

Rescheduled Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

Kake City Council

Wednesday, April 2, 2025, 6:00 p.m.

City Council Chambers

1) Roll Call

Lonnie Cavanaugh, Mayor, Chair	Present
Jordana Grant, Vice Mayor	Present
Monica Ashenfelter	Present
Tessa Cavanaugh	Present
Henry Copsey	Present
Kelli Jackson	Present
Ashley Padgett	Present
Quorum is established.	

Staff: Edna Jackson, Georgina Davis-Gastelum, City Clerks

2) Call to order: 6:09 pm

3) Motion to adopt April 2, 2025 Rescheduled RCCM agenda, as amended (add PILT as 8-D)

M/S H. Copsey/A. Padgett

Motion carried unanimously.

4) Motion to adopt March 4, 2025 RCCM minutes.

M/S M. Ashenfelter/T. Cavanaugh

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to adopt March 17, 2025 SCCM minutes.

M/S H. Copsey/M. Ashenfelter

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to adopt March 20, 2025 SCCM minutes.

M/S A. Padgett/H. Copsey

Motion carried unanimously.

- 5) **Public Comments:** Public comment will be limited to 3 minutes per person, and your discussion must pertain to items on the agenda. If they don't, you need to request the item you are interested in discussing be put on the next agenda.

6) VISITORS:

A. KCSO

B. OVK

C. KTC: Martha Thomas, Kake Tribal Tourism

- See update on past year, two-page written report submitted by Martha. 37 ships summer 2025, starting late May, ending mid-September.
Is there a previous written agreement between Kake Tribal Tourism and the City that lists duties of each entity? Staff will investigate. Discussion on lack of cleanliness of bathrooms and totem pole area.
Head tax for improving tourism: what is the money used for? Address at future meeting when Kelsi returns.
- Martha requested that the City purchase a plaque with the description and history of the totem pole, to be put at the site. Refer to Community Buildings and Properties Committee. Martha also requested a sign with directions to public restrooms (we do not have any public restrooms, only the ones in the community hall, when tourism is using our building) and safety notices.
- Logo for Kake Tribal Tourism: Martha requested permission to use drawing of the strong man carving at the bottom of the Kake totem for their Kake Tribal Tourism logo.
Motion to allow Kake Tribal Tourism to use the strong man drawing for their logo.
M/S A. Padgett/J. Grant
Motion carried unanimously.
- Kake Tribal Tourism on agenda at next meeting.

D. Other visitors: Kelly Kadake (OVK), Melanie Kadake, Katie Anderson (Land Planning Commission), Elizabeth Figus (telephone call)

7) **REPORTS**

- A. Administration: Mayor Lolanda Cavanaugh.
 - Bulk fuel farm: supposed to be a land exchange. Met with Jeff Jackson, will address at a future city council meeting.
 - SF docs for Congressional funding
 - EPA-RFP ready to go
- B. Personnel
- C. Finance: M. Ashenfelter
- D. Community Buildings and Properties: A. Padgett. Meeting 4/3/25
- E. Airport/Roads/Water: H.Copsey. Planning for Little Gunnuk
- F. Public Safety: K. Jackson. New VPSO. Meeting tomorrow at OVK with tribal courts and social services.
- G. Harbor: T.Cavanaugh. Greta is back. New pressure washer. Brief meeting March 20, another meeting end of next week.
- H. Ordinance: J.Grant. Working on Title 60, Public Utilities. See handouts. Would like to take action at the next council meeting on <60.04.130. Notices, and 60.04.140. Billing and Payment>. City clerks will write ordinance for the next meeting.

Lonnie: when Kelsi gets back to work on 4/14, we will work on water shut-off notices. Iura will send utility rates from other villages.

I. Land Planning Commission

1. New member: Two individuals submitted their names to serve a 3-year term on the LPC, filling the seat that was vacated in December: Robin Ross and Rob Mills. Following Kake Municipal Code 93.04.050, Mayor Cavanaugh appointed Rob Mills to fill the vacancy.

Motion to confirm the Mayor appointment of Rob Mills to the vacated seat on the Land Planning Commission.

M/S A. Padgett/H. Copsey

Motion carried unanimously.

City clerks will write letters to the two individuals.

2. Demolition 10 derelict homes:

See recommendation from LPC with pictures and suggested priorities.

- Rocky's Store is top priority on their list, but this would take up too much time and money.
- If homes are pre-1971, the houses probably have lead paint and asbestos.
- Tessa suggested trying to get the old houses disposed of along with the old grade school.
- Talk with OVK to collaborate.

Motion to start the demolition process, addressing #2-11 on the list.

M/S A. Padgett/J. Grant

Motion carried unanimously.

