



# CITY OF GUSTAVUS CITY COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING

Monday, February 09, 2026 at 7:00 PM  
Gustavus City Hall

## COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Sally McLaughlin  
Vice Mayor Lucas Beck  
Council Members: Renee Patrick,  
Justin Marchbanks, Karen Hutten,  
Jim Kearns, Mike Taylor

## CITY HALL

City Administrator – Kathy Leary  
City Clerk – Liesl Barker  
City Treasurer – Ben Sadler  
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## MINUTES - PENDING

### VIRTUAL MEETING INFORMATION

<https://tinyurl.com/2khe4zhm>

**ID:** 515 501 9406

**PASSCODE:** 9526

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### ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor Sally McLaughlin  
Vice Mayor Lucas Beck  
Council Member Renee Patrick  
Council Member Karen Hutten  
Council Member Mike Taylor  
Council Member James Kearns (via zoom)  
Council Member Justin Marchbanks



### Reading of the City of Gustavus Mission Statement

Mission Statement read by Beck.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. 12-08-2025 General Meeting Minutes
2. 01-19-2026 Special Meeting Minutes (rescheduled 01-12-2026 general meeting)

Motion made by Hutten to approve 12-08-2025 General Meeting Minutes and 01-19-2026 Special Meeting Minutes by unanimous consent.

Seconded by Taylor

Public Comment: None

Council Comment: None

Hearing no objections, the 12-08-2025 General Meeting Minutes and 01-19-2026 Special Meeting Minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

### MAYOR'S REQUEST FOR AGENDA CHANGES

There were no agenda changes.

Hearing no objections, Mayor McLaughlin announced the agenda set as presented by unanimous consent.

**COMMITTEE / STAFF REPORTS**

- 3. Disposal and Recycling Center Quarterly Report  
Disposal and Recycling Center Manager/Operator, Ian Barrier submitted a written report and provided an oral summary.  
Clarifying Questions:  
Taylor  
McLaughlin  
Hutten
- 4. Gustavus Visitors Association Quarterly Report  
Gustavus Visitor Association President, Leah Okin submitted a written report and provided an oral summary.  
Council Clarifying Questions:  
Taylor  
Hutten
- 5. City Clerk Quarterly Report  
City Clerk, Liesl Barker submitted a written report and provided an oral summary.  
Council Clarifying Questions:  
Taylor  
Marchbanks  
Beck
- 6. City Treasurer Monthly Report  
City of Gustavus City Treasurer, Ben Sadler provided monthly financial documents and gave an oral summary.  
Clarifying Questions:  
Taylor
- 7. City Administrator Monthly Report  
City of Gustavus City Administrator, Kathy Leary provided a written report and provided an oral report.  
Clarifying Questions: None

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

None

**CONSENT AGENDA**

None

**ORDINANCE FOR PUBLIC HEARING**

8. FY26-12NCO An Ordinance providing for the amendment of the City Held Accounts in Fiscal Year 2026 - Closing Out Capital Project CP24-02 Same Old Road Drainage.(Introduced 01-19-2026)

Mayor McLaughlin opened the public hearing at 7:41PM.

Public Testimony: None

Mayor McLaughlin closed the public hearing at 7:41PM.

Motion made by Taylor to approve FY26-12NCO An Ordinance providing for the amendment of the City Held Accounts in Fiscal Year 2026 - Closing Out Capital Project CP24-02 Same Old Road Drainage as introduced on 01-19-2026.

Seconded by Patrick

Council Debate:

Taylor

McLaughlin

Voting Yea: Mayor McLaughlin, Vice Mayor Beck, Council Member Patrick, Council Member Hutten, Council Member Taylor, Council Member Kearns, Council Member Marchbanks

7 yea/0 nay

Motion passed

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

9. Approve GVFD Fire Chief Job Description

Motion by Kearns to approve GVFD Fire Chief Position Description.

Seconded by Beck

Public Comment:

Chantel Mulligan-Rear

Council Debate:

Marchbanks

Hutten

City Administrator Leary

Taylor

Kearns

Hutten

City Administrator Leary

Patrick

McLaughlin

Marchbanks

City Administrator Leary

Hutten

Voting Yea: Mayor McLaughlin, Vice Mayor Beck, Council Member Patrick, Council Member Hutten, Council Member Taylor, Council Member Kearns

Voting Nay: Council Member Marchbanks

6 yea/ 1 nay

Motion passed

## **NEW BUSINESS**

10. QUASI-JUDICIAL Matter City of Gustavus waives the right to file a protest of the renewal of Excursion Restaurant Llc's Restaurant Eating Place Liquor License

There were zero Council Member conflicts of interest of Ex Parte communication to declare.

Mayor McLaughlin opened the Public Hearing at 8:12pm.

Public Testimony:

Susan Warner

Mayor McLaughlin closed the Public Hearing at 8:13 pm

Motion made by Kearns that the City of Gustavus waives the right to file a protest of the renewal of Excursion Restaurant Llc's Restaurant Eating Place Liquor License.

Seconded by Taylor

Council Debate: None

Voting Yea: Mayor McLaughlin, Vice Mayor Beck, Council Member Patrick, Council Member Hutten, Council Member Taylor, Council Member Kearns, Council Member Marchbanks

7 yea/ 0 nay

Motion passed

11. City of Gustavus writes off the following ambulance service debts from FY25 \$703.40 and ambulance subscription services \$80.00 as uncollectable, in total \$783.40.

