

**City Council Public Hearing
May 21, 2025 @ 6:45 pm
Cordova Center Community Rooms
Minutes**

A. Call to order

Vice Mayor Kasey Kinsman called the Council public hearing to order at 6:46 pm on May 21, 2025, in the Cordova Center Community Rooms.

B. Roll call

Present for roll call were Council members **Debra Adams**, **Aaron Hansen**, **Kasey Kinsman**, **Wendy Ranney**, and **Dave Zastrow**. **Mayor Kristin Smith** and Council member **Mike Mickelson** were present via zoom videoconference. Council member **Cathy Sherman** was absent. Also present were City Manager **Sam Greenwood**, and City Clerk **Susan Bourgeois**.

C. Public hearing

1. Ordinance 1231 An ordinance of the Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, authorizing the repayment of \$3,000,000 from the Harbor enterprise fund to the general reserve fund (permanent fund) and authorizing the transfer of \$3,000,000 from the general reserve fund (permanent fund) to the general fund to sustain cash flow for city operations

2. Resolution 05-25-14 A resolution of the Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, establishing the property tax mill levy for the 2025 tax year at _____ mills for all properties in the City of Cordova.

Vice Mayor Kasey Kinsman opened the hearing for public testimony on Ordinance 1231 and Resolution 05-25-14.

Barb Jewell of 3101 Whitshed Rd spoke to the mill rate resolution and said she thinks staff did a great job giving a historical perspective and options for a mill rate. She urged council to consider raising the mill rate at least to the historical average so the city can invest in infrastructure, she is willing to pay a little more to maintain the quality of life in Cordova.

The public hearing was recessed at 6:50pm until there was someone who wanted to give public testimony present. Back into the Public Hearing at 6:58pm.

Kevin Johnson of 710 Third Street encouraged the council to raise the mill rate, he has no problem paying a little more in property taxes to enjoy the benefits the city provides. He is speaking as a citizen, not a city employee. We have great services in this town; we have a great parks department; he is on his way to Bidarki volleyball right now and he'd hate to see that go away.

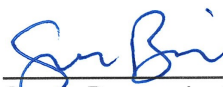
Pete Hoepfner of 100 Orca Circle said he is willing to pay more property taxes to generate the needed revenue for the city to maintain services.

D. Adjournment

Hearing no objection **Vice Mayor Kinsman** adjourned the public hearing at 7:00 pm.

Approved: July 2, 2025

Attest:



Susan Bourgeois, CMC, City Clerk

