

**KENAI CITY COUNCIL – SPECIAL MEETING
AUGUST 11, 2023 – 6:00 P.M.
KENAI CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
210 FIDALGO AVE., KENAI, AK 99611
MAYOR BRIAN GABRIEL, PRESIDING**

MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

A Special Meeting of the Kenai City Council was held on August 11, 2023, in City Hall Council Chambers, Kenai, AK.

Council Member Knackstedt called the meeting to order at approximately 6:15 p.m. and called for nominations of a President Pro Tempore.

Council Member Douthit **NOMINATED** Council Member Knackstedt to the position of President Pro Tempore. Council Member Winger **SECONDED** the motion.

Having no additional nominations and hearing no objections, Council Member Knackstedt was elected President Pro Tempore for the August 11, 2023 special meeting.

[Clerk's Note: KMC 1.15.010(b) in the absence of the Mayor and Vice Mayor any member of the City Council may call the meeting to elect a President Pro Tempore. The President Pro Tempore term ends at the arrival of the Mayor or Vice Mayor, or at the adjournment of the meeting.]

1. Pledge of Allegiance

President Pro Tempore Knackstedt led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call

There were present:

Henry Knackstedt, President Pro Tempore
Teea Winger
Alex Douthit

Victoria Askin (*remote participation*)
Deborah Sounart (*remote participation*)

A quorum was present.

Absent:

Brian Gabriel, Mayor
James Baisden, Vice Mayor

Also in attendance were:

Terry Eubank, City Manager
Scott Bloom, City Attorney
David Swarner, Finance Director
Scott Curtin, Public Works Director
Shellie Saner, City Clerk

3. Agenda Approval

MOTION:

Council Member Winger **MOVED** to approve the agenda. Council Member Douthit **SECONDED** the motion.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT was requested.

VOTE: Motion **APPROVED**; without objection.

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. **Resolution No. 2023-50** - Authorizing the Issuance of Utility Revenue Bonds in a Principal Amount Not to Exceed One Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,200,000) to Finance the Costs of Planning, Designing and Constructing the City's Water Treatment Pump House and Related Capital Improvements; and to Submit the Question of Issuance of Such Bonds to the Qualified Voters of the City of Kenai at the General Election in and for the City of Kenai on October 3, 2023. (Administration)

MOTION:

Council Member Winger **MOVED** to adopt Resolution No. 2023-50. Council Member Douthit **SECONDED** the motion.

It was reported that the Federal Infrastructure Bill provided billions of dollars for water and sewer projects nationally through a revolving loan fund; unique to this revolving loan fund is 100-percent forgiveness, which presented more like a grant; being title a loan made it problematic for the City as it could trigger the debt provisions of code requiring a ballot question to be submitted to the eligible voters of the City.

City Staff, State and Federal Officials worked together on amendments to the loan documents that made it clear that the City would not be incurring any debt; an opinion was received from the City's bond attorney that voter authorization was not necessary with the amendments to the documents; and the Administration was requesting Resolution 2023-50 be postponed indefinitely.

President Pro Tempore Knackstedt opened the floor for public comment. There being no one wishing to be heard, the public comment period was closed.

There was discussion regarding meeting all of the requirements for 100 percent reimbursement; concerns were stated regarding the possibility of not receiving full reimbursement.

It was clarified that the City would delay three projects; funding for those three projects would be used for the City's Water Treatment Pumphouse and no debt would be incurred.

MOTION:

Council Member Winger **MOVED** to postpone indefinitely Resolution No. 2023-50. Council Member Douthit **SECONDED** the motion.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT was requested on the motion to postpone indefinitely.

VOTE: Motion **APPROVED**; without objection.

- C. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** (*Public comments limited to three (3) minutes per speaker; thirty (30) minutes aggregated*) - None.

D. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

I certify the above represents accurate minutes of the Kenai City Council Special meeting of August 11, 2023.



Michelle M. Saner MMC
City Clerk