

January 13th, 2026

Regular Meeting of the Nenana City Council

Location of Meeting: Nenana Civic Center

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 6:37 pm by Mayor Verhagen

Pledge of Allegiance: Recited

Roll Call: Members Present - Mayor Joshua Verhagen, Council members Karen Harvey, Tarn Coffey, Kat McElroy, Tallon Shreeve, Scott Stevens, Kari Irish

Absent members:

Approval of Agenda:

Council member Shreeve moved to approve the agenda. Council member Coffey seconded. The agenda was approved unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

Council member Shreeve made a motion to accept the December 9th meeting minutes. Council member Harvey seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Public Comments:

Kayla Moretenson: I was thinking if we would be able to get the ball field and bleachers fixed up. I would be willing to donate some of my time to help with that

Community Reports & Presentations:

Solid Waste Infrastructure (SWIF) – Leonardo Wassilie: I want to bring awareness the solid waste. We need to think about these as materials. We can get these things to people who can use them. I am here on my own time. But the tribe has received a grant for solid waste. I have spoken with Sheri Davis with the EPA. She was happy to hear I was coming here. TCC was also happy to hear that I was coming. They recommended to highlight the most important thing from their perspective is backhaul. It helps with maintaining land and space. With incinerator there are different things that can be looked at with that. I also contacted the intertribal watershed council. They want to get things moving and they are excited because they are working with the Browns Field program.

Discover Nenana: Burbot bash coming up this weekend. That is our next big thing. Then we are working on the AG Day coming up in June. We are preparing for summer. There is a new person over Holland America, Princess coordination.

Tallon Shreeve: I was able to go to the AML conference and recommend all of you to go. One of the speakers there was from the Leadership Academy, and they were giving out a book from Colin Powell. I wanted to get one for everyone. One of the classes I went to was about housing. They were saying how important it was for everyone to have their own lumber mill. UAF offers some courses for it regularly. Another class that stuck out was about AI. They expressed how important it is for communities to integrate it to streamline things. They also did a class on music and how important it is to a community. There are a lot of local artists in Alaska and how they are willing to go to communities. Lastly, I brought back the Guide to Aml member services. It explains all of the services they can provide even if we are not able to provide it, they may be able to assist. The conferences are a great place to network. Every year the conference seems to get better. At this last one they created a priority list to take to Juneau. One of the things was harbors. That is an important topic for us because if communities don't get harbor funding, then our tourists aren't able to get here.

Friends of the Library: We have a lot going on. The bingo is helping with paying for electricity and things for a couple months. We also found a grant through the state that would allow us to do infrastructure type things. There is also another grant that I need to look into it. We are going to get together with the board and volunteers for a moral boost. Summer reading program is coming up.

Department Reports:

Municipal Utility: Found in the packet

Port Authority: Found in the packet

Financial Report: Presented by Nichole Shreeve – Found in packet

Council member Shreeve made a motion to approve the financial report for November 2025. Council member Irish seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayors Report:

Found in the packet

Old Business:

New Business:

Resolution 2026-01 – A Resolution to move all City Banking from Denali State Bank to Northrim Bank

to this old ghost line. Donnie is now working to get all of the telecommunication companies to have the correct number to route emergency calls to.

Council member Coffey made a motion to bring the Jamie Landrum and Brent Crowders concerns to the table. Council member Irish seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Council member Shreeve made a motion to not waiver water bill late fees. Council member Stevens seconded. The motion padded unanimously.

Council member Irish made a motion to not waive the late fee. Council member Stevens seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Council member Stevens made a motion to not waive the property tax late fees. Council member Coffey seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Public comments:

Adrienne Coffey 306 East 2nd Street: I also want to mention that many people have out of state numbers. I wonder where those go.

Leonardo Wassilie: I am working on a conference on pollinators to help educate people on the pollinators.

Council Comments:

Council Member Irish: Thank you to everyone for coming and helping us working through it. I am grateful to those who are keeping their dogs in check. I also want to remind everyone to stop and help people when you see someone in trouble at -40. Keep talking to each other.

Council member Stevens: I am also concerned about the Fire Department building and the cost of that building. I will be going out of town next month. I will be calling in next month. The buildings I was working on are done and people could be moving in soon. Thank you to the city for working with us.

Council member McElroy: To everyone who can hear me thank you for your service. It is amazing to me how many of these conversations we are having are the same ones that we have been having since I have been privileged to sit on the board. We provide EMS services and often to others who are not residents. We live at the mercy of the system that is fragile and we have to keep it all working. But we are doing it. The conversation is what are we going to do when things don't work out? But we know how to take care of one another. The people who created those communities had a vision. I had the privilege at the age of 76 to work at the Living Center and the students asked us to ask the City Council why we don't use the building that are here for us to house the schools who come here to play sports or

Council member Coffey moved a motion to go into the reading of Resolution 2026-01. Council member Harvey seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Council member McElroy moved to approve Resolution 2026-01. Council member Coffey seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Appointment of Port Authority

Proposed individuals are Dave Clark, Adam White, Matt Sweetsir

Council member McElroy moved to approve Adam White, Dave Clark, and Matt Sweetsir to sit on the Port Authority Board. Council member Coffey seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Create Finance Committee

Tallon Shreeve, Tarn Coffey, Charles (Scott) Stevens volunteered to be on the committee.

Appoint Mayor Pro Tem

Council member Harvey moved to appoint council member Tarn Coffey as Mayor Pro Tem. Council member Irish seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Administrator Report on 911 Calls

In the spring it was brought that when folks were calling 911 the calls were not going through, or to other random communities and that led them to have to personally call the Fire Chief. It was also discussed that some people are also being charged the 911 surcharge and everyone was wondering where that goes.

