



City of Saxman
City Council Special Meeting
February 13, 2025
5:30 PM

AGENDA

Call to Order

Roll Call/Quorum

Prayer

1. Land Acknowledgement

Background: A formal statement recognizing and respecting the Indigenous Peoples as the traditional stewards of the land on which we gather. It serves as a reminder of the enduring relationship between Indigenous communities and their ancestral territories.

2. Elizabeth Peratrovich Day Proclamation

Background:

Elizabeth Peratrovich Day, observed annually on February 16, honors the life and legacy of Elizabeth Peratrovich, a Tlingit civil rights leader whose advocacy was instrumental in the passage of the of 1945 Alaska Anti- Discrimination Act—the first anti-discrimination law in the United States. As Grand President of the Alaska Native Sisterhood, Peratrovich’s powerful testimony before the Alaska Territorial Legislature helped secure equal rights for Alaska Natives, paving the way for broader civil rights advancements.

This proclamation recognizes Elizabeth Peratrovich’s contributions to justice and equality and reaffirms our commitment to upholding the values of inclusion, respect, and equal rights for all. By adopting this proclamation, we acknowledge the ongoing significance of her work and encourage our community to reflect on the importance of civil rights and advocacy.

Consideration of the Agenda

Public Comments

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”.*

3. Housing Committee

Background: The establishment of a Housing Committee is a proactive step in addressing housing challenges and opportunities within the City of Saxman. With increasing concerns regarding housing availability, affordability, and quality, this committee would serve as an advisory body to assess current housing conditions, identify needs, and recommend strategies to improve housing options for residents.

4. Ketchikan Visitors Bureau

Background: To review and approve the Ketchikan Visitors Bureau tours submission.

5. December Cash Accounts

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

6. December General Fund Financials

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7. December Water and Sewer Financials

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8. December Seaport Financials

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9. January Cash Accounts

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10. January General Fund Financials

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11. January Water and Sewer Financials

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12. January Seaport Financials

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Staff Reports

13. Water Report

Background: Review and Approve the Water Report

14. Mayors Report

Background: Mayor to present a verbal report

15. City Administrator Report

Background: City Administrator to present a verbal report

Workshop

Old Business

New Business

Executive Session

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:

Council/Mayor Comments

Adjournment

CITY OF
Saxman



Land ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

“WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE LAND AND THE LABOR OF THE SAANYAA KWAAN PEOPLE, WHOSE CONNECTION TO THIS LAND WE REMEMBER, AND WHOSE PRESENCE-PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE-WE RESPECT. AS PART OF SAXMAN MISSION OF SUPPORTING AND FOSTERING LEARNING THROUGH THE GENERATION AND DISSEMINATION OF KNOWLEDGE, WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE LAND WE ARE MEETING ON TODAY IS THE ORIGINAL HOMELAND OF NEIXADI, KIKSADI, AND TEIKWEIDI PEOPLE.





Elizabeth Peratrovich Day
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on this day each year we honor the memory of Elizabeth Peratrovich, who was born in Petersburg, Alaska, on July 4, 1911, and a member of the Lukaaxh.adi Clan of the Raven moiety of the Tlingit Nation. Elizabeth Peratrovich influenced our great state in profound and immeasurable ways; and

WHEREAS, always a strong and inspirational Alaskan, Elizabeth quickly grew into the role of a bold young activist and outstanding leader in an era when Alaska and nation needed one; and

WHEREAS, during the early 1940s, in her capacity as the Alaska Native Sisterhood Grand President, she gained a broad audience and became the champion of the civil rights movement in Alaska, leading the march toward equality ahead of much of the nation; and

WHEREAS, in 1945, in her testimony concerning HB 14, the Anti-Discrimination Act, Ms. Peratrovich confidently challenged the Territorial Legislature, stating, when asked whether the bill would end discrimination, "No law will eliminate crimes, but at least you as legislators can assert to the world that you recognize the evil of the present situation and speak your intent to help us overcome discrimination"; and

WHEREAS, her inspiring words helped gain the legislative support needed for the passage of the Bill, which was approved by the Territorial Legislature on February 6, 1945, nearly two decades before the Civil Rights Act of 1964 was enacted on the federal level; and

WHEREAS, the passage of HB 14 marked the end of an era, and the beginning of a bright new chapter for all Alaskans, one resulting largely from the faithful and unrelenting advocacy of Elizabeth and her husband, Roy; and

WHEREAS, in 1988, the Alaska State Legislature passed a bill designating February 16 of each year as Elizabeth Peratrovich Day in Alaska, to honor and celebrate Elizabeth's profound influence on our state.

NOW THEREFORE, we, Elected Officials of Revillagigedo Island, do hereby proclaim February 16, 2025, as:

Elizabeth Peratrovich Day

in The City of Saxman and encourage all Residents to celebrate her great influence on Alaska and consider their role in carrying forward the principles of justice and equality she so admirably exemplified.

Dated: February 13, 2025

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Frank H. Seludo
Mayor

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Ginaer Rae McCormick
City Clerk





TÉESH KWÁAN XAGU formally known as The City of Saxman where the southeast winds flow through Totem Row up to our Beaver Clan House, where three of our clans are contemporarily housed, the Neix.ádi, Kiks.ádi and Teikweidí. Saxman is a 96% Tlingit populated village just south of Ketchikan. Come visit and bear witness to our abundance of historical knowledge.

CONTACT INFO

Saxman water Report
January 2025

The month of January was tough in the beginning of the month for the water plant trying to keep up the level in the 802 tank and was challenging, but we managed to pull through the tough times, with the help of our outside resources, Sara Ramey (ANTHC), James Hubbard (TUS) remote maintenance worker ,and 2 workers from (OVS) we were able to get the appropriate amount of media in the water filters , all of the readings on the Honeywell are available and correct and also on the Allen-Bradley Panel View the readings are available and accurate also the air scour panel reading is fixed the transducers for the 802 tank level and the 125 tank level are available and correct at the water plant. So, we do not have to climb the tanks to get readings anymore, we can get every piece of information at the water plant, and we are very thankful and appreciative for all the progress we have made at the water plant. We owe James Hubbard a huge thank you we could not have done this without him.

With the media changed and everything working we are not out of the woods, yet we will still have several more backwashes to do to season the filters we are making excellent water now and it can only get better. We will need to do 3 Total coliform samples in order to get off the boil water notice, I believe we are ready to take those samples, the next sample we will be getting ready for is the (DBP2) we are on track to take this one and pass also.

We located a water leak on Dog Salmon St. About 150 feet down from water plant we got it dug up and discovered it was about a 2in hole in a 12in pipe @ around 40psi , it was a very significant find we got it patched up with a 12in band and put a load of D-1 gravel all around pipe. The pipe we have seen on Dog Salmon was getting pitted on the outside bottom of the pipe. There was also a section of that same water line about 30 ft up from this one where Paul Hamilton replaced 8 ft of pipe 2 years back. We are thinking it could be the same all the way down Dog Salmon when leaks keep happening on same line. This section of water line could easily be isolated and taken out of service without disturbing other connections because water will still be fed from other direction on both sides.

With the water plant working better and the 802 tank level building so is our confidence in getting other things done around the city , we already got the new blacktop ready to go we started on the potholes filling them with gravel and compacting so we can get them patched with blacktop and sealed with rubber patch sealant. We will also be sealing the seams in the roads throughout Saxman keeping the water from penetrating the roads creating new potholes.

Water Operator, Robert Sero 02-11-25

