

City of Valdez

*212 Chenega Ave.
Valdez, AK 99686*



DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 16, 2026

7:00 PM

Regular Meeting

Council Chambers

City Council

REGULAR AGENDA - 7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Fleming called the regular meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Mayor Dennis Fleming
Council Member Jimmy Devens
Council Member Joseph Lally
Council Member Joy Witte
Council Member Lester Greene
Council Member Shannon Stites

Excused: 1 - Council Member Olivia Foster

Also Present: City Clerk Sheri Pierce
City Manager Nathan Duval
City Attorney Jack Wakeland
City Attorney Erik Fossum
Deputy City Clerk Elise Sorum-Birk

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of Minutes for Regular Council Meeting of June 2, 2026

Minutes were approved by consent.

V. PUBLIC APPEARANCES

1. Alaska Women's Business Center Update

Carrie Jean Shepard of Business Impact Northwest and the Alaska Women's Business Center presented on partnership outcomes and ongoing business support activities in Valdez.

VI. PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval To Go Into Executive Session Re: Discussion of Implications for City Revenues and Litigation Strategy Regarding Trans Alaska Pipeline System Ad Valorem Tax Issues

MOTION: Council Member Lally moved, seconded by Council Member Devens, to approve the consent agenda.

VOTE ON MOTION:

Yays: 6 - Fleming, Devens, Lally, Witte, Greene and Stites

Absent: 1 – Foster

Motion carried.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS**1. Approval of the City of Valdez's Annual Property and Casualty Insurance Renewal for the Period Beginning July 1, 2026 in the Amount of \$932,844 and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Related Renewal Documents**

MOTION: Council Member Lally moved, seconded by Council Member Greene, to approve the Annual Property and Casualty Insurance Renewal in an amount of \$932,844 and to authorize the City Manager to execute related documents.

VOTE ON MOTION:

Yays: 6 - Fleming, Devens, Lally, Witte, Greene and Stites

Absent: 1 – Foster

Motion carried.

2. Approval of Professional Services Agreement with HDR Engineering, Inc. for the City of Valdez Baler Replacement Project in the Amount of \$326,466

MOTION: Council Member Greene moved, seconded by Council Member Stites, to approve the professional services agreement with HDR Engineering, Inc. for the baler repairs project in the amount of \$326,466.

VOTE ON MOTION:

Yays: 6 - Fleming, Devens, Lally, Witte, Greene and Stites

Absent: 1 – Foster

Motion carried.

3. Approval of Contract Amendment #1 with Alaska Scrap & Recycling, LLC in the Amount of \$700,000 for the 2026 Scrap Metal Processing Project

MOTION: Council Member Lally moved, seconded by Council Member Witte, to approve Contract Amendment #1 with Alaska Scrap & Recycling, LLC in the amount of \$700,000 for the 2026 Scrap Metal Processing Project.

VOTE ON MOTION:

Yays: 6 - Fleming, Devens, Lally, Witte, Greene and Stites

Absent: 1 – Foster

Motion carried.

IX. RESOLUTIONS**1. #26-33 - Supporting a Constitutional Amendment to Restructure the Alaska Permanent Fund and Stabilize the Annual Draw for State Services**

MOTION: Council Member Greene moved, seconded by Council Member Stites, to approve Resolution 26-33.

VOTE ON MOTION:

Yays: 6 - Fleming, Devens, Lally, Witte, Greene and Stites

Absent: 1 – Foster

Motion carried.

2. #26-34 - Amending the 2026 City Budget By Accepting a Rasmuson Tier One Grant for the Valdez Voices and Visions Placemaking Project in the Amount of \$25,000

MOTION: Council Member Greene moved, seconded by Council Member Witte, to approve Resolution 26-34.

VOTE ON MOTION:

Yays: 6 - Fleming, Devens, Lally, Witte, Greene and Stites

Absent: 1 – Foster

Motion carried.

X. REPORTS

- 1. Monthly Treasury Report: April 2026**
- 2. Quarterly Financial Summary Reports: March 31, 2026**
- 3. Issuance of Temporary Land Use Permit #26-06 to Valdez Stay and Play for an Approximately 1400 square foot portion of Tract A ASLS 79-116.**
- 4. Issuance of Temporary Land Use Permit #26-07 to Alyeska Pipeline Service Company for an Approximate 2.5-acre portion of Tracts B & E, Section 34, ASCS 98-30**
- 5. Issuance of Temporary Land Use Permit #26-08 to Wilson Brothers Distributing Company for an Approximately 1.44-acre portion of 226 South Harbor Drive, Tract G, Harbor Subdivision**
- 6. Issuance of Temporary Land Use Permit #26-10 to End of the Road Ren Fair for an Approximately 4-Acre Portion of 251 Pioneer Drive, Lot 2, Block 2 Mineral Creek Subdivision - Barney Meyring Park Strip**

- 7. Issuance of Temporary Land Use Permit #26-11 to The Potato Too LLC, for an Approximately 369 Square Foot Portion of Public Right-of-Way Immediately Adjacent to Lot 12, Block 40, Harbor Subdivision**
- 8. Issuance of Temporary Land Use Permit #26-12 to The Fat Mermaid for Approximately 518 Square Feet of Public Right-of-Way Immediately Adjacent to Lot 1A, Block 38A, Harbor Subdivision.**

XI. CITY MANAGER / CITY CLERK / CITY ATTORNEY / MAYOR REPORTS

1. City Manager Report

City Manager Duval thanked the community for participation in the 125th anniversary celebration.

He shared about city staff clean-up day, the directors' annual planning session and the upcoming opening for Head Start. He congratulated Capitan Mike Weber at the Fire Department on his upcoming retirement.

2. City Clerk Report

City Clerk Sheri Pierce reminded council members about their upcoming strategic planning session and announced for the public the application deadline for the new Citizen's Academy program.

She also shared an informal petition with over 200 signatures submitted by Dave Tousignant, a local senior, urging the Council to consider increasing the senior citizen and disabled veteran property tax exemption amount. She noted that House Bill 13 was on the Governor's desk and that whether it passed would help inform future conversations on property tax exemptions.

3. City Attorney Report

City Attorney Jack Wakeland introduced Erik Fossum, another attorney working with the firm who would be assisting with legal issues. He noted that there were no additional items to report outside of executive session.

4. City Mayor Report

Mayor Fleming spoke about the 125th anniversary celebration, the Last Frontier Theatre Conference and city staff trash clean-up. He also thanked Alyeska for hosting a pipeline terminal tour during the recent visit from Senator Rauscher.

It was notes that over 600 pieces of cake were served during the community birthday party.

XII. COUNCIL BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Council member shared their experience of and gratitude for the recent 125th anniversary celebration. Several members thanked city staff for their clean-up efforts.

Council Member Greene and Council Member Lally thanked the presenters from the Lighthouse Project work session and reflected on the importance of mental health.

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Fleming excused himself from executive session and passed the gavel to Mayor Pro Tem Greene who brought the meeting into executive session.

XIV. RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Pro Tem Greene announced that the meeting was returning back to open session and that legal counsel had provided an update on ongoing Trans-Alaska Pipeline System tax issues.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Greene adjourned the meeting at 8:18 p.m.