Ashley took up the task to see what we could find. We were able to get ahold of the Donnie Lane Statewide 911 Coordinator. He was willing to try to get to the bottom of it. It took several months but in December he contacted us and said that he had been contacted by a large cell company who said that they received a request to disconnect a number that they had listed as an emergency contact number. When that happened, he learned that that was an old number that was no longer being used. The number had been updated. Some of the telecommunication companies had the updated number and some did not. I then spoke with Larenda to see what she knew. She said they were going through all of the things that they were paying for and noticed that they were paying for the dead line. From that conversation and the one with Donnie were able to figure out that that was their ghost line as they call it. It would randomly ring to a random phone. But it wouldn't actually come through. So, that is why some people's calls were going to no one because they were going

why aren't they used to hold conferences. They also wanted to know why those buildings are not being used for affordable housing, for example Jim has always been kind to them and has been in this community for a long time and is homeless.

Council member Coffey: Thank you everyone for coming, it is very important. Thank you to everyone who will be on the commission.

Council member Harvey: I am happy to see the Port Authority getting organized. It will be good for Dan to have some back up. Your comments on AML were all good. I found it a great resource when I was the City Clerk. Years ago, they tried the fire subscription for outside the City limits and it was not well received. I am really concerned about the Fire Department issue moving into a big building and the cost of running the new building. I hate seeing a big building that we are going to have to support.

Council member Shreeve: Thank you to everyone for coming. We do not take things lightly. One thing that was brought to my attention that snow is creeping into the road over by the school and it is turning into a one lane road. Also, corners with big snow piles. Other than that, the guys got out quickly and got things done.

Closing Comments – Mayor:

I like Kayla's suggestion to fix up the ball field. I just don't know if there is an interest in baseball. I also don't like to see dilapidated buildings. I have talked with the guys about putting a steel frame under the shack so it can be used as a moving snack shack. I will be gone on vacation for the next meeting. I am experiencing some burnout. I was up until 5am 2 days this last week and need a break. I am grateful for all of the other employees who are working hard and doing their jobs.

Notice of Next Meeting and Adjournment:

February 10th 2026, at 6:30 pm Civic Center, Regular Council Meeting

The meeting Adjourned at 9:59 pm

February 10th, 2026

Regular Meeting of the Nenana City Council

Location of Meeting: Nenana Civic Center

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 6:39 pm by Mayor Pro Tem Karen Harvey

Pledge of Allegiance: Recited

Roll Call: Members Present - Council members Karen Harvey, Kat McElroy, Tallon Shreeve, Kari Irish

Absent members: Mayor Joshua Verhagen, Council members Tarn Coffey, Scott Stevens

Council member Shreeve made a motion to excuse Council member Coffey from the meeting. Council member McElroy seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Agenda:

Council member Shreeve moved to approve the agenda with the addition of senior Tax exemptions. Council member McElroy seconded. The agenda was approved unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

Council member Shreeve made a motion to accept the January 13th meeting minutes. Council member McElroy seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Public Comments:

Adam White 202 E 6th Street: It's that time of the year when sewers are starting to freeze. The church has frozen again. The church has footed the bill, but it has to do with the water main. It is time to discuss the issue with the municipal utility. The line is so close to the surface it is amazing that it even works at all.

Community Reports & Presentations:

Department Reports:

Municipal Utility: Found in the packet

Port Authority: Found in the packet

Financial Report: Presented by Nichole Shreeve – Found in packet

Council member Shreeve made a motion to approve the financial report for December 2025. Council member McElroy seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayors Report:

No report

Old Business:**New Business:**

Resolution 2026-02 A Resolution to fix property tax dates and the dates when the board of equalization will sit.

Council member Shreeve made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-02. Council member McElroy seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Consideration of late Senior Tax Exemptions.

Council member McElroy made a motion to accept Rosemary Hanlon and Thomas Justin's Senior tax exemption. Council member Shreeve seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Public comments:

None

Council Comments:

Council Member Irish: Thank you for letting me join in via zoom or phone. I hope everything is moving forward towards spring as well for everyone as it is for me.

Council member Stevens: Absent

Council member McElroy: Adam I am so sorry for the freeze up at the church. We also have the same problem at our place. We freeze up in January and don't thaw out to June. I am upset about the cloud. Do we have a backup? We have a 39 trillion-dollar deficit, and it is our responsibility to fix. Adam, thank you for your work.

Council member Coffey: Absent

Council member Harvey: I was going to say thank you to the community member who cleared the ice rink. Our walking group noticed that on the walk. The walking group took a break during the coldest time. Thank you to all of you who regularly attend the meetings.

Council member Shreeve: Thank you everyone for coming. Adam, I am sorry for the freeze at the church. I think we should compile all of the information about the wastewater. I hope we can then get grants to help fix it. Thank you everyone for what you are doing in the

community to make it a better place. Thank you who the community member who plowed the ice rink.

Notice of Next Meeting and Adjournment:

March 10th 2026, at 6:30 pm Civic Center, Regular Council Meeting

The meeting Adjourned at 7:31 pm

March 10th, 2026

Regular Meeting of the Nenana City Council

Location of Meeting: Nenana Civic Center

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 6:37 pm by Mayor Verhagen

Pledge of Allegiance: Recited

Roll Call: Members Present - Mayor Joshua Verhagen, Council members Karen Harvey, Kat McElroy, Tallon Shreeve, Tarn Coffey, Scott Stevens

Absent members: Council members Kari Irish

Approval of Agenda:

Council member Coffey moved to approve the agenda. Council member Harvey seconded. The agenda was approved unanimously.

Council member McElroy made a motion to add Resolution 2026-07 to the agenda. Council member Coffey seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

Council member McElroy made a motion to accept the February 10th meeting minutes. Council member Shreeve seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Public Comments:

None

Community Reports & Presentations:

Nenana Friends of the Library – Adrienne Coffey: We have a lot coming up. The last derby bash did as well as the previous one. We have a derby on March 28th. We have an easter egg hunt and the summer reading program coming up. We will also be doing flight path during the derby.

