

**KENAI CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING  
NOVEMBER 3, 2021 – 6:00 P.M.  
KENAI CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
210 FIDALGO AVE., KENAI, AK 99611  
MAYOR BRIAN GABRIEL, PRESIDING**

**MINUTES**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

A Regular Meeting of the Kenai City Council was held on November 3, 2021, in City Hall Council Chambers, Kenai, AK. Mayor Gabriel called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 p.m.

**1. Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Gabriel led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. Roll Call**

There were present:

Brian Gabriel, Mayor	James Baisden
Henry Knackstedt	Tea Winger
Jim Glendering	Glenese Pettey
Deborah Sounart	

A quorum was present.

Also in attendance were:

Terry Eubank, Acting City Manager  
Scott Bloom, City Attorney  
Jamie Heinz, City Clerk

**3. Agenda Approval**

**MOTION:**

Mayor Gabriel noted the following additions to the packet:

Add to item J.1.

**City Manager Report**

- Amendment 14 to Fishery Mgmt. Plan for Salmon Fisheries in the EEZ

Add to item O.4.

**Information Items**

- Chamber of Commerce Christmas Festivities Information

**MOTION:**

Council Member Knackstedt **MOVED** to approve the agenda with the requested revisions, and to move the Kenai Dog Park Discussion after Unscheduled Public Comments, and move Resolution No. 2021-65 to be first under Public Hearings. Council Member Glendening **SECONDED** the motion. **UNANIMOUS CONSENT** was requested.

**VOTE:** There being no objection; **SO ORDERED.**

4. **Oath of Office**

Mayor Gabriel administered the Oath of Office to Council Members Sounart and Baisden.

5. **Election of Vice Mayor**

**MOTION:**

Council Member Pettey **MOVED** to nominate Henry Knackstedt as Vice Mayor.

**MOTION:**

Council Member Winger **MOVED** to nominate Jim Glendening as Vice Mayor.

A secret ballot vote took place; City Clerk J. Heinz counted the votes aloud. The results were 3 in favor of Henry Knackstedt, and 4 in favor of Jim Glendening; Jim Glendening was elected as Vice Mayor.

6. **Consent Agenda**

**MOTION:**

Council Member Knackstedt **MOVED** to approve the consent agenda and requested **UNANIMOUS CONSENT**. Council Member Pettey **SECONDED** the motion.

The items on the Consent Agenda were read into the record.

Mayor Gabriel opened the floor for public comment; there being no one wishing to be heard, the public comment period was closed.

**VOTE:** There being no objections, **SO ORDERED.**

\*All items listed with an asterisk (\*) are considered to be routine and non-controversial by the council and will be approved by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a council member so requests, in which case the item will be removed from the consent agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda as part of the General Orders.

**B. SCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENTS**

1. **Galen Hecht, Kenai Watershed Forum - Kenai Peninsula Stream Watch Program**

Galen Hecht described how the Kenai Peninsula Stream Watch Program started as a grassroots effort to take care of the Kenai River, and explained what volunteers do and the impact that the program has had on trash removal, fishing line recycling, and educational messaging through the Dipnet Booth. Kathy Heindl also spoke about her experience as a volunteer and the value the program has for the community.

## **2. Tim Navarre, Kenai Peninsula Homelessness Coalition - Strategic Plan Update**

Tim Navarre explained that the coalition is made up of the Continuum of Care and Love Inc., and introduced their Strategic Plan and goals. Leslie Rohr, Executive Director of Love Inc. of the Kenai Peninsula, explained the framework of the strategic plan and their mission, priorities, strategies, actions and leadership. They provided data on the Kenai Peninsula homeless population and the sources for the data, services that were provided in past years, the reasons for homelessness, and the regions in the peninsula where they live. She noted that the COVID-19 pandemic had a significant impact on this data. Tim Navarre explained the timeline for the Strategic Plan process and upcoming community discussions, as well as other current community outreach efforts.

