

City Council Public Hearing
June 2, 2021 @ 6:45 pm
Cordova Center Community Rooms A & B
Minutes

A. Call to order

Mayor Clay Koplín called the Council public hearing to order at 6:45 pm on June 2, 2021, in the Cordova Center Community Rooms.

B. Roll call

Present for roll call were **Mayor Clay Koplín** and Council members **Tom Bailer**, **Anne Schaefer**, and **David Allison**. Council members **Cathy Sherman** and **Jeff Guard** were present via teleconference. Council members **Melina Meyer** and **David Glasen** were absent. Also present were City Manager **Helen Howarth** and City Clerk **Susan Bourgeois**.

C. Public hearing

1. Resolution 06-21-27 A resolution of the Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, setting the property tax mill levy for the 2021 tax year at 11.06 mills for all properties in Cordova

Mayor Koplín opened the hearing up for public testimony on the resolution.

Alex Russin of 209 South Second Street, said he is not sure what the current mill rate is and he has heard that nearly 50% of the properties in Cordova are exempt he wondered how that came to be and he encouraged the City to provide that information to the public. He supports the mill rate as written in the resolution.

Council member **Schaefer** replied to the question by stating that the last Council meeting packet (May 19) contained all of that data about exempt properties and categories of exemptions. **Mayor Koplín** added that last year's mill rate was 11.08 and the assessed value went up slightly so to keep the revenue flat we arrived at the 11.06 mill rate. **Bailer** asked the Clerk if there was a federal program to account for lost property taxes for federal land. **Bourgeois** said there is a PILT (payment in lieu of taxes) amount the City gets annually from the federal government; she thought it was about \$400K annually.

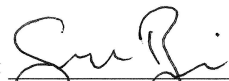
There was no further public testimony. The public hearing was recessed at 6:49 pm and then brought back into session at 6:59 pm. There was no public testimony at that time.

D. Adjournment

Hearing no objection **Mayor Koplín** adjourned the public hearing at 6:59 pm.

Approved: June 16, 2021

Attest:



Susan Bourgeois, CMC, City Clerk