Discover Nenana – Tallon Shreeve: We have the fish derby coming up on March 28th it will just be the one day. The summer is just around the corner so we will see more buses coming. We have already had some coming in. If anyone has anything they would like to see, bring it to the meeting on the first Tuesday of the month. We would love to have more people join us.

Department Reports:

Port Authority: Found in the packet

Municipal Utility: The sewer line that is in the alley between front and market street is still frozen. We have not been able to get anything from Fairbanks to come down. We have received our new Vac truck. We have it mostly winterized. We are anxious to get the truck on the road. We have been working on the main extension plans. I met with the team on the main move for the new Fire Department and Clinic builds. I am working with folks on the PER for the mains and updated fire hydrants. We are going to try to redo two of the lift stations and how they work because they are costing us lots of money compared to the others.

Financial Report: Presented by Nichole Shreeve – Found in packet

No report due to the fact that we were not on all of our new systems. We will bring both of the reports next month to have them approved.

Mayors Report:

Found in Packet

Old Business:

New Business:

Resolution 2026-03 Pursuit of City boundary change

Council member Coffey made a motion to go into the reading of Resolution 2026-03. Council member McElroy seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Council member Harvey made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-03. Council member Coffey seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 2026-04 REVEEP application Old Shop

Council member Shreeve made a motion to go into the reading of Resolution 2026-04. Council member Coffey seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Council member Harvey made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-04. Council member McElroy seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 2026-05 REVEEP application Maintenance Shop

Council member McElroy made a motion to go into the reading of Resolution 2026-05. Council member Harvey seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Council member Coffey made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-05. Council member McElroy seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 2026-06 REVEEP application Railbelt Mental Health

Council member Shreeve made a motion to go into the reading of Resolution 2026-06. Council member McElroy seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Council member Shreeve made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-06. Council member McElroy seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 2026-07 None Protest of Moochers LLC Liquor Licenses

Council member McElroy made a motion to go into the reading of Resolution 2026-07. Council member Shreeve seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Council member Shreeve made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-07. Council member Coffey seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Appointment of General Legal Counsel: Landye Bennett Blumstein LLP with Joe Levesque serving as the City's primary attorney.

Council member Shreeve made a motion to accept the appointment of Landye Bennett Blumstein LLP with Joe Levesque serving as the City's primary attorney. Council member Harvey seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Public comments:

Dave Clark 101 Tozitna: I commend you on the expansion of the city limits. I feel you are being a little conservative on where you are going

Andrienne Coffey 306 1st: I invited the DOT for a second showing for the AG expo.

Council Comments:

Council Member Irish: Absent

Council member Stevens: I appreciate everyone's time. This is important work.

Council member McElroy: I feel like a bad citizen because the grader went in the ditch on 7th street. I don't know how everyone else survived I was walking into snow up to my hip. I came to Alaska because my dad told me that this is the last place in the US where people know how to take care of each other.

Council member Coffey: I would like to thank our audience. When we hit Totchket rd please widen the road for a turn around.

Council member Harvey: Talking about roads I was going to say that the City crew has done a great job with the amount of snow that we have had. I know there is only so many places to put the snow. The roads are horrible in Fairbanks. I think our crew has done a wonderful job. Especially noticeable was that they were able to get the berm out of the way for the Shaw service. I wanted to say I appreciated that state fire crew meeting that was set up to talk to us about summer and wildfire. Tripod weekend was great. I didn't feel like there was as much out-of-town activity as there had been some years. It is good to be able to talk to neighbors you don't see every day.

Council member Shreeve: Thank you everyone for coming. It helps spread the word. We should look at our animal control. She would like some amendments. With snow plowing people have mentioned that roads are narrow or ends of driveways need to be cleared. I have already spoken to George, and he said there is a plan. Having the new piece of equipment at eh airport will help to free up equipment to be used here in town.

Notice of Next Meeting and Adjournment:

April 14th 2026, at 6:30 pm Parish Hall, Regular Council Meeting

The meeting Adjourned at 9:01 pm

April 14th, 2026

Regular Meeting of the Nenana City Council

Location of Meeting: Nenana Civic Center

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Mayor Verhagen

Pledge of Allegiance: Recited

Roll Call: Members Present - Mayor Joshua Verhagen, Council members Karen Harvey, Kat McElroy, Tallon Shreeve, Tarn Coffey, Scott Stevens, Kari Irish, Scott Stevens

Absent members:

Approval of Agenda:

Council member Shreeve made a motion to amend the agenda to add a discussion on the Fire Department coming back under the city under new business. Council member Coffey seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Council member Shreeve made a motion to amend the agenda to move the Mayors report to come after the new business. Council member McElroy seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

Council member McElroy made a motion to amend the minutes to excuse council member Irish from the March 10th minutes. Council member Harvey seconded the amended minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments:

Christine Shield 106 Tozitna Rd: I want to mention I really like the siding that was done on the Biomass building.

None

Community Reports & Presentations:

Discover Nenana – Tallon Shreeve: The next thing that we have is river daze and AG day. Before that the tourism start date will be the 12th or 13th. The week after that will be speed week around June 11th.

Nenana Volunteer Fire Department: we have applied for funding to help with transportation of people here. I will also be taking a class to go along with that. I will also be taking a class next month and another woman at the department will also be getting their certification.

Department Reports:

Port Authority: Found in the packet

Municipal Utility: Found in the packet

Public Works: Found in packet

Financial Report: Presented by Nichole Shreeve – Not presented

No report due to the fact that we were not on all on our new systems.

New Business:

Discussion about the press release to bring the Fire Department back under the city.