## **3. Sharon Efta - Censorship**

Sharon Efta explained her view of censorship, and that it is most dangerous when it is used by government for public control. She expressed that the mainstream press and social media reports on issues impartially, which is a form of censorship. She referred to studies which she provided to Council, and discussed natural immunity, vaccination, and therapeutic methods for disease control. She explained how data reported by Central Peninsula Hospital on COVID-19 was data manipulation and censorship. She emphasized that one-sided presentation of information controls narratives that shapes public opinion, and expressed concern about taking a federal grant for the library without knowing the scope of materials it will be used for. She discussed how the availability and presentation of library materials can lead to censorship.

## **C. UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Margaret Gilman addressed the concepts of critique and contribution, noting that critique doesn't move us forward as community but contribution does. She highlighted the fundraiser started by residents to support the library, and asked Council to allow the library to continue cultivating their collection without Council approval.

April Orth discussed Ordinance No. 3224-2021, noting that she had asked at the September 15<sup>th</sup> meeting that it had be postponed and it was not. She explained that she was confused by the ordinance and had struggled to understand it. She expressed concerns about its timeframe for approval, contents regarding chain of custody and permanent absentee voting status, and its inclusion of language adopted from other areas. She asked that it be revoked and rewritten by elected officials.

Lyman Winger congratulated the new Council Members and Vice Mayor. He explained that he is raising funds for Kenai Middle School by selling swag and asked Council if they would like to purchase any.

Wayne Ogle congratulated new Council Members Baisden and Sounart and the other candidates who ran, and thanked previous Vice Mayor Bob Molloy. He noted that he appreciated Sharon

Efta's comments, noting the importance of informed consent and that we should be aware of suppression of information.

Tyson Cox reminded Council that Triumvirate Theater is still raising money, and thanked the City for working with them. He noted that Kenai Catering is holding a five-course meal fundraiser.

Huhkie Lee introduced himself as a candidate running for US Senate as an independent. He explained his background, and that his focus is to bring the left and right political sides together and develop resources in an environmentally safe way.

#### 6. Discussion - Kenai Dog Park (City Council)

**[Clerk's note: During Agenda Approval this item was moved to be heard next after Unscheduled Public Comment]**

Mayor Gabriel invited members of the Kenai Dog Park community group to speak and provide input.

Crystal Locke clarified that the original Dog Park planning organization that started in 2018 had dissolved, and the current committee did not receive all the information from them and their needs are not the same. She reviewed the group's current finances, structural plans and what is needed to meet them. She asked the City to consider the use of Daubenspeck funding for the park.

Lena Wismar explained that the group will have a revised budget at the end of November, and suggested the committee and City coordinate to apply for a tier one grant.

Further clarification was provided on the park's needs, including fencing, pavilion, water lines, and safety items. It was noted that some projects will require professional services to complete as volunteer work may not be sufficient. Noted that many items of the park will be the product of community contributions, but they are requesting that the City provide funding for some safety and security necessities. A status update of the fencing order was provided, and it was suggested that ARPA funds be used for some of the park's infrastructure. Information on the fundraiser raffle was provided, including prizes and how to purchase tickets. Council Members expressed support for the project, and discussion involved how the community group can best secure funding to complete the park.

#### **D. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

6. **Resolution No. 2021-65** - Supporting Kenai Peninsula Borough Ordinance 2021-40, an Ordinance Amending KPB 2.40.015 Regarding Planning Commission Membership and Apportionment. (Council Member Glendening)

**[Clerk's note: During Agenda Approval this item was moved to the top of Public Hearings.]**

#### **MOTION:**

Vice Mayor Glendening **MOVED** to adopt Resolution No. 2021-65 and Council Member Winger **SECONDED** the motion.

Mayor Gabriel opened the floor for public comment.

