



**City of Saxman  
Regular Meeting  
August 18, 2021  
5:30 PM**

## **MINUTES**

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### **Call to Order**

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 5:34 PM

### **Prayer**

Invocation by Councilor Watson.

### **Roll Call/Quorum**

#### **PRESENT**

Mayor Frank Seludo  
Council Member Billy Joe Thomas  
Council Member Rick Makua  
Council Member Norman Natkong  
Council Member Woody Watson

#### **ABSENT**

Council Member Denny Blair  
Council Member Gabriella Daniels

### **Public Comments**

The new VPSO, Matt Nunnely introduced himself to the Council.

### **Consideration of the Agenda**

*The was a motion to accept the agenda as accepted. Motion Passed.*

Motion made by Council Member Watson, Seconded by Council Member Thomas.  
Voting Yea: Mayor Seludo, Council Member Thomas, Council Member Makua, Council Member Natkong, Council Member Watson

**Consent Agenda:** *Matters listed under the consent agenda are routine and will be enacted by one motion and one vote. There will be no separate discussion on these items. If the Mayor or council member requests discussion, that item will be removed from the consent calendar and will be considered under "Unfinished Business".*

*There was a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion Passed.*

Motion made by Council Member Makua, Seconded by Council Member Natkong.  
Voting Yea: Mayor Seludo, Council Member Thomas, Council Member Makua, Council Member Natkong, Council Member Watson

Background: July minutes presented for approval

2. Finance Committee Minutes August 13, 2021

Background: Finance Committee minutes for review

3. Finance Committee Recommendations

Background: August 12, 2021 committee recommendations for Council approval.

4. Mayor's Report

Background: Mayor's Report to the City Council

5. Administrator Report

Background: City Administrator Report for the City Council

6. Water Operator Report

Background: The Water Plant Operator presented the water operator report for July.

## **Old Business**

## **New Business**

7. Alaska-British Columbia Transboundary Salmon Rivers

Background: Canada continues to permit massive mines with toxic tailings dams along shared rivers without the meaningful engagement of those of us downstream. Meanwhile, transboundary salmon runs plummet. The Southeast Alaska Indigenous Transboundary Commission (SEITC) and Salmon Beyond Borders humbly request that the City of Saxman Council consider adopting a municipal resolution based on the attached Resolution of Support language that has been carefully drafted, considered, and signed by many of our closest transboundary partners who represent multiple sectors and interests of Southeast Alaska.

*There was a motion made to approve the Alaska-British Columbia Transboundary Salmon Rivers Resolution. Motion Passed.*

Motion made by Council Member Makua, Seconded by Council Member Watson.  
Voting Yea: Mayor Seludo, Council Member Thomas, Council Member Makua, Council Member Natkong, Council Member Watson

8. City of Saxman Priority List

Background: The Mayor would like to present the need to update the Saxman Priority List. It was originally recommended by the City Council during the Council Orientation October 2019. Many of the projects have been completed and new projects are becoming priorities.

The Mayor suggested turning in the list with the Harbor, Fire Station, and Fire Truck to the Borough for the Legislative Priority List.

Councilor W. Watson said he also wanted the lights on Totem Row, leveling both sides of Totem Row and replacing Totem Poles on the City Priority List.

Councilor Watson also states that in Klawock there are long poles to be transported from a private property owner.

*There was a motion made to submit the Harbor, Fire Station, and Fire Truck to the Borough Legislative Priority List. Motion Passed.*

Motion made by Council Member Watson, Seconded by Council Member Makua.  
Voting Yea: Mayor Seludo, Council Member Thomas, Council Member Makua, Council Member Natkong, Council Member Watson

9. Pay Part-time Employees Holiday Pay

Background: The City Administrator would like to address the Council about amending the Personnel Policy to include that part-time personnel get paid for holidays. As it is now we employ 2 part-time positions that accomplish the work of working full time hours. When there is a paid holiday the City Administrator is allowed paid leave, but if the part-time employees don't want to lose any money in their pay checks they feel compelled to work the holiday. I believe this just results in a decrease in production since City Hall is not open and the City Administrator is supposed to be on holiday. The City can't afford benefits to these 2 employees, but it could afford paying them for holiday's while allowing them to have off time without the stress of missing pay. It is a small thing for the City but would show appreciation to the part-time employees. This would only include employees that were done with their 90 day probation.

*A motion was made to support the Administrator on paying part-time employees for Holidays. Motion Passed.*

Motion made by Council Member Makua, Seconded by Council Member Watson.  
Voting Yea: Mayor Seludo, Council Member Thomas, Council Member Makua, Council Member Natkong, Council Member Watson

**Public Hearings:** *After the reading of each draft Ordinance the Mayor will ask for comments from the public. After public comments are closed by the Mayor motions may be made.*

## **Unfinished Business**

### **Executive Session**

*There was a motion to enter Executive Session at 6:12 PM*

Executive Session was ended at 6:42 PM

### **Next Meeting Dates**

10. September Calendar for Review  
Council reviews next meeting dates.

## **Council/Mayor Comments**

### **Adjournment**

*There was a motion to adjourn. Motion Passed.*

Motion made by Council Member Watson, Seconded by Council Member Makua.  
Voting Yea: Mayor Seludo, Council Member Thomas, Council Member Makua, Council Member Natkong, Council Member Watson

Meeting adjourned at 6:49 PM

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Frank Seludo, Mayor

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ATTEST: Lori Richmond, City Clerk