Council member Shreeve: I have copies of the press release. I know that many of the council members were not informed. I am not sure what the plan is and if others have questions.

Council member McElroy: It was always the plan to try to bring the Fire Department back under the City. I am glad to see this happen.

Mayor: When we made these cuts, the city was in dire straits. It was always the intention to bring the Fire department back under the city. Originally it was supposed to be revisited in a few years and now it has been 8. I want to give Larenda a few minutes to discuss what she is working under to come to this being necessary.

Larenda: Essentially for the last 8 years Joe and I have worked for free multiple times. We are at a point now that the loan has to be paid back. It has really hit the budget to the point where we can't afford gas, and we are negative in our bank account. I went to Josh and said if you can take this on please do.

Mayor: I hope everyone can understand that the bottom line is can we provide critical services in the area. We too have cash flow issues. This is usually the time of the year that this is a problem. So, we will have to be mindful. There are a lot of duplicate expenses with 2 entities. The City has been a large funder of this Fire Department for years through utilities etc. The opportunities for grants are about a 20 80 split in opportunity for funding.

Council member: Where is the city going to be in its budget to take this on? What is the city going to do with the loan debt?

Mayor: Is there interest on it?

Larenda: it is sitting at \$57,000 right now. It initially had a small interest.

Council Member Coffey: I would like to see what the lawyer says about this and working in the areas outside of the city limits.

Council Member Irish: I have been attending our meetings, and it has been discussed but not in depth. I don't approve of the way this came about. Their debt is not our debt.

Council member Shreeve made a motion to recess Roberts rules to go into discussion with the public. Council member seconded. The motion passes unanimously.

Terrie Thompson: It was a discussion to close the doors, but it was not a vote to close the doors. The board wanted Larenda to send a letter but instead this letter was published. We also have a disillusion clause that has to go into effect and as part of that is to get rid of our debt. We are a 501C4 so no one can take us over. We are on pause as a board because our chair is out of state.

Adam White: I worked on the fire department for about 20 years and in the community for 30. No one wants to see the fire department go away. I am confused that some people who should know what is going on are talking like they don't know.

Caroline Ketzler: Can the letter be rescinded and be voted on by the different boards and councils.

Sheryl Turner: I have one thing to say. We have been talking about this for 6 years. I was working to get the City to take the fire department back on. Larenda has been there for Rick and I and if she wasn't here, I don't know what we would do. When I saw this letter, I cried to see so many people in agreement. I am sad to hear the conversation tonight.

Megan Baker: In the last 4 weeks I have seen 2 people I love die. These people helped. What I am hearing is that there needs to be more communication. As a community member it is extremely important to be transparent. I think if we can work together, we can come to a good conclusion.

Terase Mayrand: I have been around that fire department long before anyone knows. I would have liked a press release that said that the fire department was coming back together and not making it look back handed.

Adam White: There was a sigh of relief when I saw this only to find out that no one invited knew about this. The City Council should have known that this was going to happen before the community knew.

Larenda: When you are in emergency services you sometimes have to do unconventional things. I won't close the doors.

Council member Shreeve made a motion to come back into the Roberts Rules. Council member Irish seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Council member Shreeve: I would have liked to see this discussed beforehand and to be able to back the administration. But instead, I woke up on a Sunday morning and saw this press release. I hope we can start moving forward now that it is out there.

Mayors Report:

Found in Packet

Council member Irish: I am concerned with a local business being moved during the season with a short season and the fires we have had. Can we consider the business when we make that choice.

Public Works Department head: We will look at that, and I will see if we can do it sooner.

Old Business:

Continued New Business

Approval of Nenana City Public School District Budget

Postponed

Appointment of Planning Commissioners

Council member Harvey made a motion to accept the appointment of Tallon Shreeve and Adam White. Council member Coffey seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 2026-08 Vacating Alleyway on Block 26 lot 6-8 & 9-11

Council member McElroy made a motion to go into the reading of Resolution 2026-08. Council member Harvey seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Council member McElroy made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-08. Council member Shreeve seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance 2026-01 FY27 Budget

Council member Shreeve made a motion to postpone this Ordinance until the budget committee has a meeting and then a special meeting be set. There was no second. Motion died.

Council member Harvey made a motion to go into the reading of Ordinance 2026-01. Council member McElroy seconded. The motion passed 4 to 2.

Council member McElroy made a motion to move Ordinance 2026-01 to its second reading and public hearing at the May meeting. Council member Harvey seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance 2026-02 Adoption of the update of the Remote Sales tax collection

Council member Coffey made a motion to go into the reading of Ordinance 2026-02. Council member Harvey seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Council member Shreeve made a motion to move Ordinance 2026-02 to its second reading and public hearing at the May meeting. Council member Harvey seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Public comments:

Rick Turner: Some people weren't notified about the Fire Department. I hope that everyone gets together and works this out quickly. The hurt feelings were not on purpose and were just an oversight.

I think it was 1990 when I was in the position that Larenda was in. I ran in to a lot of problems that Larenda has experienced. The only problem I didn't experience was the entity infighting. The outcome was having a service that was very workable. Each entity chipped in. With all of that set side I don't think people realize how close we are to the edge. We got back from a run this morning on fumes. Larenda had to go in and literally beg for a tank of fuel. We are always low on meds. I don't know the answer with all of the feelings going around with different groups. I see people want to do things for services but there is not money to support it. Money is the main issue. I just want to see some answers coming in on who is going to come in and keep this alive. We need to have something to work with.

202 E 7th I love the smell of wood smoke in the winter but not the summer. That is great that the city was awarded the incinerator. I don't think that putting an incinerator in the downtown corridor. There were lots of times you can smell the wood smoke in the winter. I have an air quality reader on the house, and it was interesting to see what it did. An incinerator could be good, but it needs to be in the right location.