Tyson Cox welcomed the new Council Members and congratulated Vice Mayor Glendening. He explained the legislative background of this issue, noting that it left questions regarding equitable representation, who is eligible to be a representative, and how many applicants need to be sent to the Borough Mayor. He suggested amending the resolution to clarify eligibility and also that it be sent to the KPB Planning Commission.

There being no one else wishing to be heard, the public comment period was closed.

It was noted that this is a situation that was long overdue for being resolved, and this would go a long way to ensure we have a consistent voice in planning matters.

**MOTION TO AMEND:**

Vice Mayor Glendening **MOVED** to amend Resolution No. 2021-65 by changing the third WHEREAS to require 5 city seats be filled by a resident of the respective cities; removing the entire 6<sup>th</sup> WHEREAS; and changing Section 2 to read: "That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly, Mayor Pierce and the Kenai Peninsula Borough Planning Commission." Council Member Winger **SECONDED** the motion.

**UNANIMOUS CONSENT** was requested.

**VOTE ON AMENDMENT:**                    There being no objection; **SO ORDERED.**

**MOTION TO AMEND:**

Council Member Knackstedt **MOVED** to amend Resolution No. 2021-65 by changing Section 1 to clarify that "a Kenai Peninsula Borough planning commissioner representing a city must be a resident of that city, and a list have at least one name." Council Member Pettet **SECONDED** the motion.

**UNANIMOUS CONSENT** was requested.

**VOTE ON AMENDMENT:**                    There being no objection; **SO ORDERED.**

**UNANIMOUS CONSENT** was requested on the main motion as amended.

**VOTE ON MAIN MOTION:**                    There being no objection; **SO ORDERED.**

1. **Ordinance No. 3252-2021** - Increasing Estimated Revenue and Appropriations in the Water & Sewer Fund for Operational Costs in Excess of Budgeted Amounts at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. (Administration)

**MOTION:**

Council Member Knackstedt **MOVED** to enact Ordinance No. 3252-2021 and Council Member Pettet **SECONDED** the motion.

Mayor Gabriel opened the floor for public comment; there being no one wishing to be heard, the public comment period was closed.

It was suggested that this be revisited when the Council works on the budget, once more information is known about how operations without the truck are going. Clarification was provided on disposal processes and it was noted that more time was needed to understand how this would affect operations, as demand changes seasonally. Gratitude was expressed for the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, who notified Director Curtin of an incident which could affect the acquisition of necessary chemicals.

It was noted that the screw press replacement could also affect disposal processes. Clarification was provided on the effect of having a service dispose of hazardous waste on City liability. Appreciation was expressed for the Director Curtin's preparative efforts and efficiency.

**VOTE:**

YEA: Gabriel, Winger, Glendening, Baisden, Pettey, Sounart, Knackstedt  
NAY:

**MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

2. **Ordinance No. 3253-2021** - Accepting and Appropriating a Donation from Hilcorp Energy Company to Assist with the Annual Areawide Senior Thanksgiving Dinner. (Administration)

**MOTION:**

Council Member Sounart **MOVED** to enact Ordinance No. 3253-2021 and Council Member Knackstedt **SECONDED** the motion.

Mayor Gabriel opened the floor for public comment; there being no one wishing to be heard, the public comment period was closed.

Appreciation was expressed to Hilcorp for the donation, and it was noted that this will not be an in-person dining event and will provide takeout meals. Clarification was provided that additional volunteers were not needed for the event. It was requested that a card be sent to Hilcorp to express appreciation from the City Council.

**VOTE:**

YEA: Winger, Glendening, Baisden, Pettey, Sounart, Knackstedt, Gabriel  
NAY:

**MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

3. **Resolution No. 2021-62** - Establishing the Dates for Regular Meetings of the City Council for 2022. (City Clerk)

**MOTION:**

Council Member Knackstedt **MOVED** to adopt Resolution No. 2021-62 and Council Member Pettey **SECONDED** the motion.



Mayor Gabriel opened the floor for public comment; there being no one wishing to be heard, the public comment period was closed.

