from 'No' to 'Yes.'**

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 26-26, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KOTZEBUE ACCEPTING PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION 26-07 AND APPROVING THE TIDELANDS USE PERMIT FOR COPPER RIVER SEAFOODS FOR THE 2026 COMMERCIAL FISHING SEASON."**

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

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

c) Manager's Reports

1. City Manager
2. Holland and Hart
3. The Mulder Company
4. Joe Evans City Attorney

5. Finance Director

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

Motion Passed.

6. Public Works

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

Motion Passed.

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

Council Member Haviland-Lie made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss contract and financial negotiations, the immediate knowledge of which would clearly

have an adverse effect upon the finances of the City, seconded by Council Member Hadley.

Motion passed unanimously.

Entered Executive Session 6:32pm

Reentered Open Session 7:25pm

Discussion was had, no votes were taken, directions were given to Administration.

XIV. Adjournment

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

Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:26pm.

Accepted by:

Ernest Norton, on behalf of Saima Chase
Vice Mayor

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Respectfully Submitted By:

Donald Jones
City Clerk