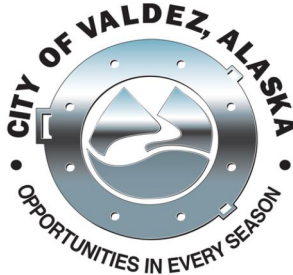


City of Valdez

212 Chenega Ave.
Valdez, AK 99686



Meeting Minutes - Final

Monday, December 3, 2018

7:00 PM

Regular Meeting

Council Chambers

Ports and Harbor Commission

REGULAR AGENDA - 7:00 PM**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Sorum called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m. in the Valdez Council Chambers.

II. ROLL CALL

Present 4 – Chair Alan Sorum
Commission Member Steve Cotter
Commission Member Stu Hirsch
Commission Member Mark Swanson

Excused 3 - Commission Member Tim Bouchard
Commission Member Ryan Sontag
Commission Member Colleen Stephens

Also Present 4 – Jeremy Talbott, Ports & Harbor Director
Sarah Von Barga, Harbormaster
Jenessa Ables, Port Operations Manager
Marjorie Pleiss, Administrative Assistant

III. PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

There was no public business from the floor.

IV. NEW BUSINESS**1. Approval of Recommendation to City Council to Adopt Port of Valdez Terminal Tariff No. 100-19 and Terminal Rules & Regulations**

MOTION: Commission Member Swanson moved, seconded by Commission Member Cotter, to approve recommendation to City Council to adopt Port of Valdez Terminal Tariff No. 100-19 and Terminal Rules and Regulations. The motion carried by the following vote after the following discussion occurred.

Ms. Ables, Port Operations Manager, stated abbreviations have been removed on the Tariff due to it no longer being industry standard to do so. She also stated a clause has now been added that if SDDC shifts their schedule during Ammo move and security duty is either cancelled or postponed with less than 24 hours' notice tariffs rates will be applied for time of service.

Ms. Ables stated the item up for discussion is if a vessel has a paid slip in the Harbor then they shall not be charged for dockage if tied up at Kelsey dock. It was discussed about increased usage at the Kelsey dock and displacement of paying customers and whether or not the clause should be removed or left.

Ms. Von Barga, Harbormaster, stated it rarely happens but most boaters from the

Harbor are transient users that would potentially use Kelsey dock. She said there may be an occasional tenant user that goes to Kelsey dock to get fuel, but that customer would be exempt from the dockage charge. Ms. Von Barga said if a boater goes over to Kelsey dock and ties up overnight, Kelsey dock loses the revenue.

Commission Member Swanson asked if there is a situation where a boat would be directed to Kelsey Dock. Ms. Von Barga said it's possible but probably not at this point in time. Commission Member Cotter asked if someone could tie up and then walk away or are they supposed to be there to man the vessel. Mr. Talbott and Ms. Ables said someone is supposed to remain there at all times.

Chair Sorum asked how often this actually happens and Ms. Ables said in the last 5 years it's probably happened 3-4 times a year, it is minimal, but it's worth bringing up as Kelsey dock has gotten busier. Commission Member Hirsch asked if this was to be taken out are there other ways to capture revenue. Ms. Ables said yes.

Commission Member Cotter said if it comes to a non-paying customer and a paying customer the non-paying customer can be told to go to their home slip. Commission Member Swanson agreed, but also said everyone has a signed contract with the Harbor that says if the Harbormaster wants you to move then you've got to move.

Commission Member Swanson asked to be clear, Staff's recommendation is that this statement comes out. Ms. Ables said no, staff recommendation was just to bring up for discussion. Chair Sorum said if it doesn't happen that often then who cares. Commission Member Swanson said he sees no reason to remove it. Chair Sorum said that if a problem arises then it could be re-addressed. Ms. Ables said technically the default recommendation would be to leave it. Commission Member Hirsch said he agreed.

Chair Sorum asked for any additional questions or comments.

There being no further discussion, Chair Sorum invited a vote on the motion.

VOTE ON THE MOTION:

Yays: 4 - Chair Sorum, Commission Member Swanson, Commission Member Cotter, and Commission Member Hirsch

Excused: 3 - Commission Member Bouchard, Commission Member Sontag, and Commission Member Stephens

V. REPORTS

1. Harbor Expansion Project Construction Report

Mr. Talbott and Commissioners discussed the written report included in the agenda packet.

Mr. Talbott said construction equipment has been repaired and broke again and repaired. The bulkhead is currently being working on. Commission Member Swanson asked if design on it changed. Mr. Talbott also said shelters are in place, gangways are here and Harris Sand and Gravel is working on pilings.

Commission Member Swanson asked when boats will be allowed into the Harbor and Mr. Talbott said maybe late April or May if everything goes well. Chair Sorum said every time the schedule is revised it is pushed out 2 weeks or more.

VI. COMMISSION BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Chair Sorum opened the floor for business from Commissioners.

Commission Member Hirsch stated Big State Logistic will no longer be doing the transport loop between Petro Star refinery and the town tank farm with the trucks, after January 1st Crowley will be taking over. He also feels this Commission should be tasked with finding an alternate boat launch for the community since it has been taken out of the new Harbor construction.

Commission Member Cotter stated no business.

Commission Member Swanson stated he was approached by the Mayor to talk about whether Harbor would be operating the new fuel dock or be sending it out for commercial interest. He stated it was strongly expressed the preference was that another entity operate it. Commission Member Swanson suggested to reissue an invite for bids. Chair Sorum said a discussion to have would be for City to build it and lease to someone as an operator. He feels the numbers would fare well to do revenue bonds. Commission Member Swanson said the Mayor would like to see a revenue projection. Mr. Talbott said there was not a lot of interest because there were no numbers. He also said as a last resort the City could be build it and then operate it.

Commission Member Hirsch said 10% of value that was mentioned is a starting point and can go from there, it's not a cap. Ms. Ables said Planning and Zoning will be having a work session specifically about 10% of appraisal value and she will be attending that meeting.

Commission Member Swanson mentioned Harbor staff member, AJ Keeton and business owner Tom Kimberlin saved a sailboat that sank in the Harbor and he wanted to interview them and write a piece about it. If he can get it completed he'll bring it to the next meeting.

Chair Sorum stated no business.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Sorum adjourned the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA
PORTS AND HARBOR COMMISSION

Alan Sorum, Chairman

ATTEST:

Jenessa Ables, Port Operations Manager