



CITY OF KOTZEBUE NOTICE

Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

March 20, 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#

[INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE 25-02]

I. Call to Order

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

II. Roll Call

Present in person: Ernest Norton (arrived 7:24 PM), Derek Haviland-Lie, Joshua Hadley, Cory Jackson, Johnson Green.

Present telephonically: Kathleen Sherman, Joe Evans, Mike Laughlin, Tessa Baldwin, Rachel Belamour, Leon Kiana, Brie White, Ben Mohr

Absent: Ruth Moto

III. Invocation/Moment of Silence

Indicate which: Invocation / Moment of Silence

Performed by: Russ Ferguson

IV. Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge of Allegiance.

V. Introduction of Guests & Staff

Russ Ferguson, Jamie Lambert, Mike Wetzel, Ron Johnson, Chris Cook, Josh Funk, Heather Sheldon, Ms. Hensley, Sam Camp

VI. Adoption of the Agenda

Councilor Hadley moved and Councilor Greene seconded to adopt the agenda.

Motion passed unanimously.

VII. Citizen Comments

Ms. Hensley wanted to address the debris clean up from the Fall Storm that washed out all of the City of Kotzebue tent frames from North Tent City, dumpsters, dock floats, and gas cans. She was wondering if we are going to clean it up before spring thaw.

Sam Camp is working with FEMA on the debris. Youth Rep Bristol Hoffman discussed \$1.00 a bag like we did with Spring Cleaning.

VIII. Correspondence

a) LRA Board Member Renewals

The following were reappointed to the LRA Board: Ernest Norton, Barbara Collison & Joe Groves.

b) Request for Permit to Film-WPS

Brie White is a producer for Mountain Men, History Channel and wanted permission to film in Kotzebue, they have two people (Lauro Ekland & father) from Nome who are mushing from Nome to Kotzebue. We sent a copy of the permit for operating a drone and would follow all guidelines.

Councilor Greene: We have a policy in place for that and we have good people coming up.

IX. Unfinished Business

X. 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

Councilor Hadley moved and Councilor Greene seconded to accept and approve the Finance Director Report and Finance Report.

The Roll Call Vote

Derek Haviland-Lie	Yes	Joshua Hadley	Yes
Kathy Sherman	Yes	Cory Jackson	Yes
	Johnson Greene	Yes	

Motion: PASSED

6. Public Works

i. Public Works Water

Councilor Hadley moved and Councilor Greene seconded to accept and approve the Public Works Report.

The Roll Call Vote

Derek Haviland-Lie	Yes	Kathy Sherman	Yes
Joshua Hadley	Yes	Cory Jackson	Yes
	Johnson Greene	Yes	

Motion: PASSED

7. Police Department

8. Fire Department

9. Parks & Recreation

10. Package Store

11. Public Relations/Human Resources

12. Planning Department

b) 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."

Councilor Greene moved and Councilor Hadley seconded to table Ordinance 25-02.

Motion: PASSED

Russ Ferguson: At the very last minute Mike Wetzl noticed that the numbers were from 2024 and needed to be updated before being presented to the City Council.

c) **RESOLUTION 25-13**, “A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KOTZEBUE AND THE KOTZEBUE IRA SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION FOR THE NANA REGIONAL VILLAGE ECONOMIC IMPROVEMENT (“VEI”) PROGRAM.”

Councilor Hadley moved and Councilor Greene seconded to approve Resolution 25-13.

The Roll Call Vote

Derek Haviland-Lie	Yes	Joshua Hadley	Yes
Kathy Sherman	Yes	Cory Jackson	Yes
	Johnson Greene	Yes	

Motion: PASSED

Russ Ferguson: The amount is \$1M and it would be split evenly between the Native Village of Kotzebue and the City of Kotzebue.

d) **RESOLUTION 25-14**, “A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KOTZEBUE AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE FY 2024 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM.”

Councilor Hadley moved and Councilor Greene seconded to approve Resolution 25-14.

The Roll Call Vote

Derek Haviland-Lie	Yes	Kathy Sherman	Yes
Joshua Hadley	Yes	Cory Jackson	Yes
	Johnson Greene	Yes	

Motion: PASSED

Russ Ferguson: This will help out phase II of the washeteria.

e) **RESOLUTION 25-15**, “A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KOTZEBUE AUTHORIZING THE ACTING CITY MANAGER/CITY MANAGER WORKING WITH THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO ESTABLISH AND OPEN A CAPITAL EQUIPMENT-TYPE ESCROW ACCOUNT.”

Councilor Hadley moved and Councilor Greene seconded to approve Resolution 25-15.

The Roll Call Vote

Derek Haviland-Lie	Yes	Kathy Sherman	Yes
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Joshua Hadley Yes

Cory Jackson Yes

Johnson Greene Yes

Motion: PASSED

Russ Ferguson: This will help when we need to get new equipment. Our equipment is old and will be needing replacements.

XI. Council Members Comments

Seat F: Cory Jackson

Seat G: Johnson Greene

Seat B: Derek Haviland-Lie, Mayor

Seat D: Kathleen Sherman

Seat C: Joshua Hadley

Seat E: Ruth Moto

Seat A: Ernest Norton

Youth Representative: Bristol Huffman

All comments can be found on recording at the City Hall.

XII. Executive Session

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

Motion: PASSED

Entered Executive Session at 7:34 PM.

a) City Clerk Candidates

b) City Manager Candidate

Re-entered open Session at 8:21 PM.

Councilor Hadley moved to hire Leon Kiana, seconded by Councilor Greene.

The Roll Call Vote

Ernest Norton	Abstained	Johnson Greene	Yes
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Derek Haviland-Lie	Yes	Kathy Sherman	Yes
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Joshua Hadley	Yes	Cory Jackson	Yes
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Motion: PASSED

XIII. Adjournment

Councilor Norton moved and Councilor Greene seconded to adjourn at 8:27 PM.

Adjourned at _____PM.

Accepted By:

Derek Haviland-Lie Mayor

Date

Respectfully Submitted By:

Lorraine Hunnicutt

Date

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