



**City of Saxman
City Council Regular Meeting
November 20, 2024
5:30 PM**

MINUTES

Call to Order

Call to Order-Roll Call

The regular meeting of the City of Saxman Council was called to order at 5:44 p.m. on Wednesday, November 20, 2024, by Frank Seludo in Council Chambers.

Roll Call/Quorum

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The roll was called.

PRESENT: William "Billy Joe" Thomas, Woodrow Watson, Denny Blair, Norman Natkong Sr, Gabriella Blair

PRESENT VIRTUALLY: NONE

ABSENT: Richard Makua

Staff present included:

City Clerk McCormick

Ceremonial Matters- *Presentations, Proclamations, Awards, Guest Introductions*

Proclamation - Native American Heritage Month

Vice-Mayor Thomas read a proclamation in honor of Native American Heritage Month and recognized the month of November in 2024 as Native American Heritage Month. He urges residents to join in recognizing and celebration the cultural heritage, resilience, and contributions of Alaska's Indigenous Peoples.

Proclamation - Veterans Day

Vice-Mayor Thomas reads a proclamation in honor of Veterans Day and recognized November 10 as Veterans Day in 2024. He urges residents to acknowledge and honor the contributions of our veterans and to thank them personally for their service to our country.

1. **Land Acknowledgement** - Acknowledge T'eesh Kwaan Xagu Original Peoples

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Billy Joe Thomas read off Land Acknowledgement

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Frank Presents Proclamation to Organized Village of Saxman Vice President Carol Williams.

Carol Williams accepts proclamation and states "It is an honor to accept this, and I will be sure to go back to Organized Village of Saxman to share the honor you have shown us tonight"

3. **Proclamation - Veterans Day**

William "Billy Joe" Thomas reads proclamation

Mayor Frank Seludo presents Proclamation to SE Veterans Association, Harvey Shields, Willard Jackson

Harvey Shields responds "he served in 69 for two years and it was an honor to serve for his family and community, it has been a great honor to receive this proclamation"

Public Comments

Public Comments-*Comments on any topic other than scheduled public hearings.*

Harvey Shields, City of Saxman Resident, expressed concerns about the cleanliness of the damn, he stated the city used to have resident volunteers to help keep the damn clean, he stated we should start allowing residents to have the ability to help the city with this maintenance. Mr. Shields stated John Major would gather the youth to help, they would bring the firetruck in and clean the local water damn after hard rains, Mr. Shields states he is 75 years old and is still willing to volunteer.

Mr. Shields expressed great conflicts of interests for the Mayor and Vice-mayor serving while both travel for Cape Fox, who will tend to our emergencies for the city if both the mayor and vice-mayor serve the corporation on travel? Mr. Shields solution to this problem was to be sure our leadership has the capacity to serve the city, and not all council should travel simultaneously.

Mr. Shields stated we should keep the Coats for Kids program running, it's a big need for the community.

Mr. Shields would like to know how many drivers do you employee for snow removal?

Mr. Shields questions the schoolhouse being sold to the IRA? (let there be a public comment period on the schoolhouse), be sure to say not to remodel anything and leave it as is within the contract of the building, again insists there be a public hearing on the schoolhouse

Mr. Shields says to be sure all employees are trained and certified for all equipment

Mr. Shields would like the city to place four blocks at the bottom of Totem Row to prevent cars from slipping into the water when roads are snow and iced.

Mr. Shields would like the city to purchase the canoes upstairs for the community of Saxman

Michael Ball, City of Saxman Resident,

Mr. Ball would insist Coats for Kids program needs to return to the City of Saxman.

Mr. Ball states saxman needs to hire the city administrator.

Mr. Ball states the streetlight on top of killer whale that has been covered by trees, can we get it cleared so it may provide more light.

Mr. Ball would like to know when the water leak will be fixed on top of totem row.

Mr. Ball states Dawson is running their excavator on the road without guards on their steel tracks

Timothy Flannery, City of Ketchikan Resident,

Mr. Flannery explains how the community needs a Canoe House so our youth will be more active and help keep them occupied and out of trouble and off of technology

Mr. Flannery inquires if there are any plans of replicating Chief Ebbits Pole, Halibut Pole

Mr. Flannery states Totem Poles were rescued from Villages and that there was no pressure to have those Totem Poles Replicated, it was traditionally had been up to them.

