

## **Minutes of Regular Assembly Meeting**

**Held on December 8, 2020**

Mayor Prysunka called the Regular Assembly meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., December 8, 2020 by Zoom teleconference. Assembly Member Powell led the pledge of allegiance and the roll was called.

PRESENT: PRYSUNKA, POWELL, GILBERT, MORRISON, COURSON, HOWE

ABSENT: DECKER

Borough Manager Von Bargaen and Acting Deputy Borough Clerk Crary were also in attendance.

### CEREMONIAL MATTERS

A Certificate of Service was presented to Julie Decker for her service on the Economic Development Committee from 2004 through 2020.

An Award for Distinguished Municipal Service during the COVID19-19 pandemic was presented to the City & Borough of Wrangell from the Alaska Municipal League.

Representative Dan Ortiz, gave a Legislative update for Fiscal Year 2021.

### PERSONS TO BE HEARD

Michael Lockabey, resident spoke in opposition to an increase Harbor rates and the potential Mask Mandate Ordinance.

DJ McConachie, resident spoke in opposition to a Mask Mandate and increase to Harbor rates.

### AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

***Gilbert/Powell moved to remove Item 13a from the Agenda.***

Prysunka stated that the Emergency Ordinance for the Mask Mandate was brought forward at an Emergency Meeting due to the Governors call to action; have been hoping that the Governor would have come forward and either state that communities should do something or that the State is "okay"; that has not been done; was told by the head of the State EOC, Mr. Fisher, that in response to his (Mayor's) question on where we are at- that things are bad up North, staff are sick, limited bed capacity, Mr. Fisher stated that the State is fine, staff situation is fine, hospitals are not overrun, more than enough ICU beds and regular care beds; we responded not because of what we have or don't have here, but because of where we go if someone gets sick. Prysunka stated that because of Mr. Fisher's response, our rational is no longer valid.

Gilbert stated that medical officials and State officials are still cautioning that the statistics on the State Dashboard reporting is lagging; Wrangell residents need to be aware that due to staffing and bed availability, residents still may need to be medivaced out of town.

***There were no objections to this amendment.***

### CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Courson declared a potential Conflict of Interest since her wife works for the Police Department and is a Union member. Prysunka stated that he did see that as a conflict and therefore, he would not be participating in the Executive Session.

#### CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Minutes of the November 10, 2020 Regular Assembly Meeting
- b. Minutes of the November 12, 2020 Emergency Assembly Meeting
- c. Minutes of the November 19, 2020 Special Assembly Meeting
- d. Minutes of the November 23, 2020 Special Assembly Meeting
- e. Final Plat Approval of the Alaska Trust Land Survey 2020-2, Johnson/Harrison Subdivision, a Subdivision and Replat of a Portion of Lot 2, Trust Land Survey 2018-9, Creating Lots 2A, 2B and 2C
- f. POA-2020-00447 Rolland Curtis Permit Application to Restore Piling for Floating Dock
- g. CORRESPONDENCE: Action from the November 9, 2020 Special School Board Meeting
- h. CORRESPONDENCE: Action from the November 16, 2020 Regular School Board Meeting
- i. CORRESPONDENCE: Action from the November 30, 2020 Special School Board Meeting

***M/S: Gilbert/Morrison to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.***

#### BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Captain Dorianne Sprehe provided the local and State COVID-19 report.

Manager Von Bargaen's report was provided.

#### BOROUGH CLERK'S FILE

Clerk Lane's report was provided.

#### MAYOR AND ASSEMBLY BUSINESS – None.

#### MAYOR AND ASSEMBLY APPOINTMENTS

##### **10a** Board and Committee Appointments

Mayor Prysunka stated that a letter of interest had been received from Jacob Hale for the Economic Development Committee appointment, expiring October 2023. Prysunka appointed Mr. Hale to fill that vacancy. There were no objections from the Assembly.

#### PUBLIC HEARING

**11a RESOLUTION NO 12-20-1554** OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, AMENDING THE FEE SCHEDULE ADOPTED IN RESOLUTION 02-20-1512, REFLECTING THE PRIOR ESTABLISHED FEE INCREASE OF 2%, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020 FOR HARBOR AND PORT FACILITIES

Mayor Prysunka declared the Public Hearing open and asked if there was an administrative report.

Von Bargaen stated that the rate increase went into effect on July 1, 2020 and this is not an additional rate increase; there was a 5-year rate plan in place and codified prior to the Ordinance being adopted



to enact a fee schedule and remove the rates from the Code; the Assembly will consider another 2% increase (following the previously adopted 5-year plan) in 2021.

There were no persons to speak on this item. Therefore, Prysunka declared the Public Hearing closed on this item and entertained a motion.

***M/S: Gilbert/Morrison to Approve Resolution No. 12-20-1554.***

Courson clarified that this 2% increase was already put into play and this is not a new increase; Von Bargaen clarified that yes, the 2% increase was already included in the July 1<sup>st</sup> billings.

***Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.***

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

#### NEW BUSINESS

~~**13a** — **EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 983** OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA REAFFIRMING THE DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY IN EMERGENCY ORDINANCES 976 AND 980 AND EXTENDING THE REQUIREMENT OF FACE COVERINGS IN CERTAIN INDOOR SETTINGS, AND THE PENALTY IN THE WRANGELL MUNICIPAL CODE ESTABLISHED IN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE 981, AND STRONGLY URGING OTHER MITIGATION ACTIONS~~

**13b a** Presentation of Borough Facility Re-Opening Plan

Von Bargaen explained the reopening plan to the Assembly and stated that City Hall and other city facilities would be reopening on December 9, 2020 with modified mitigation measures in place. The mask requirement will not be removed from city facilities.

Department Heads Miller, Crary, Villarma, and Thomas explained the mitigation measures that will be in place for reopening.

Chief Radke gave an update on the DMV office training and opening.

*Recessed Regular meeting at 8:40 p.m.*

*Reconvened Regular meeting at 8:56 p.m.*

**13e b** **ORDINANCE No. 982** OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, AMENDING THE ZONING MAP TO EFFECT A CHANGE TO LOTS 1A, 1B AND 1C, ETOLIN-SPRUCE SUBDIVISION FROM MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL

***M/S: Howe/Powell to Approve First Reading of Ordinance 982 and move to a Second Reading and Public Hearing to be held on January 12, 2021.***

Von Bargaen explained that the Assembly had approved the Zone change on November 10, 2020 for the Etolin lots that the City will be putting up for sale, to change the lots from Multi-Family to Single-Family.

***Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.***

**13d c** Approval of Expedited Settlement Agreement with the Alaska Department of Environment Conservation in the amount of \$17,750 for Violation in the Marine Service Center for Failure to Meet Training and Inspection Requirements of the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP)

***M/S: Gilbert/Morrison to Approve Expedited Settlement Agreement with the Alaska Department of Environment Conservation in the amount of \$17,750 for Violation in the Marine Service Center for Failure to Meet Training and Inspection Requirements of the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP).***

Von Bargaen provided an explanation of this violation to the Marine Service Center Yard; expedited settlement was determined by the Department of Environmental Conservation, based on our capacity to pay. Von Bargaen stated that Port and Harbor Director has put new mitigation measures in place so that this does not happen in the future.

***Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.***

**13e d RESOLUTION No. 12-20-1555** OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, AMENDING THE FY 2021 BUDGET IN THE CPATIAL IMPROVEMENT FUND BY ACCEPTING A GRANT FROM HOMELAND SECURITY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$411,614.81 FOR NOLAN CENTER GENERATOR UPGRADE, EMERGENCY DISPATCH COMMUNICATION CONSOLE, AND PORT AND HARBORS SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXPENDITURE

***M/S: Powell/Morrison to Approve Resolution No. 12-20-1555.***

Von Bargaen outlined the funding package included three different capital projects in the City.

***Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.***

**13f e** Approval of Additional Cares Act Funding in the Amount of \$60,000 for Community Grant Awards

***M/S: Powell/Howe to Approve Additional Cares Act Funding in the Amount of \$60,000 for Community Grant Awards.***

Von Bargaen explained that the community grant application that had been received, were in excess of \$60,000 of the previously approved CARES Act Funding for the Community; this request is to pay those outstanding grant requests.

***Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.***

**13g f** Approval to Use \$10,244 in Additional Funds from the State of Alaska Hospital Grant for Construction of the Pharmacy in the New Wrangell Medical Center Campus

***M/S: Morrison/Powell to Approve use of \$10,244 in Additional Funds from the State of Alaska Hospital Grant for Construction of the Pharmacy in the new Wrangell Medical Center Campus.***



Von Bargaen stated that the Assembly had previously approved the use of \$240,000 from the Hospital Grant so that the hospital could put the pharmacy up at the new medical campus; the project needs an additional \$10,244 to complete this project.

***Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.***

**13h g** Approval of the FY 2022 Capital Improvements Plan Priority List for Submission to the State of Alaska Designated Legislative Grants Program (CAPSIS)

***M/S: Gilbert/Morrison to Approve the FY 2022 Capital Improvements Plan Priority List for Submission to the State of Alaska Designated Legislative Grants Program (CAPSIS).***

Amber Al-Haddad, Capital Facilities Director provided the project priority list explanation and decision making in the compiling of the list.

Von Bargaen stated that if the Assembly approves this list, Staff will bring this back in Resolution form, for the Assembly to approve.

***Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.***

#### ATTORNEY'S FILE

**14** Available for Assembly review in the Borough Clerk's office.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

**15** Discuss and Provide Update of the Status of the Collective Bargaining Negotiations

***M/S: Gilbert/Morrison Pursuant to AS 44.62.310 (c)(3), that we go into Executive Session, and invite the Borough Collective Bargaining Team, to discuss and provide an update of the status of the Collective Bargaining Negotiations, a matter "which by law, municipal charter, or ordinance" is required to be confidential. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.***

*Regular Meeting recessed into Executive Session at 9:25 p.m.*

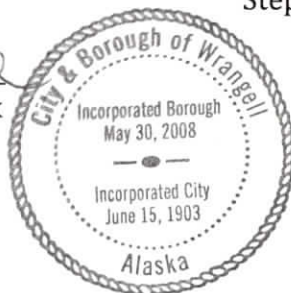
*Regular Meeting reconvened back into Regular Session at 9:56 p.m.*

Prysunka reported that there was no action to be taken.

Regular Assembly meeting adjourned at 9:56 p.m.

ATTEST:

Kim Lane, MMC, Borough Clerk



Stephen Prysunka, Mayor