



City of Saxman
Totem and Tourism
February 22, 2022
4:00 PM

MINUTES

Call to Order

Mayor Seludo called the meeting to order at 4:09 PM.

Roll Call

PRESENT

Mayor Frank Seludo
Committee Member Denny Blair
Committee Member Norman Natkong
Committee Member Woody Watson
Committee Member Gabriella Daniels

ABSENT

Vice Mayor Billy Joe Thomas
Committee Member Rick Makua

Public Comment

Consideration of the Agenda

A motion was made to accept the agenda as presented. Motion Passed.

Motion made by Committee Member Watson, Seconded by Committee Member Daniels.
Voting Yea: Mayor Seludo, Committee Member Blair, Committee Member Natkong, Committee Member Watson, Committee Member Daniels

Old Business

1. Chief Ebbits Pole

Background: A plan to get a pole and carver for the Chief Ebbits pole needs to be made.

Mayor Seludo will contact one of the carvers in mind to get more information and to invite him over for our next Building and Ordinance Meeting.

A log was found, the administrative staff shall contact AML to get a quote on shipping it to Ketchikan.

Mayor Seludo suggested we keep this on the Agenda and continue discussion at the next Building and Ordinance Meeting.

New Business

2. Totem Inspection

Background: The Mayor would like to discuss hiring an inspection team for all the totems.

Mayor Seludo discussed that finances should not be a concern right now. We can hire an inspector to do a contract with us and inspect our Totems. This will give us a great start. The inspector can check all Totem Poles. That will give us an idea of the cost of the machine and work to be done for the inspection charges.

The Council requested that the Administrative staff put together a more detailed contract for the inspector prior to approaching.

The Administrative Staff should put together a RFP with the correct measurements for the poles that require it. Once the measurements are received from the inspector then the RFD can be sent out.

The contract for the inspector shall include who is responsible for finding and moving the log and where the log will be carved.

3. Oyster Pole

Background: A carver needs to be hired for the Oyster Pole

There may be a log on Prince of Wales that we could put in a proposal and request funding through the KGB.

The inspection of all the poles shall take place then discussion can continue on the steps that need to be taken to hire a carver. It will take a few weeks to get every pole documented as well.

The Council requested that the Administrative Staff will complete a separate RFD for each project to keep costs separate. Including the downed poles.

Nathan Jackson previously counted nine of the poles needed work. Mayor Seludo will contact the carver again and will go from there.

Mayor Seludo mentioned that we have direction now and we will bring it back to the next Totem and Tourism Meeting.

The Council approved using \$50,000 from our budget to go towards the inspection and restoration of the Totem Poles. There was a recommendation to bring this to the Finance Meeting then to the Finance Committee where it will then be added to Totem Restoration.

4. Repair of Current Poles

Background: A plan for a carver and finances for repairing totems that are still standing but have some damage.

Mayor Seludo mentioned that there is a gentleman in Sitka that he could get in contact with to see what his fees are.

There was a recommendation to get the poles inspected by the next Regular Council Meeting where there will be an estimate of how much it will cost where the Council can decide.

There was a recommendation to complete the RFP forms and to present to the Council for their approval at the next Regular Council Meeting.

The Council mentioned that we can schedule another meeting when there is more information for their review.

Council Comments

Councilor Watson: Good Meeting. We got a lot done and we are starting to move ahead. [I would like to] thank the staff.

Councilor Natkong: Good Meeting we got a lot in regards of the totem poles. Thank you.

Councilor G. Blair: Good meeting we got a lot done.

Councilor D. Blair: Good meeting and good direction [I would like to] thank the staff.

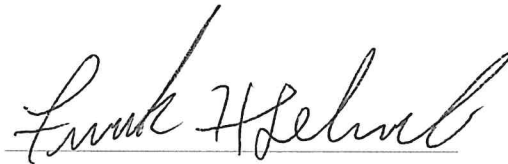
Mayor Seludo: Thank you to everyone for showing up.

Adjournment

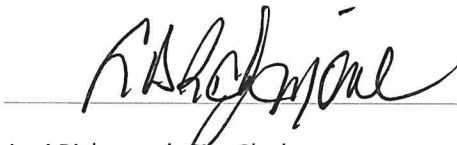
A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Motion Passed.

Motion made by Mayor Seludo, Seconded by Committee Member Watson.
Voting Yea: Mayor Seludo, Committee Member Blair, Committee Member Natkong, Committee Member Watson, Committee Member Daniels

The meeting was adjourned at 5:06 PM.



Frank Seludo, Mayor



Lori Richmond, City Clerk