



**City of Saxman
Totem and Tourism
April 12, 2022
5:00 PM**

MINUTES

Call to Order

Mayor Seludo called the meeting to order at 4:52 PM.

Roll Call

PRESENT

Mayor Frank Seludo
Committee Member Denny Blair
Committee Member Norman Natkong Sr.
Committee Member Woody Watson

ABSENT

Vice Mayor Billy Joe Thomas
Committee Member Rick Makua
Committee Member Gabriella Blair

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Consideration of the Agenda

Old Business

1. Chief Ebbits Pole

Background: At the last meeting it was identified that 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 invite him over for our next Building and Ordinance Meeting. Administrative staff is working with President Williams to get an AML quote.

The City Administrator informed the council of the completed RFP for Chief Ebbits and made it available to the public. A copy will be sent to Kelley and anyone else per the Council's request.

2. Totem Inspection

Background: At the last meeting the Council discussed hiring an inspection team for all of the Totems. The Council requested that the administrative staff put together a more detailed contract for the inspector prior to approaching

The City Administrator is working on a draft contract and will present it to the Council for approval at the next meeting.

3. Rock Oyster Pole Restoration

Background: The Council requested staff make a draft RFP for the Rock Oyster Pole. Staff is presenting a draft RFP for consideration.

AML agreed to ship over logs for the Oyster Pole at no charge. President Williams mentioned that the focus now is to get five logs from Prince of Wales over here to use the grant funds (\$100,000) to pay the costs. For the replacement of “poles” eagle pole?

The logs for the Oysterman Pole need to be shipped to here so we can start working on them.

The City Administrator informed the Council of the completed RFP for Rock Oyster Pole and made it available to the public.

4. Repair of Current Poles

Background: At the last meeting a plan was started 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. The Administrator did some research on at least getting the wings up by the end of April.

Mayor Seludo mentioned that he has not heard a response from Tommy Joseph. He will contact him this week.

New Business

1. Monthly Grind

Background: The City Administrator presented to the Council the requests of Peggy from the Monthly Grind.

The Monthly Grind has been renting our Tribal House for 32 years and would like for the City of Saxman to host – sponsor them? Meaning the City of Saxman’s insurance would cover for once a month or sponsor so they can be covered under our insurance. The Council requested the City Administrator consult our insurance adjustor to discuss and the Monthly Grind would have to pay the insurance increase if applicable. The Council approved this request on terms of admission fees being charged and rental payment is made if the insurance is approved by adjustor.

Discussion

Councilor Watson: The Monthly Grind has been around for a long time. I do not see a reason as to why we do not sponsor them. If the Monthly Grind is willing to pay the insurance increase (if applicable) then I approve this request. They pay the rent of the Tribal House when they utilize the facility, and this would be a good community outreach for us.

2. Cape Fox Tours Contract

Background: The Council would like to make an amendment in our contract with Cape Fox for Tour Season 2023

The Council requested we make it Cape Fox Tours responsibility to teach our youth about the totem poles. In a more cultural aspect where they teach younger generations the stories of why and who carved them. The City Administrator and the Mayor will have a meeting with Clifford Blair and President Joe Williams on this subject and will go from there.

3. School Funds for Totem Pole Carving/Teaching

Background: Set up a totem carving classes for the youth

President Joe Williams mentioned that we should teach local kids in our community how to carve totem poles and start a school class for this. He will look into purchasing cuts of required thickness or purchasing a Wood Meister for the youth to practice on. The entirety will be paid through him. The question is where we would put the Wood Meister. Request he come down to visit us. There is a possibility of having these schools. We would use school funding instead of totem funding. Request he come down before the end of April.

4. 2022 Independent Tour Contract

Background: The City Administrator would like to present the color of the permits for the Tours Season along with the Pre-Season Meeting for the Independent Tour Companies to the Council.

The City Administrator informed the Council of the Pre-Season Independent Tour Company Meeting at the Saxman City Hall. The meeting is scheduled for April 13, 2022, at 3:00PM. She presented the permits for the 2022 Tour Season. The permits will be purple with a gold seal.

Council Comments

Adjournment

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:31 PM. Motion Passed.

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

Frank H. Seludo, Mayor

ldr

Lori Richmond, City Clerk