Clarification was provided that there a second Council Meeting in November 2022 had been scheduled because there were five Wednesdays that month, and a gap of five weeks without a Council Meeting can be problematic for City Administration. Concerns were expressed about conflicts with the annual Alaska Municipal League conference, other commission meetings, and holidays.

**VOTE:**

YEA: Glendening, Baisden, Pettey, Sounart, Knackstedt, Gabriel, Winger  
NAY:

**MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

4. **Resolution No. 2021-63** - Approving The Execution of a Lease of Airport Reserve Lands Using the Standard Lease Form Between the City of Kenai and Schilling Rentals, LLC on General Aviation Apron Sub No. 1 Amended Lot 2, Block 3. (Administration)

**MOTION:**

Council Member Knackstedt **MOVED** to adopt Resolution No. 2021-63 and Council Member Baisden **SECONDED** the motion.

Mayor Gabriel opened the floor for public comment; there being no one wishing to be heard, the public comment period was closed.

**UNANIMOUS CONSENT** was requested.

Clarification was provided regarding the status of light pole relocation on the property.

**VOTE:** There being no objection; **SO ORDERED.**

5. **Resolution No. 2021-64** - Awarding an Agreement for the Kenai Waterfront Redevelopment Assessment and Feasibility Study. (Administration)

**MOTION:**

Council Member Knackstedt **MOVED** to adopt Resolution No. 2021-64 and Council Member Pettey **SECONDED** the motion.

Mayor Gabriel opened the floor for public comment; there being no one wishing to be heard, the public comment period was closed.

A brief overview was provided on the background of the resolution, including the identification of the waterfront area for development, a work session with Council and property owners to discuss revitalization, the appropriation of funds for a feasibility study, the procurement of bids and award for the study.

It was noted that property owners had been included in discussions at the Council work session and had provided positive feedback. Clarification was provided regarding the purpose and scope of the study, and a preference was expressed for the postponement of the resolution so that the new Council Members could spend more time reviewing the material.

Concerns were shared that not all property owners in the waterfront area had attended the work session, and that Administration's vision for development may be perceived as government overreach. It was noted that the percentage of acreage in the area that is owned privately or by the City could be significant to the study. Clarification was provided that the postponement of approval would not create an issue with awarding the contract, and pushing back the timeline to accommodate this additional time would not have a significant impact.

Discussion included how a feasibility study can lead to ideas for development and opportunities for funding, and the rights of private property owners would not be impacted. It was noted that with fisheries in decline and canneries moving out of the area, it is forward thinking for the City to look for other opportunities for economic development in the waterfront to benefit the community.

**MOTION:**

Council Member Knackstedt **MOVED** to postpone Resolution No. 2021-64 until December 1, 2021 and Council Member Baisden **SECONDED** the motion.

It was noted that Mayor Gabriel would be absent from the December 1, 2021 Council meeting. The motion was withdrawn with consent of the second.

**MOTION:**

Council Member Knackstedt **MOVED** to postpone Resolution No. 2021-64 until December 15, 2021 and Council Member Baisden **SECONDED** the motion.

Discussion involved how the new Council Members could be brought up to speed on waterfront development, as well as how existing Council Members can be included in this conversation. Clarification was provided that per the Open Meetings Act, Council Members could reach out to Administration to schedule individual meetings or a meeting of up to 3 members, but if four or more wanted to meet at once a work session would need to be scheduled.

**UNANIMOUS CONSENT** was requested.

**VOTE:** There being no objection; **SO ORDERED.**

6. **Resolution No. 2021-65** - Supporting Kenai Peninsula Borough Ordinance 2021-40, an Ordinance Amending KPB 2.40.015 Regarding Planning Commission Membership and Apportionment. (Council Member Glendening)

**[Clerk's note: During Agenda Approval this item was moved to the top of Public Hearings.]**

7. **Resolution No. 2021-66** - Authorizing a Professional Service Contract With Dr. Angus McRae Warren for Medical Direction and Oversight of Kenai Fire Department and Kenai 911 Dispatch Center. (Administration)

**MOTION:**



Council Member Knackstedt **MOVED** to adopt Resolution No. 2021-66 and Council Member Winger **SECONDED** the motion.

