



Petersburg Borough

12 South Nordic Drive
Petersburg, AK 99833

Meeting Minutes Borough Assembly Regular Meeting

Monday, September 20, 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

A. Regular Assembly Meeting Minutes September 7, 2021

The September 7, 2021 Assembly meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

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

4. Amendment and Approval of Meeting Agenda

The agenda was unanimously approved as submitted.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, 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

A. Ordinance #2021-16: An Ordinance Amending Chapters 9.16, 14.04, 14.08, 14.12, and 14.16 of the Municipal Code to Authorize Creation and Recording of a Lien in Favor of the Borough in Order to Secure Payment of Delinquent Fees, Costs and Expenses - Public Hearing

No testimony was given.

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.

Huhnkie Lee spoke to the Assembly stating he is running for US Senate as an independent Alaskan in 2022.

9. Boards, Commission and Committee Reports

No reports were given.

10. Consent Agenda

There were no Consent Agenda items.

11. Report of Other Officers

A. Election Report 2021

Clerk Thompson presented her Election Report to the Assembly and requested approval of 17 Borough residents to serve as Election Officials. The Assembly unanimously approved the list of those willing to serve and set the date and time for certification of the election results for October 8, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, 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

12. Mayor's Report

A. September 20, 2021 Mayor's Report

Mayor Jensen read his report into the record and added that he will not be available to attend the November 1, 2021 Assembly meeting.

13. Manager's Report

A. September 20, 2021 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 #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 - Third and Final Reading

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

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

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. Ordinance #2021-16: An Ordinance Amending Chapters 9.16, 14.04, 14.08, 14.12, and 14.16 of the Municipal Code to Authorize Creation and Recording of a Lien in Favor of the Borough in Order to Secure Payment of Delinquent Fees, Costs and Expenses - Second Reading

The Assembly unanimously approved Ordinance #2021-16 in its second reading.

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

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. Entrance Island Dock, Kupreanof Dock and Papke's Dock

A motion to direct Manager Giesbrecht to begin discussions with the State DOT about ownership of the Entrance Island dock, the Kupreanof dock and Papke's Landing dock was amended to authorize Manager Giesbrecht to open up discussion with Alaska DNR and any other agencies regarding the process of the Borough obtaining ownership of the Papke's Landing dock, ramps and parking lot areas. The motion, as amended, was approved by a vote of 6-1, Mayor Jensen opposed.

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

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

Voting Nay: Mayor Jensen

B. Manager Giesbrecht's 2021 Performance Evaluation

Manager Giesbrecht's 2021 Performance Evaluation was unanimously approved.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Seconded by Assembly Member Kensinger.

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

16. Communications

No communications were received.

17. Assembly Discussion Items

A. Assembly Member Comments

Assembly Member Kensinger gave a report on his attendance and discussions at the Southeast Conference Annual Meeting. He shared that someone from Alaskans for Better Elections may come to town this fall/winter to educate our residents on the State's new ranked voting system.

Assembly Member Tremblay spoke about a recent press release which notified of 8 new active COVID cases in our community that are most likely caused from community spread. She reminded of PMC's post contact and asymptomatic COVID testing scheduling.

Assembly Member Stanton Gregor was wearing his "I Voted" sticker and encouraged everyone to vote either absentee or in person on election day to exercise our duty in democracy.

Assembly Member Lynn shared that we are fortunate in Southeast Alaska with COVID testing opportunities. He just returned from Canada - had no problem testing to cross the border going North but coming back into Alaska from Canada there were only two places to go for testing. He stated he is very thankful for Petersburg Medical Center and what they have offered our community.

Assembly Member Norheim commented that he looks forward to the Alaskans for Better Elections presentation and stated that maybe Petersburg will adopt ranked voting in the future.

B. Recognitions

There were no recognitions.

18. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, 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