



Petersburg Borough

12 South Nordic Drive
Petersburg, AK 99833

Meeting Minutes Borough Assembly Regular Meeting

Monday, May 15, 2023

6:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

1. Call To Order/Roll Call

Mayor Jensen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Mayor Mark Jensen
Vice Mayor Bob Lynn
Assembly Member Thomas Fine-Walsh
Assembly Member David Kensinger
Assembly Member Donna Marsh
Assembly Member Jeff Meucci
Assembly Member Scott Newman

2. Voluntary Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge was recited.

3. Approval of Minutes

A. May 2, 2023 Assembly Meeting Minutes

The May 2, 2023 Assembly meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Motion made by Assembly Member Meucci, Seconded by Assembly Member Marsh.

Voting Yea: Mayor Jensen, Vice Mayor Lynn, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh,
Assembly Member Kensinger, Assembly Member Marsh, Assembly Member Meucci,
Assembly Member Newman

4. Amendment and Approval of Meeting Agenda

The meeting agenda was approved as submitted.

5. Public Hearings

A. Public Hearing for Ordinance #2023-06: An Ordinance Updating Various Sections of Chapter 14.08 of the Municipal Code, Entitled "Sewer Utility"

No testimony was given at this public hearing.

B. Public Hearing for Ordinance #2023-07: An Ordinance Amending Sections 14.20.125, 14.20.250 and 14.20.380 of Chapter 14.20, *Municipal Harbors*, of the Petersburg Municipal Code to Address Live-Aboards and Other Residential Uses of Vessels Moored in Municipal Harbors and to Increase the Penalty for Speeding or Excessive Wake

Abby Hosier, representing herself as an active community member and as an owner of a live aboard vessel in the harbor in the summer months, shared her concerns with the changes to PMC Chapter 14.20 that will restrict the number of live aboard vessels that may be moored in the harbor during the months of May through October.

C. Ordinance #2023-08: An Ordinance of the Petersburg Borough Adopting the Budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024

Karen Morrison, speaking for herself and as the Finance Director for the Petersburg School District, thanked Assembly members who have attended recent school board meetings and have come into the district office to ask questions regarding school funding and testified in support of the Assembly approving the \$3,000,000 appropriation requested by the school in the FY 2024 Borough budget.

Erica Kludt-Painter, Petersburg School District Superintendent, thanked the Assembly for passing the budget as written in its first reading and encouraged them to pass it again in the second and third reading, stating that in the past Petersburg's schools have received the lowest annual municipal contribution of any community in Southeast Alaska.

D. Public Hearing for Ordinance #2023-09: An Ordinance Repealing Chapters 11.48, 11.52, 11.56 and 11.60 of the Former City of Petersburg Code and PMC Chapter 11.96, and Amending PMC Sections 11.12.040, 14.20.360 and 14.20.380

No testimony was given during this public hearing.

E. Public Hearing for Ordinance #2023-10: An Ordinance Amending Section 16.12.030(A) of Chapter 16.12, *Acquisition and Disposal of Borough Owned Lands*, of the Petersburg Municipal Code to Add Federally Recognized Tribes to the List of Entities that May Purchase Borough Property for Less than Assessed Value if Determined by the Assembly to be in the Best Interest of the Borough

Cris Morrison, PIA Tribal Council President, spoke in favor of the Assembly updating Petersburg's code of ordinances where pertinent to recognize PIA as a formal tribal government.

6. Bid Awards

There were no bid awards.

7. Persons to be Heard Related to Agenda

Persons wishing to share their views on any item on today's agenda may do so at this time.

No views were shared.

8. Persons to be Heard Unrelated to Agenda

Persons with views on subjects not on today's agenda may share those views at this time.

No views were shared.

9. Boards, Commission and Committee Reports

A. Housing Needs Assessment Survey

Assembly Member and Housing Task Force Chair Kensinger updated the Assembly on the roll out of the Housing Needs Assessment Survey.

10. Consent Agenda

There were no consent agenda items.

11. Report of Other Officers

There were no reports.

12. Mayor's Report

A. May 15, 2023 Mayor's Report

Mayor Jensen read his report into the record.

13. Manager's Report

A. May 15, 2023 Manager's Report

Manager Giesbrecht read his report into the record, a copy of which is attached and made a permanent part of these minutes.

14. Unfinished Business

A. Ordinance #2023-06: An Ordinance Updating Various Sections of Chapter 14.08 of the Municipal Code, Entitled "Sewer Utility" - Second Reading

Ordinance #2023-06 was approved by unanimous roll call vote in its second reading.