8) NEW BUSINESS

A. Earth Day/Week April 22

- Community-wide clean-up. Post flyers and sign-up sheets for the City to pick up and dispose of large items: junk vehicles, appliances, furniture. The City already signed an MOA with KTF to take junk vehicles to the scrap metal yard past Portage.
- Jori will talk with the school about clean-up activities for each day of the week.
- More planning at April SCCM.

B. AMHOB (Alaska Marine Highway Operations Board) member request

Motion to request the Governor nominate Paulette Jackson as a member of AMHOB, with Robin Ross as an alternate.

M/S A. Padgett/T. Cavanaugh

Motion carried unanimously.

C. Municode-authorization for expenditure

Discussion: look at codification vs. municode.

Motion to move forward with finding out more about Municode \$10,000-\$15,000.

M/S J. Grant/T. Cavanaugh

Roll call vote:

Vice Mayor Jordana Grant	Yes
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Monica Ashenfelter	Yes
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Tessa Cavanaugh	Yes
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Henry Copsey	Yes
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Kelli Jackson	Yes
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Ashley Padgett	Yes
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Motion carried unanimously.

D. PILT (Payment in lieu of taxes)

- Mayor Cavanaugh informed the council that she is working on the form and will submit it tomorrow. The State no longer requires us to submit a budget, an audit, or a resolution to apply for the program.
- "PILT payments are intended to help offset losses in property taxes due to nontaxable federal lands within municipal boundaries." –State of Alaska, Division of Community and Regional Affairs

Motion to approve Mayor Cavanaugh to submit the PILT application for Kake.

M/S M. Ashenfelter/H. Copsey

Motion carried unanimously.

9) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Request for financial support: Shirley Jackson Community Library

Motion to award the funding request of \$1,000 to the library for library collection and library supplies and materials.

M/S J. Grant/A. Padgett

Roll call vote:

Vice Mayor Jordana Grant	Yes
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Monica Ashenfelter	Yes
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Tessa Cavanaugh	Yes
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Henry Copsey	Yes
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Kelli Jackson	Yes
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Ashley Padgett	Yes
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Motion carried unanimously.

B. Elizabeth Figus – grant: City/OVK/KTC

1. The City of Kake was invited to the Kake Climate Partnership workshop on April 10 & 11, Thursday and Friday, at OVK. Elizabeth would like 2-3 representatives. Henry Copsey is willing to attend. Ashley Padgett will get back to Elizabeth. Stipends are available to replace wages lost.
2. National Fish & Wildlife Foundation:
A 3-year OVK grant which includes OVK, KTC and the City of Kake. The City would receive \$51,000 x 3 years to employ one person + \$4,000 for a computer. “The aim of the work is to use a working group from OVK, the City, and KTC to complete ‘Final Design and Permitting’ to develop a 50 acre living shoreline near Kake, focused on shellfish gardens, kelp/seaweed mariculture, and herring reintroduction. The basic idea is that this supports staff at all three entities meeting and designing plans over 3 years for how to develop a resilient natural shoreline near Kake.”—E.Figus

Mayor Cavanaugh stated that this grant does not align with goals and strategies of the City, that it also adds responsibility to monitor another staff member, and that she does not wish to participate in the grant. She discussed this with Dawn Jackson at OVK, who told her that if the City does not continue with the grant, OVK can absorb the City’s portion.

After discussing the grant, the council decided that the City will bypass the first quarter of the grant and not be spending funds from the first quarter. The grant will be discussed at the April SCCM. No objection.

C. AML Lease

Motion to renew the AML land lease, as is, for \$10,000/year x 5 years, until we can revisit, then possibly increase.

M/S M. Ashenfelter/T. Cavanaugh

Roll call vote:

Vice Mayor Jordana Grant	Yes
Monica Ashenfelter	Yes
Tessa Cavanaugh	Yes
Henry Copsey	Yes
Kelli Jackson	Yes
Ashley Padgett	Yes

Motion carried unanimously.

10) NEXT MEETING DATE: April 17, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

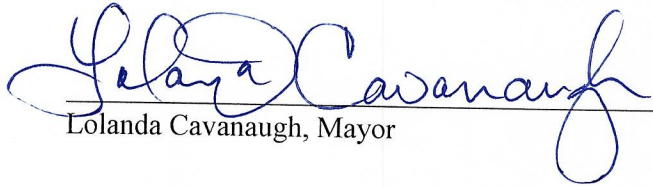
11) ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn

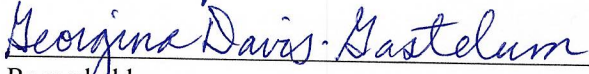
M/S H. Copsey/M. Ashenfelter

Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 8:55 p.m.

Meeting minutes approved by city council on May 6, 2025


Lolanda Cavanaugh, Mayor

ATTEST:



Recorded by
Edna Jackson, Georgina Davis-Gastelum, City Clerks