Council Comments:

Council Member Irish: I am helping Garry Farnham with the Depot again this year and we are looking for donations for flower pots around the depot.

Council member Stevens: I think going forward with the Fire department is good. We don't want to delay it with more meetings.

Council member McElroy: This is one of the biggest meetings we have had in a long time. I am glad to see that people are worried about keeping our fire department going. I really don't like people. But I learned about consensus in AA. It is important to be curious and listen to their intent. It was interesting tonight to watch and listen to people. Emotions have to be considered. I am glad that we were able to get through this. I am proud of us. I have a hard time understanding that we are 39 billion dollars in debt. When I was a kid I was told I cannot spend money I do not have. As a city we have to have a balanced budget. I would encourage everyone to contact their federal representatives to address the federal deficit.

Council member Coffey: I really appreciate all of the council members being here and the community members as well. I look forward to the conversations about the fire department and city coming back together.

Council member Harvey: I truly appreciate those who give their time to Fire and EMS for our community. On a lighter note, in the last few years I have provided flowers in front of the library. The reading kids want to plant that area with carrots. I will have a few flowerpots out there on the steps instead. I have seen an AI post about tripod for beginners. I clicked on it and they had all of this information of the tripod. I don't appreciate AI but sometimes it gives me a chuckle. My bees were supposed to arrive today. But they missed their connecting flight. I don't think they will be happy when they get here.

Council member Shreeve: Thank you everyone for coming. It was a good discussion. I look forward to having work sessions to be able to get this done so that the fire department can be around. I really appreciate the road clearing that has happened. It seems the storm drains are working. I was not able to attend the Port Authority meeting but look forward to being able to attend in the future.

Mayor's Closing Comment:

Thank you Larenda, the other volunteers, and community members for coming. I am one to take people's feelings into consideration. I am sorry that people were affected in ways I did not intend. But we were at crunch time and so we had to make a decision. We felt like it was best that we come together and not have Larenda put this out alone. This is something we need to come together on. We need to get past the hard feelings and not contribute to the division.

Notice of Next Meeting and Adjournment:

May 12th, 2026, 5:30pm Parish Hall Board of Equalization

May 12th, 2026, 6:30pm Parish Hall Regular Council Meeting

The meeting Adjourned at 8:57 pm

May 12th, 2026

Regular Meeting of the Nenana City Council

Location of Meeting: ~~Nenana Civic Center~~ -- Parish Hall

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm by Mayor Verhagen

Pledge of Allegiance: Recited

Roll Call: Members Present - Mayor Joshua Verhagen, Council members Karen Harvey, Kat McElroy, Tallon Shreeve, Tarn Coffey, Scott Stevens, Kari Irish

Absent members: Scott Stevens

Council member Shreeve made a motion to excuse Council member Stevens. Council member Harvey seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Agenda:

Council member Shreeve made a motion to amend the agenda to add Resolution 2026-11 under new business. Council member Coffey seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Council member Harvey made a motion to amend the agenda to add Resolution 2026-10 under new business. Council member Shreeve seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

Council member McElroy made a motion to approve the minutes from April 14th. Council member Harvey seconded the amended minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments:

Wilma Vinton – The dissolution of the Nenana Volunteer Fire and EMS plans to pay off bills. They are working with the Mayor. No change in 911 service. The City will take on the operation of the department.

Community Reports & Presentations:

Discover Nenana – Tallon Shreeve: 1st bus this week. AG day is June 6th at the City Center. June 11th is speed week event. We are preparing for the upcoming 4th of July parade.

Department Reports:

Port Authority: Found in the packet

Municipal Utility: Found in the packet

Public Works: Found in packet

Fire/EMS: Found in Packet

Financial Report: Found in Packet

Council member Shreeve made a motion to approve the final report as presented.

Council member Irish seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayors Report:

Found in Packet

Public Hearing:

Ordinance 2026-01 FY27 Budget

Open: 8:24 pm

Comments: Sheryl Turner - \$2,000 will not go far for travel.

Closed: 8:25 pm

Ordinance 2026-02 Adoption of the update of the Remote Sales tax collection

Open: 8:25 pm

Comments: None

Closed: 8:30 pm

Old Business:

Ordinance 2026-01 FY27 Budget

Council member Harvey made a motion to go into the 2nd reading of Ordinance 2026-01.

Council member Coffey seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Council member Harvey made a motion to move Ordinance 2026-01 to its third reading and 2nd public hearing at the June meeting. Council member McElroy seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance 2026-02 Adoption of the update of the Remote Sales tax collection

Council member McElroy made a motion to go into the 2nd reading of Ordinance 2026-02.

Council member Coffey seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Council member Harvey made a motion to vote on Ordinance 2026-02. Council member McElroy seconded.

Irish: Yay

McElroy: Yay

Coffey: Yay

Harvey: Yay

Shreeve: Yay

New Business:

Approval of Nenana City Public School District Budget

Council member Harvey made a motion to accept the Nenana School Budget as it relates to the City. Council member McElroy seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 2026-09 Setting of the Mil rate and certifying tax roll

Council member Harvey made a motion to go into the reading of Resolution 2026-09. Council member McElroy seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Council member Shreeve made a motion to call for a vote on Resolution 2026-09. Council member McElroy seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 2026-10 Water & Wastewater Annual Escalation

A motion was made to postpone Resolution 2026-10 to the meeting in June. The motion passed.

Resolution 2026-11 Accepting FAA funding for the AIP Airport Lighting Construction Project

Council member Shreeve made a motion to go into the reading of Resolution 2026-11. Council member Coffey seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Council member McElroy made a motion to call for a vote on Resolution 2026-11. Council member Coffey seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Public comments:

Adrienne Coffey with Friends of the Library will be doing hot dogs at the speed day.