B. Ordinance #2023-07: An Ordinance Amending Sections 14.20.125, 14.20.250 and 14.20.380 of Chapter 14.20, *Municipal Harbors*, of the Petersburg Municipal Code to Address Live-Aboards and Other Residential Uses of Vessels Moored in Municipal Harbors and to Increase the Penalty for Speeding or Excessive Wake - Second Reading

The Assembly unanimously approved Ordinance #2023-07 in its second reading.

Motion made by Assembly Member Meucci, Seconded by Assembly Member Kensinger.

Voting Yea: Mayor Jensen, Vice Mayor Lynn, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh, Assembly Member Kensinger, Assembly Member Marsh, Assembly Member Meucci, Assembly Member Newman

C. Ordinance #2023-08: An Ordinance Adopting the Budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 Through June 30, 2024 - Second Reading

Ordinance #2023-08 was amended as follows:

1) To increase the Mountain View Food Services appropriation to \$42,800 from the general fund reserves;

Motion made by Assembly Member Meucci, Seconded by Assembly Member Kensinger.

Voting Yea: Mayor Jensen, Vice Mayor Lynn, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh, Assembly Member Kensinger, Assembly Member Meucci

Voting Nay: Assembly Member Marsh, Assembly Member Newman

2) To add the option to use the \$40,000 appropriated for hiring a grant writer toward the application to acquire the Papke's Landing facility from the State of Alaska;

Motion made by Vice Mayor Lynn, Seconded by Assembly Member Meucci.

Voting Yea: Mayor Jensen, Vice Mayor Lynn, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh, Assembly Member Kensinger, Assembly Member Marsh, Assembly Member Meucci, Assembly Member Newman

3) To add \$12,000 from the general fund reserves for snow plowing the side roads at Papke's Landing.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Lynn, Seconded by Assembly Member Kensinger.

Voting Yea: Mayor Jensen, Vice Mayor Lynn, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh, Assembly Member Kensinger, Assembly Member Marsh, Assembly Member Meucci, Assembly Member Newman.

Ordinance #2023-08 was unanimously approved as amended in its second reading.

Motion made by Assembly Member Meucci, Seconded by Assembly Member Newman.

Voting Yea: Mayor Jensen, Vice Mayor Lynn, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh, Assembly Member Kensinger, Assembly Member Marsh, Assembly Member Meucci, Assembly Member Newman

D. Ordinance #2023-09: An Ordinance Repealing Chapters 11.48, 11.52, 11.56 and 11.60 of the Former City of Petersburg Code and PMC Chapter 11.96, and Amending PMC Sections 11.12.040, 14.20.360 and 14.20.380 - Second Reading

By unanimous roll call vote, the Assembly approved Ordinance #2023-09 in its second reading.

Motion made by Assembly Member Meucci, Seconded by Vice Mayor Lynn.

Voting Yea: Mayor Jensen, Vice Mayor Lynn, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh, Assembly Member Kensinger, Assembly Member Marsh, Assembly Member Meucci, Assembly Member Newman

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The Assembly unanimously approved Ordinance #2023-10 in its second reading.

Motion made by Assembly Member Meucci, Seconded by Assembly Member Newman.

Voting Yea: Mayor Jensen, Vice Mayor Lynn, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh, Assembly Member Kensinger, Assembly Member Marsh, Assembly Member Meucci, Assembly Member Newman

15. New Business

A. Resolution #2023-08: A Resolution Setting the Millage Rates for Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 Through June 30, 2024

Resolution #2023-08 was unanimously approved.

Motion made by Assembly Member Meucci, Seconded by Assembly Member Marsh.

Voting Yea: Mayor Jensen, Vice Mayor Lynn, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh, Assembly Member Kensinger, Assembly Member Marsh, Assembly Member Meucci, Assembly Member Newman

B. Southeast Alaska Solid Waste Authority Alternate Representative Appointment Change

Mayor Jensen appointed Sanitation Supervisor Marohl as the Borough's Alternate Representative to SEASWA.

16. Communications

A. Correspondence Received Since April 28, 2023

17. Assembly Discussion Items

A. Assembly Member Comments

Assembly Member Lynn corrected a statement he had made at the last meeting regarding the in-kind contribution of free use of the Borough's mud dump for a specified amount of fill material from the new hospital construction project. He had incorrectly stated the fill would all be from outside the proposed construction area (working on roads, etc.) but the fill will be from both inside and outside the construction area.

B. Recognitions

Assembly Member Newman recognized the Petersburg Indian Association for their contributions to our community.

Assembly Member Kensinger thanked the Chamber of Commerce and the Little Norway Festival planning committee for all the work they do to host a great festival.

18. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Motion made by Assembly Member Marsh, Seconded by Assembly Member Newman.

Voting Yea: Mayor Jensen, Vice Mayor Lynn, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh, Assembly Member Kensinger, Assembly Member Marsh, Assembly Member Meucci, Assembly Member Newman