Motion by Hutten that the City of Gustavus writes off the following ambulance service debts from FY25 \$703.40 and ambulance subscription services \$80.00 as uncollectable, in total \$783.40.

Seconded by Marchbanks

Public Comment: None

Council Debate: None

Voting Yea: Mayor McLaughlin, Vice Mayor Beck, Council Member Patrick, Council Member Hutten, Council Member Taylor, Council Member Kearns, Council Member Marchbanks

7 yea/ 0 nay

Motion passed

12. Approve project planning document for Heavy Equipment Procurement - CAT 950 Wheel Loader with Forks and Snowplow attachment

Motion by Kearns to approve project planning document for Heavy Equipment Procurement - CAT 950 Wheel Loader with Forks and Snowplow attachment.

Seconded by Beck

Public Comment:

Ben Sadler

Council Debate:

Beck

Hutten

City Administrator Leary

Kearns

McLaughlin

City Administrator Leary

Marchbanks

Voting Yea: Mayor McLaughlin, Vice Mayor Beck, Council Member Patrick, Council Member Hutten, Council Member Taylor, Council Member Kearns, Council Member Marchbanks

7 yea/ 0 nay

Motion passed

13. CY26-03 A resolution approving the submission of Capital Improvement Funding Requests

Motion by Marchbanks to approve CY26-03 A resolution approving the submission of Capital Improvement Funding Requests.

Seconded by Hutten

Public Comment: None

Council Debate: None

Voting Yea: Mayor McLaughlin, Vice Mayor Beck, Council Member Patrick, Council Member Hutten, Council Member Taylor, Council Member Kearns, Council Member Marchbanks

7 yea/ 0 nay

Motion Passed

14. FY26-13NCO Introduction of an Ordinance providing for the amendment of the city held accounts in fiscal year 2026 - closing Capital Project CP19-06 DRC Composting Facility (Public Hearing 03-09-2026)

Motion made by Beck to introduce FY26-13NCO An Ordinance providing for the amendment of the city held accounts in fiscal year 2026 - closing Capital Project CP19-06 DRC Composting Facility (Public Hearing 03-09-2026).

Seconded by Beck

City Treasurer Sadler

Public Comment: None

Council Debate: None

Voting Yea: Mayor McLaughlin, Vice Mayor Beck, Council Member Patrick, Council Member Hutten, Council Member Taylor, Council Member Kearns, Council Member Marchbanks

7 yea/0 nay

Motion Passed

15. Approve amendments to Gustavus Endowment Fund Grant Policy and Procedure

Motion by Kearns to approve amendments to Gustavus Endowment Fund Grant Policy and Procedure.

Seconded by Partrick

Public Comment: None

Council Debate:

Kearns

Voting Yea: Mayor McLaughlin, Vice Mayor Beck, Council Member Patrick, Council Member Hutten, Council Member Taylor, Council Member Kearns, Council Member Marchbanks

7 yea/0 nay

Motion passed

### **CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

16. Mayor Monthly Report

McLaughlin submitted a written report and provided an oral summary.

Clarifying Questions: None

### **CITY COUNCIL QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS**

Taylor - Conservation Lands Advisory Committee gallery show

### **PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Johan Janse Van Rensburg

Whittney Rapp

Leah Okin

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

17. To discuss matters, the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the City of Gustavus: To discuss matters related to borough formation petition.

Motion by Beck to go into executive session to discuss matters, the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the City of Gustavus: To discuss matters related to borough formation petition.

Seconded by Hutten

Voting Yea: Mayor McLaughlin, Vice Mayor Beck, Council Member Patrick, Council Member Hutten, Council Member Taylor, Council Member Kearns, Council Member Marchbanks

7 yea/0 nay

Motion passed

Mayor McLaughlin closed the General Meeting at 8:44P.M.

At this point the Clerk assigned city council to a breakout room and the members of the public remained in the main room. *(City council members attending virtually are not permitted to attend executive session per ordinance 2.40.140k)* Clerk locked door to chambers and posted a sign for executive session.

Mayor McLaughlin opened the Executive Session at 8:50P.M.

Motion made by Patrick to end executive session and reconvene the general meeting by unanimous consent.

Seconded by Marchbanks

Hearing no objections, the motion passed by unanimous consent.

Mayor McLaughlin closed the Executive Session and opened the General Meeting at 9:14P.M.

No further action was taken.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business and hearing no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 9:14PM.

**POSTED ON:** February 4, 2026 at P.O, Library, City Hall & <https://cms.gustavus-ak.gov/>

**ADA NOTICE**

*Any person with a disability who requires accommodations in order to participate in this meeting should telephone the City Clerk’s office at (907) 697-2451, at least 48 hours prior to the meeting in order to make a request for a disability related modification or accommodation.*

**MISSION STATEMENT**

*The City of Gustavus is a distinctive Alaskan City that provides high quality public services in a thoughtful, cost effective and professional manner to sustain a safe, beautiful tolerant environment to live, work, and play with respect for individual freedom and each other.*

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Sally A. McLaughlin, Mayor

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Date

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Attest: Liesl M. Barker, City Clerk

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Date