Common Council

Common Council Tuesday, June 10, 2025 7:00 PM at City Hall MINUTES



Members Present: Bob Chapman, Richard Evans, Jane Fude, Troy Justmann, Doug Lee, James Ronge,

and Mayor Wegener

Members Absent:

Also, Present: Meagan Buchda, Andrew Griggs, Mike Lodl (Whisker)

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and roll call was taken.

- J. Fude motioned and B. Chapman seconded to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
- J. Fude motioned and B. Chapman seconded to approve the minutes of previous meetings. Motion carried.
- T. Justmann motioned and J. Fude seconded to approve the minutes of intervening meetings. Motion carried.

Public Comment regarding agenda items: Mike Lodl from Whiskers was here to answer any questions.

Communications:

B. Chapman/ J. Ronge motioned to approve \$618,360.48 in checks and \$227,319.61 in electronic payments. Motion carried 6-0.

Reports of Officials:

- A. Mayor:
 - a. Justmann motioned and Evans seconded to approve Resolution 21-2025 (Approve Mayoral Appointments). Motion carried 6-0.
- B. **Clerk/Treasurer**: Updated the council on when the auditors will be there. Storm damage insurance claim we have running, City Hall has some roof and siding damage, the electric substation, tornado siren, wild goose bathrooms, trees, stop signs, street signs, and our mutual aid costs.

C. Written Reports:

- 1. <u>Building Permits Report.</u> No questions.
- 2. Police Department Report: No questions.
- 3. Juneau Fire and Rescue Report: No questions.
- 4. Juneau EMS Report: No questions.

Reports of Committees/Commission/Boards:

A. Library Report

1. Chairman Report – C. Schuett reported their window project is underway. We have 140 participants signed up for our reading programs. Library booked five guest

performers/speakers, and our staff is adding thirteen additional art/reading focused programs to the curriculum.

B. Plan Commission

- 1. Chairman Report T. Justmann discussed that the commission talked about amending Ordinance 17.08.420- B-2 by removing line item "K" adult entertainment. Talked about certificates of Occupancy. Talked about creating an ordinance for time limits on fire damaged properties, committee that 120 days was sufficient.
- 2. 1st Reading of Ordinance 274-2025 (Ordinance to Amend City of Juneau Ordinance 17.08.420-B-2 Central business district conditional uses)

C. Finance Committee –

1. Chairman Report- No meeting.

D. Personnel Committee

- 1. Chairman Report No meeting.
- Fude motioned and Ronge seconded to bypass the Second Reading of Ordinance 273-2025 to amend City of Juneau Ordinance 2.08.010 Meeting Time and Date) and to go directly to adopting.

E. Public Safety

- Chairman Report J. Fude reported that they had a special meeting to review the layout of 1850's sidewalk café, and we also approved all the alcohol, beer, tobacco, and electronic vaping device licenses.
- 2. Fude motioned and Justmann seconded to approve Resolution 22-2025 (Approve to Grant Beer and Liquor Licenses). Motion carried 6-0.

F. Public Works

Chairman Report – J. Ronge reported that the committee met and discussed fluoride in the water. Joe had sewers televised on E. oak Grove Street, there were some areas that really need to be addressed, Joe is going to get some estimates and bring it back to the committee. Project costs are increasing, and Joe discussed that even though the 2025 summer road projects were budgeted, not all the approved roads will get done. Welcome to Juneau signs were destroyed in the storm and Joe would like to send out letters to see if any business would be willing to donate a sign. Soccer fields need to be moved to provide more space without having to cut any trees down. Discussed storm damage and cleanup went very well except for a few communication issues.

G. Cable TV

1. Chairman Report – J. Fude reported that the committee did meet and went over the future of Cable TV, repurposing Cable TV equipment, reviewed funding/equipment challenges. Last night we met but did not have a quorum.

H. Community Development Authority

- 1. Chairman Report D. Lee reported that the committee met with Whiskers to discuss the sale of City property. They agreed to pay all closing costs and up to \$500.00 of lawyer's fees. Mike Lodl was present to discuss their need for this property. Mike went over that Whisker needs additional parking space for their current employees and for all future employees.
- 2. Lee motioned and Fude seconded to approve Resolution 23-2025 (Approve Purchase Agreement between City of Juneau Community Development Authority and Royal Oak Acquisitions, LLC (APCP)) Motion carried 5-1-0, Chapman abstained.

I. Recreation Committee

1. Chairman Report – J. Fude reported they met, and the new director is looking into adding a storage area at the Wild Goose park. We will visit summer help at the next agenda. We had sixty volunteers come and clean up the soccer fields.

J. Utility Commission Report by Common Council Representative

- 1. Chairman Report *D. Lee* reported that the commission had two meetings. The first one we had a discussion on all tornado reports, the utility office hours will now be 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, M-F. City Hall is applying for FEMA, but we have found out that we will not be receiving any of that. Commission received thank you notes for the scholarships. Nick reported that they needed to work on one of the transformers. E. Oak Street the light poles went up. Industrial substation expansion has been put on hold. June 1st, a racoon climbed up a pole and affected over three hundred customers. Alex reported that we received all As on the annual compliance report except for the ammonia treatment. Driveway at WWTP was poured.
- 2. Lee motioned and Evans seconded to approve Resolution 24-2025 (Approve Compliance Maintenance Report). Motion carried 6-0.
- 3. Lee motioned and Ronge seconded to approve Resolution 25-2025 (Approve to Amend Personnel Policy Handbook-Paid Time -201 Hours of Work). Motion carried 6-0.

Old Business:

New Business:

A. Approve Provisional Licenses (45 days): Patrice Hartmann Recommended Denial: None

Motioned by Fude seconded by Justmann to approve provisional license.

- B. Approve Regular Bartender's License for 2024 (Expires June 30th, 2026)
 - A. Recommended Approval: Patrice Hartmann, Cecelia Scott, Donna Wolter, Crystal Vitense, Rebecca Grede, Ashlyn Peterman, Rachelle Muth, Brandon Stejer, Ashley Edwardson, Sandra Smith, Brenda Kroken, Kylie Genrich, Richard Nehls, Kyle Main, Stephanie Cox, Robert Haese, Carol Soldner, Derek Kotlowski, Amber Passig, Elizabeth Hathaway, Travis Thorp, Genina Butler, John Hatter, Janet Merkes, Hayley Malone, Donn A. Renning, Edward Spitz, Jeremy Mason, Deidre Huolihan, Andrew Horner, Charles Dinger, Karlee Robillard, Tracy Marthaler-Scott, Jennifer Doe, Jay Trad, Kimberly Pinkert, Della Schoppe, Jenessa Knoll, Daniel Jahnke, Corey Ronge, Bethany Ballas, Jacob Longoria, Latrice Miszewski, Donna Chase, Jake Siegel, Kaitlynn Baumgartner

Recommended Denial: None

Motion by J. Fude and seconded by B. Chapman to approve regular operator's license. Ronge abstained. Motion carried.

Adjourn Meeting: *J. Ronge* motioned, and T. Justmann seconded to adjourn meeting at 8:15 p.m. Motion carried.

Minutes Reported By:

Meagan Buchda