



**City of Saxman
Building and Ordinance Committee
Meeting
March 14, 2023
4:00 PM**

MINUTES

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:13 PM.

Roll Call

PRESENT

Mayor Frank Seludo
Vice Mayor Billy Joe Thomas
Committee Member Woody Watson
Committee Member Norman Natkong Sr.

ABSENT

Committee Member Rick Makua
Committee Member Denny Blair
Committee Member Gabriella Blair

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Consideration of the Agenda

There was a recommendation to use the Agenda as a guide. Motion passed.

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

Old Business

1. EMS and Fire Fees

Background: The EMS contract will expire in the next 12 months. Currently the City subsidizes the EMS contract fee of \$30,000.00. The South Tongass Service Area has made it clear that they will be looking for an increase in the amount the City of Saxman pays for the EMS and fire service. The Council needs to consider how it will fund this increase.

Mayor Seludo requested to move this old business agenda item #1 to executive session as a whole council at the next regular meeting on March 15, 2023.

New Business

2. Citizen Concern

Background: Council will hold a discussion in regards of the water usage difference with Three Bears Alaska opening up along with the cleaning/clearing of the dams. This was a citizen concern brought up by Harvey Shields at the Regular Council Meeting on January 18, 2023.

Mayor Seludo has not received an answer from the individuals he reached out to in regards of this matter. He will reach back out this evening.

Mayor Seludo mentioned that the City of Saxman makes plenty of water. We have had to shut the water down weekly because of having too much water. We had the water shut down this past Saturday and half of Sunday.

At this point, we are not going to know the difference of water usage until we reach that point of receiving an answer from the individuals Mayor Seludo reached out to or until we get to the point of the water usage.

Mayor Seludo requested the administrative staff order three meters for Seaport to track the water usage and that we update Harvey Shields on what was discussed tonight. Mayor Seludo will send out an email tonight to inquiry about this topic and update the Council as soon as he hears back.

3. Resolution #03.2023.03 Mitigating Climate Change

Background: Resolution for committing to mitigating climate change impacts.

Vice Mayor Thomas read Resolution #03.2023.03 Mitigating Climate Change.

This is the first reading with a motion to recommend to the City Council at the next Regular Council Meeting on March 15, 2023.

A recommendation was made to bring resolution #03.2023.03 Mitigating Climate Change to the Regular Council Meeting on March 15, 2023, where a motion will be made for approval. Motion Passed.

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

4. Resolution #03.2023.04 Procuring American Products for Construction Projects

Background: Resolution for committing to a procurement policy that supports the "Buy American" Act.

Vice Mayor Thomas read Resolution #03.2023.04 Procuring American Products for Construction Projects.

This is the first reading with a motion to recommend to the City Council at the next Regular Council Meeting on March 15, 2023.

A recommendation was made to bring resolution #03.2023.04 Procuring American Products for Construction Projects to the Regular Council Meeting on March 15, 2023, to recommend to make a motion for approval. Motion Passed.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Thomas, Seconded by Committee Member Watson.
Voting Yea: Mayor Seludo, Vice Mayor Thomas, Committee Member Watson,

Committee Member Natkong Sr.

5. Resolution #03.2023.02 Promoting Apprenticeship in Saxman

Background: Resolution for committing to policy that supports using apprenticeship programs in construction programs.

Vice Mayor Thomas read Resolution #03.2023.02 Promoting Apprenticeship in Saxman.

This is the first reading with a motion to recommend to the City Council at the next Regular Council Meeting on March 15, 2023.

A recommendation was made to bring resolution #03.2023.02 Promoting Apprenticeship in Saxman to the Regular Council Meeting on March 15, 2023, to recommend to make a motion for approval. Motion Passed.

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

6. Moving City Offices

Background: The Mayor would like to present moving the City Offices to the old Cape Fox Corp. building.

Mayor Seludo presented this topic to the Council. He will get more details on contract terms, details, maintenance, etc. The Council requested that a representative from Cape Fox would come in during a meeting and discuss this topic more in depth. They also requested that we connect with President Williams with OVS.

The City Office Staff would utilize the upstairs area and share the board room for meetings.

Comments:

Vice Mayor Thomas: This would be a proposal of moving this building to the Old Building and sharing the Council room with the discussed persons? What would this current space be opened up for?

- This will be more in depth discussed in a different meeting after other parties are met with and more details are available per Mayor Seludo.

This brings a possibility of closer proximity to work with other tribes.

Council Comments

Councilor Watson: I like the building we have currently. This was a good meeting and we got a lot accomplished. Thank you staff.

Councilor Natkong SR: Good Meeting. We are making headway with things going on in our community.

Vice Mayor Thomas: I am for what the other Councilors' here spoke on. I am hoping we can get more progress at the next meeting.

Mayor Seludo: I would like to thank everyone for showing up to the meeting.

Adjournment

Mayor Seludo adjourned the meeting at 5:47 PM.

Frank H. Seludo, Mayor

Lori Richmond, City Clerk