Adam White -Thank you for letting me talk. There is lots of water. The Airport is affected by FAA rules.

Council Comments:

Council Member Irish: Thank you all for coming.

Council member Stevens: Absent

Council member McElroy: Nonprofits can't dissolve with \$5,000 in bills. Having the EMS/Fire will strengthen our community. We need to take care of ourselves. How are we going to do that? People all over are talking about Nenana in a good way.

Council member Coffey: Thank you to everyone for coming!

Council member Harvey: Spring is here! Apologies happen to the bees today.

Council member Shreeve: Thank you for input from the public. Good to see work being done on the budget. Looking forward to the summer and getting involved with the LNG pipeline.

Mayor's Closing Comment: UAF had made 3 trips to Nenana. We will see what happens next. Interested in project.

Notice of Next Meeting and Adjournment:

June 9th, 2026, 6:30pm Civic Center Regular Council Meeting

The meeting Adjourned at 9:30 pm

June 9th, 2026

Regular Meeting of the Nenana City Council

Location of Meeting: Nenana Civic Center

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm by Mayor Verhagen

Pledge of Allegiance: Recited

Roll Call: Members Present - Mayor Joshua Verhagen, Council members Karen Harvey, Kat McElroy, Tallon Shreeve, Tarn Coffey, Scott Stevens, Kari Irish, Scott Stevens

Absent members:

Approval of Agenda:

Council member Coffey made a motion to approve the agenda. Council member McElroy seconded.

Council member Shreeve made a motion to add the consideration of the All Alaskan services liquor license under new business. Council member Harvey seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

Council member Harvey made a motion to amend the minutes from May 12th to correct the double sentence. Council member McElroy seconded the amended minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments:

Pamela Samash: I would like to make a comment regarding the ladder on the river. I believe John Kempen would be a good person to weld it on. I also wanted to bring to your attention supporting farmers more. With the AG land it would be a good opportunity to support them. I wonder how people would feel about a food mill. One location could be on 10th Street. I have talked to a couple of farmers about this. Some people have thought about flour to mill. Farmers need a place to store produce. People say if you have it people will come. If we have consistent foods that are reliable people will be more likely to buy it. For example, maybe Clear Space force station would buy it.

Brianne Ketzler: I am super excited that the City, School and tribe are going in together to replace the playground. It is a long time coming. I want to highlight the positive. On the flip side we have youth without ball courts to play on all summer. I do know that we have the

Rec Hall but I am not sure what resources we have. I wanted to see what the update is on that.

C Sheryl Markwood: From governor's office in Fairbanks. I am grateful to be able to attend the meeting. I attended the energy conference with the Mayor from Nenana. He did a great job presenting on the Biomass. I really like to hear comments on how to support agriculture.

Community Reports & Presentations:

Discover Nenana – Tallon Shreeve: This last weekend we have the River Daze garage sale. We also had AG Day. The tourists really liked it. The next thing we have coming up is on Thursday, it is the Speedweek out at the Airport. There are still some spots for vendors. Look like there should be lots of cars and people at the event. Then next big activity after that is the 4th of July parade. That will be coming soon for float sign-ups. It is free to be in the parade.

Friends of the Library: We will be down at Speedweek. We will be selling hot dogs. Summer reading is already going on. We will be doing small things on Wednesday for the kids. The horse drawn carriage at AG was really fun. Everyone enjoyed having the AG Day and River Daze all at once. The library will be putting out carrots for the kids to plant. Thank you Karen for the flower packets out front.

Nenana Native Association: we have our youth summer workers out ad about. We are working on the playground by the tribal hall. We are also working on having a summer softball on 4th of July. We want this to be a big thing where we have concessions, fix the benches, etc. We also have people going around helping elders. If you know of anyone who needs anything let us know.

Department Reports:

Port Authority: Found in the packet

Municipal Utility: Found in the packet

Public Works: Found in packet

Fire/EMS: Found in Packet

Financial Report: Found in Packet

Council member Shreeve made a motion to receive the finical report as presented. Council member Coffey seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayors Report:

Found in Packet

Public Hearing:

Ordinance 2026-01 FY27 Budget

Open: 8:04 pm

Comment: None

Closed: 8:06 pm

Old Business:

Ordinance 2026-01 FY27 Budget

Council member Harvey made a motion to go into the 3rd reading of Ordinance 2026-01. Council member McElroy seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Council member Coffey: What did we receive from the services of Arctic Paw Foundation to justify the \$35,000.00?

Mayor Verhagen: They have given us a breakdown. They have adopted out 11 dogs. They are monitoring Facebook, purchasing feed, responding to calls, etc.

Council member Harvey: It is a safety issue. Our walking group has noticed it. They have been right on with responding to posts on Facebook.

Council member Coffey: I am just trying to understand the money side. There are roads that need to be repaired that everyone uses. The current amount is about \$1,000.00 per animal. I wonder if there are other places where the money could go. I think \$10,000 could be given but I am not sure about \$35,000.

Council member Stevens made a motion to drop the Arctic Paws Foundation to \$30,000 for an overall admin contract services of \$62,000.00 and to add the \$5,000.00 to the savings.

Council member Harvey Seconded. The motion padded unanimously.

Council member Coffey made a motion to call for a vote on Ordinance 2026-01. Council member Harvey seconded.

Vote

Irish: Yay

McElroy: Yay

Stevens: Yay

Coffey: Yay

Harvey: Yay

Shreeve: Yay

Ordinance 2026-01 Passed a vote _6_ to _0_.