Mayor Gabriel opened the floor for public comment; there being no one wishing to be heard, the public comment period was closed.

It was noted that Chief Prior had found a good replacement for their physician sponsor, and Dr. Angus is a well-respected and experienced doctor.

**UNANIMOUS CONSENT** was requested.

**VOTE:** There being no objection; **SO ORDERED.**

8. **Resolution No. 2021-67** - Awarding an Agreement for the Purchase of Computer Equipment. (Administration)

**MOTION:**

Council Member Knackstedt **MOVED** to adopt Resolution No. 2021-67 and Council Member Pettey **SECONDED** the motion.

Mayor Gabriel opened the floor for public comment; there being no one wishing to be heard, the public comment period was closed.

Clarification was provided that this equipment has been budgeted for as part of a 5-year replacement schedule for desktop and laptop computers. This year is higher than usual due to the replacement of laptops used by the police department.

**UNANIMOUS CONSENT** was requested.

**VOTE:** There being no objection; **SO ORDERED.**

**E. MINUTES**

1. \*Joint Work Session of October 11, 2021. (City Clerk)

Approved by the consent agenda.

2. \*Regular Meeting of October 20, 2021. (City Clerk)

Approved by the consent agenda.

**F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.**

**G. NEW BUSINESS**

1. \***Action/Approval** - Bills to be Ratified. (Administration)

Approved by the consent agenda.

2. **\*Ordinance No. 3254-2021** - Amending Kenai Municipal Code Section 14.05.025 – Telephonic Participation at Planning and Zoning Commission Meetings, to Provide for Remote Electronic Participation in Planning and Zoning Commission Meetings by Commission Members. (Administration)

Introduced by the consent agenda and Public Hearing set for December 1, 2021.

3. **\*Ordinance No. 3255-2021** - Accepting and Appropriating Grants from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Passed Through the State of Alaska Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs for the Purchases of Public Safety Radios for Police, Fire, and Communications Departments. (Administration)

Introduced by the consent agenda and Public Hearing set for December 1, 2021.

4. **Action/Approval** - Mayoral Nominations of Council Liaisons for Appointment to Committees and Commissions. (Mayor Gabriel)

Mayor Gabriel noted that he would like to appoint Council Member Pettey to the Supervisory Sub-Committee, and explained that nominations are based on Council Member requests and he also tries to give the members different committee assignments. He noted that the liaison acts as a conduit of information between the Council and committees/commissions.

**MOTION:**

Council Member Knackstedt **MOVED** to approve the Mayoral Nominations of Council Liaisons for Appointment to Committees and Commissions and appoint Council Member Pettey to Supervisory Sub-Committee. Council Member Pettey **SECONDED** the motion.

Vice Mayor Glendening requested to divide the question, voting first on appointments to all commissions and committees except the Supervisory Sub-Committee, and voting second on the appointment to the Supervisory Sub-Committee.

**VOTE ON APPOINTMENTS TO ALL COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES EXCEPT THE SUPERVISORY SUB-COMMITTEE:**

YEA: Baisden, Pettey, Sounart, Knackstedt, Gabriel, Winger, Glendening  
NAY:

**MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**VOTE ON APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL MEMBER PETTEY TO SUPERVISORY SUB-COMMITTEE:**

YEA: Pettey, Knackstedt, Gabriel  
NAY: Sounart, Winger, Glendening, Baisden

**MOTION FAILED.**

Mayor Gabriel stated he would appoint Council Member Baisden for the Supervisory Sub-Committee.

**MOTION:**

Council Member Winger **MOVED** to approve the Mayoral appointment of Council Member Baisden to Supervisory Sub-Committee. Council Member Sounart **SECONDED** the motion.