Mr. Flannery inquires will the carving shed be open to carvers in the winter. Proposes a trade of labor for some space in the winter

Workshop

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M/S/C Woodrow Watson, Norman Natkong Sr.

All in favor

None opposed

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".*

Old Business

New Business

4. D.O.T. Speed Study

Background: Letter to Department of Transportation regarding speed study, radar speed lights, and an ADA plate crosswalk.

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None opposed

5. FY24 Audit Engagement

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Motion to accept recommendation from the Finance Committee

M/S/C Woodrow Watson, Norman Natkong

Roll Call Vote:

William "Billy Joe" Thomas (Yes)

Denny Blair (Yes)

Woodrow Watson (Yes)

Norman Naktong Sr. (Yes)

Gabriella Blair (Yes)

Frank Seludo (Yes)

6. FY25 October Financials

Background: Accept recommendation from the Finance Committee FY 24 October Financials as a block

October Cash Accounts

Background: Bret Raby from Teuscher Walpole, LLC provided the Cash Accounts for review and discussion.

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October Seaport Financials

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October General Fund Financials

October Water and Sewer Financials

October Seaport Financials

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

7. Nathan Jackson Eagle/Beaver Totem Contract

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M/S/C: William "Billy Joe" Thomas, Gabriella Blair

All in Favor

None Opposed

Staff Reports

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Motion to accept reports as a block

M/S/C Woodrow Watson, Gabriella Blair

All in favor

None Opposed

8. Mayor's Report

Background: The Mayor will give a verbal report.

9. City Administrator's Report

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10. Water Operator's Report

Background: Water Operator Report presented to Council.

Executive Session

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Frank moved to go into executive session 7:00PM

All in favor

None opposed

Motion to go out of executive session 7:41

M/S/C William "Billy Joe" Thomas, Denny Blair

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None Opposed

Next Meeting Dates:

City Council Meeting:
Building and Ordinance Meeting:
Seaport Meeting:
Public Safety Planning Meeting:
Finance Meeting:
Tourism Master Planning Meeting:
Totem and Tourism Meeting:
Additional Meetings:

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Additional Meetings:

Newley Elected Officials Training January 10,11,12

11. Select Committee Assignments

Background: Select committee chairs and members per each committee

Ketchikan Legislative Liason

Ketchikan's LEPC

KGB Planning

Saxman's Disaster Planning Committee

STVFD

Executive

Roads/Constuction

Totem/Tourism

Seaport

Youth/Elder Programs

Personnel

Business & Master Planning

Building & Ordinance

Finance

Violation Appeal Board

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Ketchikan Legislative Liaison: Mayor Frank Seludo, City Administrator Marissa Medford

Ketchikan's LEPC: VPSO Tristan Weis, Mayor Frank Seludo, Vice-Mayor Billy Joe Thomas

KGB Planning: Mayor Frank Seludo

Saxman's Disaster Planning Committee: VPSO Tristan Weis, Mayor Frank Seludo, (two council members)

STVFD: VPSO Tristan Weis, Full Council

Executive: Mayor Frank Seludo, Vice-Mayor William "Billy Joe" Thomas, City Administrator Marissa Medford, one open position

Roads/Constuction: William "Billy Joe" Thomas appointed to chair, Norman Natkong Sr., Richard Makua

Totem/Tourism: Denny Blair appointed to chair, VPSO Tristan Weis, Mayor Frank Seludo, All Council

Seaport: VPSO Tristan Weis, Mayor Frank Seludo, Billy Joe Thomas, Denny Blair, Woodrow Watson

Youth/Elder Programs: Gabriella Blair Chair, Norman Natkong, Billy Joe Thomas

Personnel: Mayor Frank Seludo, Vice-Mayor William "Billy Joe" Thomas, Administrator Marissa Medford

Business & Master Planning: Full Council

Building & Ordinance: Full Council

Finance: Full Council

Violation Appeal Board: Mayor Frank Seludo, Community Member Amos Gray

Council/Mayor Comments

Adjournment

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Motion to adjourn 8:15PM

M/S/C Gabriel Blair, William "Billy Joe" Thomas

All in favor

None opposed