New Business:

Resolution 2026-10 Water & Wastewater Annual Escalation

Council member McElroy made a motion to pass Resolution 2026-10. Council member Harvey seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 2026-12 Grant Application DOT port Infrastructure Development Program

Council member Coffey made a motion to go into the reading of Resolution 2026-12. Council member Shreeve seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Council member McElroy made a motion to pass Resolution 2026-12. Council member Coffey seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 2026-13 Grant Application U.S.D.A. Forest Service Community Wood Grant Program

Council member Coffey made a motion to go into the reading of Resolution 2026-13. Council member McElroy seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Council member Coffey made a motion to pass Resolution 2026-13. Council member Irish seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 2026-14 Grant Application FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant

Council member McElroy made a motion to go into the reading of Resolution 2026-14. Council member Harvey seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Council member Irish made a motion to pass Resolution 2026-14. Council member McElroy seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Consideration of Liquor License for All Alaskan Services

Council member Harvey made a motion of non-objection to the All-Alaskan Services Liquor License. Council member Irish seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Public comments:

Sheryl Turner 107 Tatlanika Rd: For the Speedweek there are 5 tables left for vendors

Adam White 202 7th: Speedweek is going to be exciting. If people are going out do not try to get there by going across Float Pond Road. I am looking forward to a work session about the Fire/EMS department. I also look forward to a public discussion on the location of the incinerator.

Mike White: Can someone waive the late fee from the property tax for my mom's property?

Council Comments:

Council Member Irish: So last year at nearly \$75.00 per basket to hang around the depot. We will not be able to do flowers this year. I would like to suggest that everyone talks with kids about 4 wheeler safety. I am seeing a lot of kids pile onto a machine. I know it is fun but dangerous. I will be talking to kids if I see them. Water safety is important. Everyone wear a life vest.

Council member Stevens: Thank you everyone for your hard work. Thank you Dan. I like the way Nenana is going. I think we should keep going that way.

Council member McElroy: I think I will just hold my thoughts, thank you.

Council member Coffey: I would like to thank everyone for showing up. I would like to see the administration to do everything to get access to the product. If we got cheap energy, we would be the envy of everyone. I would like to understand why they will not allow communities to have a tap.

Council member Harvey: It is nice to hear that someone is being hired to help with the finance. Hopefully we can then get a budget that has all of the information for the year. The current reports do not give us a clear idea of where we are at. We really need to hire a City Clerk. I also want to point out that potholes eliminate the need for a speed bump.

Council member Shreeve: Thank you to everyone for coming. I was able to meet with Josh with the folks from the LNG project. They were happily surprised that the community was willing to have them closer to the community. We were able to show them around town. We were able to explain the economic impact it could have on the community. If you have nay issues with buses let me know. 10am to 3pm is when the buses are here.

Mayor's Closing Comment:

Notice of Next Meeting and Adjournment:

July 14th, 2026, 6:30pm Civic Center Regular Council Meeting

The meeting Adjourned at 9:11 pm

July 14th, 2026
Regular Meeting of the Nenana City Council

Call To Order: Meeting called to order at 6:32 pm by Mayor Verhagen.

Pledge of Allegiance: Recited

Role Call

Members Present - Mayor Joshua Verhagen

Council members: Kari Irish, Scott Stevens, Kat McElroy, Tarn Coffey, Karen Harvey, Tallon Shreeve

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Coffey moved to approve the agenda, Mr. Shreeve 2nd. Voted 6/0. Agenda passed. Library report added to Agenda.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Coffey moved to approve the minutes from the June 9th meeting, Ms. Harvey 2nd. Voted 6/0. Minutes passed.

Public Comments

Elizabeth Merritt - Asked how to lower the speed limit south of town near Cosna, which is still within city limits. Mayor Verhagen said it's something to potentially discuss with DOT.

Community Reports & Presentations

Discover Nenana:

Mr. Shreeve - 4th of July was a success. First a 9 am, there was a presentation of the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, and then some speakers and a musical number. Then the parade, which was great to have so many people involved. City equipment, Clear Space Force Station, fire department, our new farmer on the road with their horses, the scout troop from Colorado with 30 kids. The troop helped with setup and teardown. The games went well. Next meeting is August 1st at the library at 6 pm.

Library:

Adrian Coffey - The Speedway Event went great and sold over 65 hot dog meals. Two more summer reading camp days left. July 15th and August 5th. Looking for donations for pizza and ice cream for August 5th. Getting ready for winter with new grants coming in.

Department Reports

Port Authority:

Dan Smith – Written report is in the packet. Lighting construction has been delayed due to the FAA. Looking closer to the end of July/beginning of August. Main runway will be shut down for about 20 days, and then it will switch, and the ski strip will be shut down. Currently, the ski strip is scheduled to be shut down during moose season, so we're trying to change that. They recently started working on being able to go into the 26 acres that B&B electric subcontractors are going to clear and take anything that we want to be able to use for the biomass. The runway is getting some additional clearing down by the end of the float pond to the river. A lot of it can go to the biomass for the city. The military's out doing training and flying at the airport. Speedway was great. The airport would like to donate pizza and ice cream for the library. Good to see so many people. It was nice to see all the interactions; thank you, Discover Nenana, for all of the work for that. XPRIZE wildfire event is finished, and it did great. There were a lot of international organizations there, and Nenana was able to get a good amount of attention, which was very cool. Fuel sales have picked up. For the port, as of July 1st, they resumed the management of its finances independently from the city, to make sure that they're in accordance with the Port Authority commission and the charter and the code. I've been meeting with the mayor and some representatives from the proposed natural gas pipeline, which will be going through or near the city and through port property. The new playground is going great. It's been cleared, and all the equipment is getting there, and they will start on the construction in the next 20 days or so. The goal is to have it finished by the time school starts. The water main extension, there'll be some announcements coming up when we get into the clearing stages. All the clearing is going to be on city right-of-way and easements.

