



# CITY OF GUSTAVUS CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

Monday, April 27, 2026 at 5:00 PM  
Zoom ONLY

## 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/3dz7dr3a>

**ID:** 515 501 9406     **PASSCODE:** 5512     **TEL:** 253-215-8782

### ROLL CALL

#### PRESENT

Mayor Sally McLaughlin  
Council Member Renee Patrick  
Council Member Karen Hutten  
Council Member Mike Taylor  
Council Member Justin Marchbanks

#### ABSENT

Vice Mayor Lucas Beck  
Council Member James Kearns



### Reading of the City of Gustavus Mission Statement

Mission statement read by Hutten.

### NEW BUSINESS

1. Ratify the hiring of Johan Janse van Rensburg - Fire Chief, Morgan Peterson Park - Public Services Librarian, Kenn Magowan - Marine Facilities Coordinator, Leah Okin - EMS Coordinator, Melisa Gomb - Library Administrative Director, and Ian Barrier - DRC Operations Manager.

It came to our attention that all hires must have council approval according to our Policy and Procedure on Recruitment, Selection and Hiring of Regular Position Employees. All of the hires mentioned did not receive that approval. This action is being taken to rectify that error.

Motion made by Marchbanks to ratify the hiring of Johan Janse van Rensburg - Fire Chief, Morgan Peterson Park - Public Services Librarian, Kenn Magowan - Marine Facilities Coordinator, Leah Okin - EMS Coordinator, Melisa Gomb - Library Administrative Director, and Ian Barrier - DRC Operations Manager.

Seconded by Taylor

Public Comment: None

Council Debate: None

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

5 yea/ 0 nay

Motion passed

**CITY COUNCIL QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Since there is no further business, the meeting is adjourned. The time is 5:06pm.

**POSTED ON:** April 22, 2026 at P.O, Library, City Hall & <https://cms.gustavus-ak.gov/>

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**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