

Kotzebue fires manager

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Kotzebue — the Kotzebue City Council has fired City Manager Gene Moore.

With more than 50 people looking on at a special meeting Monday night, the council agreed to give Moore 30 days of severance pay and his salary for half of the seven months remaining on his contract.

Moore had held the post for nearly five years, but his relations with the council have deteriorated in the past year since Joe Hill became mayor.

No reasons were given for Moore's dismissal, and much of the deliberations were held in executive session. Council Member Willie Goodwin said the termination was negotiated in "good faith," and neither side wanted to get involved in "mudslinging" over specific details of the dismissal.