Municipal Utilities:

Clint Berry - We are working a lot on the clinic and fire hall projects because of all of the water and sewer connections. They're going to be adding a block-long main loop to our main, and there's a lot of engineering that has to happen with crossing mains and meeting the gallon per minute float requirements that are going to be needed for fire suppression. We have been working with DOWL Engineering and Cornerstone Construction and Johnny Mendez at DEC. Eventually, there's going to be a water interruption. I have been working on the rewrite of Chapter 8. One thing that we've considered is the code amendment allowing for a rate and fee schedule that could be updated by the City Council with a resolution rather than an ordinance amendment. We've been working on the financial management of utilities and are considering CASELLE, which is a financial management system for small municipalities.

Fire & EMS:

Mayor –the position we posted for emergency manager has been filled by Scott Thompson, who is the former Fire Chief for Anderson. The position was created to assist the fire department and the emergency services.

Scott Thompson – reviewed his background in fire services. I've been working with Larenda for the last couple of weeks. We've got ALMR and Alaska radio back into the city's name and the current fire department re-registered; EMS has been re-registered, and we're working on grants to help pay for my position. I have a meeting next week with the Red Cross to set up the structure of evacuations. We will be looking at what we need for a wildland protection plan, hazard plans, and emergency operation plans for the city.

Mayor - I think we'll be able to really improve the emergency services. We are very excited about having Scott on the team and his experience. Scott's position is not full-time; it's a 20-hour-a-week position. He's here Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, 9:00 to 3:00. We're sorry Larenda couldn't be here, but she's been working hand in hand with us. Youth workers from the tribe have been helping with organization in the fire hall.

Financial:

Mayor – Nichole Shreeve has been out of state, so we've hired Patricia Jirsa to run the financial department.

Patricia Jirsa (join via Zoom) – I've been working on invoices and will be 100% caught up by tomorrow. Pat gave a summary of finances.

Mayor - the QuickBooks program has been inadequate for our needs, so we're looking for a better option. We must get fully caught up on QuickBooks before we can invest in a new program and export everything over. One program that we've been looking into is CASELLE, which was suggested by AML. We are looking at doing all our banking through Northrim Bank. We'll have to keep the Denali State Bank open as well.

Ms. McElroy moved to approve the financial report as presented. Ms. Harvey seconded. Unanimously approved.

Mayor's Report by Josh Verhagen (see written report attached):

Mayor- Speedweek went well. It was a lot of fun, and I appreciate the FAA's support with it. Met with Tribe about working on a solid waste plan. We're still working on a grant for the waste incinerator and a location for it.

Appreciated hosting many different candidates.

I was impressed with the ACUASI drone demonstration on wildfire prevention. It was a world-class competition called XPRIZE.

I talked to Jason Underhill, who is interested in starting a technical institution here in Nenana.

I met with a company called BurnBot that uses robots in controlled burning. They are looking for a location and a partner.

The Rec Hall is open for activities, explained the process for booking use of the building. School activities have priority.

Along with Scott Thompson and Don Charlie, attended a Change of Command Ceremony at Clear Space Force Station.

Met with the DOT commissioner about the Nenana intersection project. Several proposals have been submitted for public input. It's still ongoing. The goal is traffic and pedestrian safety.

Met with Interior Regional EMS concerning the city's transition from being a nonprofit back to city authority.

I enjoyed the city's participation in the Nenana 4th of July activities. We'll be working on a safety plan to eliminate any possible incidents with kids running out in the street near the heavy equipment. I attended the City of Anderson's second annual Strawberry Festival, a fun family-oriented event.

I plan on attending the North Pole City Council meeting to urge them to join AML. We have found membership in this organization to be beneficial to our city. August's AML meeting is in Fairbanks this year.

The civic center roof update is ongoing. We found many areas that had very little, if any insulation. This upgrade, as well as the insulation and the new boilers, should help with the efficiency of heating the building.

The work on the biomass is continuing. We now have a fire barrier between the fitness center and woodchip bay. We're waiting to hear back from a grant from RHTP that would help finish the fitness center.

Old Business

No Business

New Business

Discussion of the utility financial tracking -

Previously discussed in Clint's report. Important to note that the service is paid by the people, not taxes. The utility is an enterprise fund account but not the same as the port authority, which is operated under commission. The city is still working on the cash flow issues. Enterprise funds should always be self-sustaining. Discussion followed into questions about residents paying online.

Appointment of Planning commissioner -

Elizabeth Merrit has agreed to the appointment to the Planning Commission. Mayor recommends appointment.

Council approves unanimously.

Public Comments

The mayor said he had a conversation with Carol Walters. She asked him to bring to our attention that where the snow was being stored, it ended up flooding her crawlspace.

Council Comments

- Karen Harvey – wanted to thank Clint for his work with the ordinances and appreciate his attending the ordinance review meeting. I also enjoyed the 4th of July events. I have for the past 40+ years, and it's great to see everyone bringing their kids and grandkids to our activities. Thanks to everyone who helped. Especially Kami Miller, who sang the National Anthem. Thanks, city crew, for plowing on FAA Way.
- Kari Irish – None
- Tarn Coffey – Thanks for showing up and for the hard work
- Scott Stevens – I'm blown away by all the hard work everyone does in this town.
- Tallon Shreeve – Thanks for coming out to the meeting and thanks to the office staff for putting everything together.
- Kat McElroy - Thanks for coming, and I'm amazed by all the work there is keeping the city up and running. When I first got on the council, the city was failing. And I want to acknowledge that it's coming back together. I appreciate the water we have here after what I've dealt with while living in Nevada. I'm glad there will be a community entity meeting Friday night, and I encourage everyone to show up.

Closing Comment, Mayor Verhagen –

Mayor – Hope to see everyone at the community entity meeting and hope to clear up some of the misconceptions or rumors and to share what's going on for each group.

Notice of Next Meeting and Adjournment

- August 11th 2026, regular meeting 6:30 pm at the Community Civic Center.
- Adjourned at 8:37 pm.