It was noted that Baisden has experience with City policies and employee relations. The role of the Supervisory Sub-Committee was clarified.

**VOTE ON APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL MEMBER BAISDEN TO SUPERVISORY SUB-COMMITTEE:**

YEA: Sounart, Knackstedt, Gabriel, Winger, Glendening, Baisden, Pettey

NAY:

**MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**5. Action/Approval - Utilization of Healthy and Equitable Communities Grant for Capital Projects. (Administration)**

Clarification was provided that the City was awarded a Healthy and Equitable Communities Grant, and the amount was further increased by a request from the Borough. Administration identified capital projects that were eligible uses for the funding, one being a boardwalk over a drainage area at the Municipal Park and the other being playground equipment replacement at the park strip. It was noted that the boardwalk would require the City to secure an easement on property that was donated to the Kenai Peninsula Community Care Center. It was clarified that Administration was looking for a recommendation from Council on which project should move forward with the funds.

It was clarified that the City could work with the Care Center to secure the easement, and the current playground equipment on the park strip could be potentially re-used if it still had value.

Council Member Pettey disclosed that she was on the board of the Peninsula Community Care Center board, but that she would not receive any financial gain if the boardwalk project moved forward. Mayor Gabriel ruled that there was no conflict of interest.

Clarification was provided that there was currently no crossing over the drainage at Municipal Park. It was noted that the Little League team had spoken with Parks and Recreation, and they had a trail system that they hoped to tie into the boardwalk project. Support was expressed for relocating the park strip playground equipment to the 4<sup>th</sup> and Birch park. Support was also expressed for the boardwalk as it may benefit a greater number of people.

Clarification was provided that these are ARPA funds, there is a three-year window to utilize the funds and future rounds of funding may be used for other capital projects.

**MOTION:**

Council Member Knackstedt **MOVED** to direct Administration to apply for the Healthy and Equitable Communities Grant to fund the Boardwalk capital project. Council Member Pettey **SECONDED** the motion.

It was noted that this project may be used by a broader range of people in our community.

**VOTE:**

YEA: Knackstedt, Gabriel, Pettey, Sounart  
NAY: Winger, Glendening, Baisden

**MOTION PASSED.**

It was clarified that the Council would be notified if the easement is not approved. The request was made to have the playground equipment examined prior to any future grant applications for this project.

**7. Discussion - Utilization of Remaining CARES Act Funds and Consideration of New Shop Local Program. (Administration)**

Acting City Manager Eubank reported that the City is approaching the extended deadline to use the CARES Act funds, provided an overview of unexpended funds, and explained that there is about \$52,000 available not currently slated for any projects. He noted that Administration recommends utilizing these funds for public safety wages, which would free up funds from the general fund which could be used for a shop local program. A special meeting would need to be scheduled to take action to approve that program and approve appropriation from the general fund. He noted that the Chamber of Commerce was willing to administer another program, and suggested a start date in late November or early December. It was clarified that program would be \$100k plus administrative fees, mirrored after last spring's program. Clarification was provided that a shop local program was considered instead of the grocery program because it incentivized people to support our businesses, and it was noted that the grocery program would also have an impact as food security is on a lot of peoples' minds.

The suggestion was made that, due to the smaller amount of funds available compared to the previous shop local program, vouchers be distributed in smaller increments than previously done. Concerns were expressed that the original shop local program was going to be a one-time program, and it could cause a slippery slope to continue to bring it back when there are other potential options for utilizing funds.

It was requested that Administration return to the drawing board and come up with a new way to use the funds. Clarification was provided on the funds that were freed up in the general fund do not have a deadline for usage. It was noted that tourism and many local businesses thrived this year, and the shop local factor had been very successful. It was noted that supply chain issues may affect prices during the holiday season, and it was suggested that a hybrid shopping-grocery program be considered. The previous grocery program was discussed in terms of its benefits and limitations as an economic program.

