



**Saxman
Special Meeting
October 09, 2020
5:30 PM**

MINUTES

Call to Order

Mayor Seludo called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM

Prayer

Invocation by Councilor Watson.

Roll Call/Quorum

Council Present:

Mayor Frank Seludo
Vice Mayor Billy Joe Thomas
Woodrow Watson
Rick Makua
Gabriella Daniels
Denny Blair
Norman Natkong Sr.

City Clerk: Lori Richmond

Public Comments

New Business

1. Swearing in of New Council Members

Background: The City Clerk will assist the new council members in the "Council Members Oath" and present them with a certificate of election.

No Action is needed by the Council

The City Clerk administered the oath of office to Councilor Gabe Daniels and Councilor Woodrow Watson and submitted their signed copy into record.

2. Mayor Appointment

Background: The Council will first voice announce nominations and then a secret vote will take place. The City Clerk will assist in the tabulation of votes.

Action: "I make a motion to appoint _____ Mayor for the 2020-2021 term."

Councilor Seludo was chosen as Mayor.

Councilor Thomas was chosen as Vice-Mayor.

3. Check Signer Resolution

Background: A resolution naming and recording the signatures of the council and finance clerk for check signing and managing financial accounts owned by the City.

Action: "I make a motion to approve Resolution 08.2020.06 recognizing the check signers for the 2020-2021 term"

A motion was made to approve resolution 08.2020.06. Motion Passed.

4. Organized Village of Saxman CUP

Background: The Organized Village of Saxman has applied for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for properties known as 2707 Bear Clan Street and 2779 Bear Clan Street. There has been mixed response from the public and staff would like to know if the Council would like to make an opinion in the form of a resolution to support or not support the CUP.

Action: A council member may make a motion to support or not support the Conditional Use Permit for Properties known as 2779 and 2707 Bear Clan Street.

M/B. J. Thomas 2/R, Makua to as the Mayor to make a directive to staff to draft a Resolution stating the Council's opinion to not support the CUP on 2707 Bear Clan.

Councilor Thomas asks to address the 2 CUP applications separately.

2707 Bear Clan Street Discussion:

Councilor Watson: This was brought to us before when Henery wanted to put a trailer on that property and the Council denied that request. Councilor Watson states he would vote no.

Councilor Daniels: What exactly is Saxman's effect on these applications? The Clerk stated the commission is likely to follow what the Council asks but it is up to the Planning Commission.

Councilor Makua: The IRA and Council has normally worked together, and they are under a time constraint. I don't like the fact that the IRA didn't come to the council and work with us. We are going to need their help and they are going to need our help. That land is worth money and 3 years from now will be worth more. Housing on top would be good too. I would like to see this council and the IRA should work together. Maybe the Mayor and the IRA President should talk this over.

Mayor Seludo: I attended the meeting on Monday and told them [the IRA] I would like to work with the IRA Council. It is easier to get business done through a Committee process.

Councilor Thomas: What would be the thoughts on tabling the first issue until we can reach out to them and discuss the uses.

Mayor Seludo: I did send a letter to the planning commission to postpone their decision until the Saxman City Council can put more time into the decision.

Trudi Swink, recognized by the Mayor: I have been getting a lot of phone calls and messages from the community about turning a residential lot into a commercial lot and kicking out a family who had been there 6 years. There are 2 different types of money the US Treasury CARES Act grant and another amount the Tribe gets to go to the community for grants. Nora Dewitt told her, [Trudi Swink] they will turn the residence into an office space. For years we have been making this building [Saxman Community

Center] an Emergency Response Shelter. Ms. Swink states she has also talked to the EOC and they said that the IRA has not consulted with them. Ms. Swink states "Please do not support this. We need the homes." Ms. Swink states the next IRA meeting is Nov 2 at 6:00 PM. She suggested that the community needs to go to tell the IRA what the community needs. She also states that so far she has 18 signatures against turning both lots into an EOC.

Councilor Daniels: It's been in since August, I don't want to table it and drag it out longer.

The Mayor calls for a vote.

Motion Passed.

Unanimous Vote.

M/B. J. Thomas 2/R, Makua to as the Mayor to make a directive to staff to draft a Resolution stating the Council's opinion to not support the CUP on 2779 Bear Clan.

2779 Bear Clan Discussion:

Councilor Makua: Can we put conditions on the CUP?

The Clerk responded: Yes, but I don't know which ones

Councilor Thomas: This is the same property we voted on 6 years ago when we turned this down to change to commercial. A Family had a home for the next 6 years because we turned this down.

Councilor Watson: I like the idea to work with OVS but I don't like what's happening here and it should stay residential.

Mayor: Just some more information, OVS Council are working on plans but they are fluid. If we get an increase in COVID cases OVS would use the house to help isolate.

Trudi Swink recognized by the Mayor: The EOC states there is a plan in place in the KGB if I get sick. I can move to a hotel room at Cape Fox.

Mayor Called for the vote.

Motion Passed.

Unanimous Vote.

Council/Mayor Comments

Adjournment

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:24 PM.