

**Minutes of Special Emergency Assembly Meeting
Held on March 22, 2020**

Mayor Stephen Prysunka called the Special Emergency Assembly meeting to order at 3:00 p.m., March 22, 2020, in the Borough Assembly Chambers.

PRESENT (*by teleconference*): PRYSUNKA, GILBERT, LARRABEE, DELONG (joined at 3:30 p.m.), POWELL, DECKER, MORRISON

ABSENT:

Borough Manager Von Bargaen, Borough Clerk Lane, and Dr. Lynn Prysunka were also in attendance.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST – None.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD

Rocky Constantino, Sea Level Seafoods, commented that they would be following the set guidelines that the City sets up.

Diana Nore, resident, stated that she believed that we could be more stringent in socially isolating; concerned about grocery store social distancing.

John Taylor, resident, questioned if the City goes into total shutdown, could he still go to his shop.

Joan Sargent, resident, encouraged anyone who has friends or neighbors coming in, to do their 14-day quarantine; questioned if the City could mandate people to quarantine for 14 days.

Angela Allen, resident, stated that for the community to issue a Shelter in Place order was premature and that people should take responsibility for their own actions that they make when traveling; not being able to do anything recreational seems like it's a little too much at this point.

ITEM(s) OF BUSINESS

13a Consideration of Factors (Shelter in Place Emergency Order)

Von Bargaen gave an administrative explanation of what this Order means; Capacity of our hospital could be very quickly overwhelmed; imperative that we try and get in front of this; several other Alaska Communities are issuing similar orders.

Von Bargaen went through each of the twelve steps that were outlined in the proposed order.

Prysunka stated that this order at this point, does not restrict people in the community from getting outside and recreating; this keeps stores and hardware stores open as well.

Prysunka asked if we could get rid of the wording "as much as possible"; the Assembly had not objections to removing this language.

At the request of EMS Captain Dorianne Sprehe, the Clinic's phone number be added to number 11.

Prysunka stated that the City is asking Sealevel, the Crossings Program and the Forest Service to curtail all of their staffing increases and/or bringing clients to the island, until May 1, 2020 with a review on April 15, 2020; doing out best to make sure that we can take care of our citizens that are here now.

Decker asked that number 2 in the Order, that we add other things that the Governor had determined to be critical Workforce Infrastructure in his order issued on March 12, 2020 (attachment A), such as fishing and fish processing being one of those critical items since those are part of the food supply industry.

Von Bargaen said that she would review and add that to the order.

Decker asked if number 9 could be amended to clarify distancing requirements. Von Bargaen stated that she would make the amendment.

Dr. Prysunka stated that there were currently no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Wrangell; screening is occurring at all SEARHC facilities to reduce risk; taking steps to protect the vulnerable by looking into video calling as a visiting option, possibly doing house calls when necessary, and postponing routine visits. At this time, State is not recommending that if you are a close contact of a person who is being investigated for the virus, that you be taken out of the workforce; would devastate our workforce; able to recommend this since there is increased testing.

Gilbert suggested that for number 13, that wording be added that citizens either call or email the elderly, or their neighbors, to check on their health, concerns, or their needs; some of our community members live by themselves or are elderly and may need assistance.

Tom Rolland, resident and business owner stated that they were planning on going to the online only ordering system and encouraged other grocery stores to do this also.

In response to Decker on the effective date and distribution of this order, Von Bargaen stated that the effective date would be today, March 22, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. and we would send this to the media and post. Decker asked if we also get it to the stores around town as well.

M/S: Decker/Morrison to approve Emergency Order 03-22-20.

Larrabee asked how this order would be enforced.

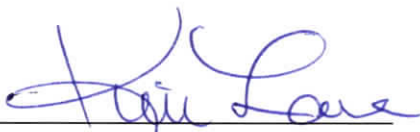
Prysunka stated we could not create a law and put people in jail for not following the order; Police could issue a warning; this is a strong recommendation and not a mandate; not following this order is putting the community at risk.

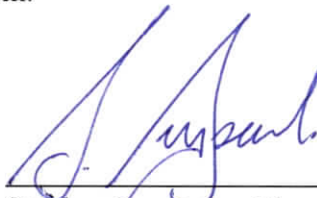
Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

Prysunka stated that it is incredibly important for the community to know that we are reacting as quickly as we can; please be patient and kind and realize that the City, SEARHC and our Fire Department are doing everything possible to get through this as a community.

Special Emergency Assembly meeting adjourned at 3:47 p.m.

ATTEST:


Kim Lane, MMC, Borough Clerk


Stephen Prysunka, Mayor

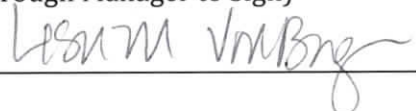


REQUEST FOR SPECIAL EMERGENCY ASSEMBLY MEETING

I, (We), Lisa Von Bargaen, DO HEREBY REQUEST THAT A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE WRANGELL BOROUGH ASSEMBLY BE CALLED BY THE BOROUGH CLERK, ACCORDING TO WRANGELL MUNICIPAL CODE, SECTION 3.04.090, FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING SUBJECT MATTER(S):

13a Consideration of Factors (Shelter in Place Emergency Order)

SPECIAL MEETING WAS REQUESTED BY **Lisa Von Bargaen** (Two Assembly Members, Mayor, or Borough Manager to Sign)



Signature/ Lisa Von Bargaen, Manager

Signature (If Assembly Member)

Signed March, 2020

(Sec. 3.04.090: Special meetings shall be called by the Borough Clerk on the written request of the MAYOR, BOROUGH MANAGER, or of any TWO MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY. At least forty-eight (48) hours written notice shall be given designating the time and purpose of a special meeting.)

Received/Date: **March 22, 2020**

Borough Clerk: 

Date assigned: **March 22, 2020**

Time assigned: **3:00 p.m.**

Notice out: **March 22, 2020 @ 10:00 a.m.**