**H. COMMISSION / COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. Council on Aging – No report. Next meeting November 10, 2021.
2. Airport Commission – No report. Next meeting November 9, 2021.
3. Harbor Commission – No report. Next meeting November 8, 2021.
4. Parks and Recreation Commission – No report. Next meeting November 4, 2021.

5. Planning and Zoning Commission – Council Member Glendening reviewed the actions of October 27, 2021 meeting. Next meeting November 10, 2021.
6. Beautification Committee – No report. Next meeting November 4, 2021.
7. Mini-Grant Steering Committee – Mayor Gabriel noted an upcoming meeting to consider an application received from the Disc Golf Association.

**I. REPORT OF THE MAYOR**

Mayor Gabriel reported on the following:

- Noted that the final decision on EEZ was included in the packet and discussed its impact on the local area;
- Met with Hilcorp and was updated on their activities;
- Attended the Chamber of Commerce luncheon and saw a presentation from the Alaska Oil & Gas Association;
- Encouraged everyone to attend Christmas Comes to Kenai event.

**J. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS**

1. City Manager – Acting City Manager Eubank reported on the following:
  - Bluff erosion project update: design is moving forward, expecting 35% drawings in December;
  - Legislation amending spending period for CARES Act Funds also amended ARPA legislation;
  - City is currently interviewing for Building Official and Parks & Recreation Director;
  - Pacific States Marine Fishery Commission passed final rule on closure of EEZ, and Administration foresees a lawsuit being filed in to challenge this rule and the City may want to be involved.
2. City Attorney – No report.
3. City Clerk – No report.

**K. ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. Citizens Comments (*Public comment limited to five (5) minutes per speaker*)
2. Council Comments

Council Member Knackstedt noted that the Kenai Historical Society would be meeting on November 7<sup>th</sup> to discuss the time period of 1940-1960. He reported that he would be attending the annual Alaska Municipal League conference, congratulated Vice Mayor Glendening, and wished everyone Happy Thanksgiving.



Council Member Baisden thanked Administration, Clerks, and Directors for making the new Council Members feel at home and showing them around the City departments. He provided an update on local high school sports.

Council Member Winger congratulated Vice Mayor Glendening, welcomed Council Members Baisden and Sounart and said she is looking forward to working with them. She thanked the Kenai Police Department on the great job they did over Halloween weekend, noted upcoming Christmas Comes to Kenai event, discussed high school sports activities and other community events.

Council Member Sounart thanked Administration, Council, and department heads for their warm welcome. She reported that she had attended the Alaska Early Treatment Medical Summit in Anchorage, noting that it was interesting to hear their professional opinions and hoped the ideas of early treatment spread.

Vice Mayor Glendening congratulated the new council members and noted he looked forward to working with them and learning from each other. He reported that he attended Chamber luncheon that Marathon refinery might be sold, noting there could be changes in the future. He discussed how the City currently has a number of major projects underway, and Planning and Zoning would be important for them.

Council Member Pettey congratulated Vice Mayor Glendening, and said she is looking forward to working with the new council members. She noted the upcoming Kenai Art Center mural event. Thanked Hilcorp for their generous donation, wished everyone a blessed Thanksgiving, and noted that there will be a craft fair at the high school where people can support local artists.

L. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** – None.

M. **PENDING ITEMS** – None.

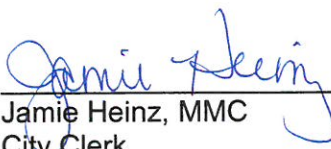
N. **ADJOURNMENT**

O. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

1. Purchase Orders Between \$2,500 and \$15,000
2. Thank You Letter from HEA
3. KHS Newsletter October 2021

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 11:46 p.m.

I certify the above represents accurate minutes of the Kenai City Council meeting of November 3, 2021.

  
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Jamie Heinz, MMC  
City Clerk

