



Petersburg Borough

12 South Nordic Drive
Petersburg, AK 99833

Meeting Minutes Borough Assembly Regular Meeting

Monday, August 16, 2021

6:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

1. Call To Order/Roll Call

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

PRESENT

Assembly Member Bob Lynn
Assembly Member Chelsea Tremblay
Assembly Member David Kensinger
Vice Mayor Jeigh Stanton Gregor
Assembly Member Jeff Meucci
Mayor Mark Jensen
Assembly Member Taylor Norheim

2. Voluntary Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge was recited.

3. Approval of Minutes

There are no minutes available for approval.

There were no minutes available for approval.

4. Amendment and Approval of Meeting Agenda

The agenda was unanimously approved as submitted.

Motion made by Assembly Member Meucci, Seconded by Assembly Member Tremblay.
Voting Yea: Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Tremblay, Assembly Member Kensinger, Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Meucci, Mayor Jensen, Assembly Member Norheim

5. Public Hearings

There were no public hearings.

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

No reports were given.

10. Consent Agenda

There were no consent agenda items.

11. Report of Other Officers

No reports were given.

12. Mayor's Report

A. August 16, 2021 Mayor's Report

Mayor Jensen read his report into the record.

13. Manager's Report

There is no written manager's report for this meeting.

No report was given.

14. Unfinished Business

A. Ordinance #2021-12: An Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of Electric Utility Revenue Bonds in an Aggregate Amount not to Exceed \$7.8 Million to Finance the Blind Slough Hydroelectric Refurbishment Project and the Scow Bay Standby Generation Project and Directing That This Matter be Submitted to the Voters for Consideration at the Next Regular Election to be Held on October 5, 2021 - Third and Final Reading

If adopted, Ordinance #2021-12 will add the Electric Utility Revenue Bond Issuance matter to the October 5th ballot.

Ordinance #2021-12 was unanimously approved in its third and final reading. The Electric Utility Revenue Bond Issuance matter will be on the October 5, 2021 ballot for voter consideration.

Motion made by Assembly Member Kensinger, Seconded by Assembly Member Lynn.
Voting Yea: Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Tremblay, Assembly Member
Kensinger, Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Meucci, Mayor Jensen,
Assembly Member Norheim

15. New Business

A. Ordinance #2021-13: An Ordinance Amending Section 3.08.080 of the Municipal Code, Entitled "Quorum and Voting Requirements", To Allow Assembly Member Participation by Teleconference to be Counted for Purposes of Determining a Quorum.

Assembly Member Kensinger requested an ordinance revision to allow Assembly Member participation by teleconference to be counted for purposes of determining a quorum.

Ordinance #2021-13 was approved in its first reading by a vote of 5-2, Mayor Jensen and Assembly Member Lynn opposed.

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

Voting Yea: Assembly Member Tremblay, Assembly Member Kensinger, Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Meucci, Assembly Member Norheim

Voting Nay: Assembly Member Lynn, Mayor Jensen

B. COVID Committee and Borough Website COVID Dashboard

This agenda item was requested by Assembly Member Meucci.

By a vote of 4-3, Mayor Jensen and Assembly Members Lynn and Norheim opposed, the Assembly, in an effort for better communication and information sharing regarding COVID, directed Manager Giesbrecht to form a small COVID committee and have a COVID link on the Borough website to the COVID dashboard, hospital information and resources, and school information.

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

Voting Yea: Assembly Member Tremblay, Assembly Member Kensinger, Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Meucci

Voting Nay: Assembly Member Lynn, Mayor Jensen, Assembly Member Norheim

C. Borough Manager Giesbrecht Performance Evaluation 2021

An Assembly Member will be selected to assist the Mayor at the Evaluation Conference for Borough Manager Giesbrecht.

Assembly Member Lynn was chosen to assist Mayor Jensen at the Evaluation Conference for Manager Giesbrecht by a vote of 6-1, Member Meucci opposed.

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

Voting Yea: Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Tremblay, Assembly Member Kensinger, Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Mayor Jensen, Assembly Member Norheim

Voting Nay: Assembly Member Meucci

16. Communications

A. Correspondence Received Since July 29, 2021

17. Assembly Discussion Items

A. Petersburg School District Reopening Plan

This agenda item was requested by Assembly Member Meucci.

The Assembly discussed the School District's reopening plan for the 2021/2022 school year. There was general support for the plan and the School Board. Assembly Members mentioned the importance of kids attending in-person classes and encouraged parents with school age children to have patience with the District.

B. Assembly Member Comments

Assembly Member Lynn thanked Fire/EMS Director Dixson for her work on the recent cruise ship COVID incident. He also stated he will not be able to attend the September 7 meeting as he is going moose hunting.

C. Recognitions

Assembly Member Tremblay thanked Petersburg Medical Center for offering free COVID travel testing at the Emergency Room doors and free COVID asymptomatic testing on Thursdays. She also thanked Public Health for their efforts.

18. Executive Session

The Assembly will adjourn to Executive Session to discuss the status of and strategy with respect to collective bargaining with the Petersburg Municipal Employees Association.

The Assembly adjourned to Executive Session to discuss the status of collective bargaining with the Petersburg Municipal Employees Association at 7:03 p.m.

Motion made by Assembly Member Meucci, Seconded by Assembly Member Lynn.
Voting Yea: Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Tremblay, Assembly Member Kensinger, Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Meucci, Mayor Jensen, Assembly Member Norheim

The regular meeting reconvened at 7:37 p.m.

19. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Motion made by Assembly Member Kensinger, Seconded by Assembly Member Tremblay.
Voting Yea: Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Tremblay, Assembly Member
Kensinger, Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Meucci, Mayor Jensen,
Assembly Member Norheim