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

A. Call to order  
Mayor Clay Koplin 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 Koplin 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 Koplin 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 Koplin 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 Koplin adjourned the public hearing at 6:59 pm.

Approved: June 16, 2021

Attest:  
Susan Bourgeois, CMC, City Clerk