

Minutes of Regular Assembly Meeting

Held on May 14, 2019

Mayor Stephen Prysunka called the Regular Assembly meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., May 14, 2019, in the Borough Assembly Chambers. The pledge was led by Assembly Member David Powell and the roll was called.

PRESENT: PRYSUNKA, GILBERT, DELONG, POWELL, MORRISON, DECKER

ABSENT: DEBORD

Borough Manager Von Bargaen and Borough Clerk Lane were also in attendance.

CEREMONIAL MATTERS

Mayor Prysunka presented a Proclamation for Betsy McConachie to honor her retirement from the City.

Mayor Prysunka introduced the Americorps visitors in the audience and gave a brief description of what they do for communities.

Kate Thomas, Parks Director stated that the Americorps group had arrived in Wrangell two weeks ago and had worked on projects in the Community Center and will be working on other projects, including cleaning up around the Memorial Cemetery in preparation for Memorial Day.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD – None.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA – None.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST – None.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Consent Agenda MOTION
- b. Assembly Meeting Minutes (Regular 4/30/19)
- c. Assembly Meeting Minutes (Special 5/2/19)
- d. Board of Equalization Minutes (5/6/19)
- e. CORRESPONDENCE School Board Minutes - Regular (3/18/19)
- f. CORRESPONDENCE: School Board Action - Special (4-30-19)
- g. CORRESPONDENCE - SE Senior Services Thank you letter

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

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Von Bargaen's reported on the following items:

- High School Graduation
- Wrangell Medical Center Human Rights investigation
- Community Development Block Grant was signed today and sent off today
- Nolan Center trifold brochure
- Insurance increasing approximately \$51,500 this year; with three year commitment

- Shout out to Aleisha, Accounting Generalist for stopping a potential payroll scam
- Cybercrimes insurance; we do have \$2,000,000
- Six participants competed an ETT Course; thanked Dee Dee Blatchley
- Yard party at the Library; gearing up for the Summer Reading Program
- Nome generators are packed up and ready for transport
- Police Chief position is closed; four applicants – all in state
 - Selected for the Hiring Committee: David Powell and Jim DeBord
- House and Senate Committee have been meeting; School Bond Debt was fully funded by Conference Committee; Significant difference in the Alaska Marine Highway Budget between the House ten million dollar cut and the Senate has a forty-four million dollar cut
- Fisheries Business tax funded at 21.7 million my both House and Senate

BOROUGH CLERK'S FILE

Clerk Lane's report was provided.

MAYOR AND ASSEMBLY BUSINESS

Powell stated that the Friends of the NRA had applied for, and received, a \$15,000 grant from the Stikine Sportsmen's Association.

Morrison stated that she was working with Cyni at the Museum on the Friends of the Museum status to see if we can try and keep the current status; current members do not want to do it anymore.

Decker stated that there would be a Shrimp & Crab Feed and a Blessing of the Fleet at Heritage Harbor on Sunday at 5:30 p.m.

Prysunka reported that a revised Operations Plan for SEAPA had been drafted by Robert Siedman, Engineer for SEAPA, for approval by the SEAPA board at their June meeting in Wrangell; Prysunka had requested that a "fence"(guideline) be placed around the guide curve so that there would be a thirty-foot buffer on the water level; that means that SEAPA could not sell power out of Tyee to the South if the water level dropped below the 30-foot buffer; our power needs need to be met first, before selling power to the South; sent feedback to Robert Siedman, on how we interchange with Swan when the water starts to get low; this agreement, once approved, will take a super majority to change it; highlights a lot of things that were not in the Power Sales Agreement.

MAYOR AND ASSEMBLY APPOINTMENTS – None.

PUBLIC HEARING – None.

13a PROPOSED RESOLUTION No. 05-19-1462 OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, AMENDING THE FY 2019 BUDGET IN THE INDUSTRIAL CONSTRUCTION FUND BY ACCEPTING REVENUE FROM THE SALE OF BOROUGH PROPERTY, AUTHORIZED IN RESOLUTION NO. 01-19-1439, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$36,500 AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXPENDITURE

M/S: Decker/Morrison to approve to approve Resolution No. 05-19-1462 amending the FY 2019 Budget in the Industrial Construction Fund by accepting revenue from the sale of Borough property, authorized in Resolution 01-19-1439, in the amount of \$36,500 and authorizing its expenditure. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13b Approval of Negotiating Team for Collective Bargaining with the IBEW

M/S: Gilbert/DeLong to approve the Negotiating Team for the Collective Bargaining with the IBEW.

Von Barga explained the process and the purpose of a Collective Bargaining team; stated that the Borough Attorney stated that typically the team should be the Manager, Mayor, Attorney, and the Finance Director.

Prysunka asked if it would be appropriate to have another member of the Assembly on the team.

Von Barga stated that if the Mayor wanted to appoint two members of the Assembly, she could check with the Attorney just to be sure.

Prysunka stated that he would like to be on the negotiating team; Gilbert agreed to also be on the negotiating team. There were no objections from the Assembly.

Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13c Approval of Contract with AML for Shipping Generators from Nome to Wrangell in the amount of \$61,000

M/S: Powell/Morrison to approve a Contract with AML for Shipping Generators from Nome to Wrangell in the amount of \$61,000. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13d PROPOSED RESOLUTION No. 05-19-1463 OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY & BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA AMENDING THE FY 2019 BUDGET IN THE ELECTRIC FUND TRANSFERRING \$61,000 FROM THE ELECTRIC FUND RESERVES TO THE POWER GENERATION SOLUTION PROJECT FOR BARGE SHIPPING, THE GENERATORS FROM NOME TO WRANGELL

M/S: DeLong/Gilbert to approve Resolution No. 05-19-1463. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13e Approval of City Tidelands Annual Five-Year Reassessments

M/S: Gilbert/DeLong to approve the five-year City Tidelands Reassessments, as presented. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13f PROPOSED RESOLUTION No 05-19-1464 OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, PROVIDING FOR THE AMENDMENT OF THE JOB DESCRIPTION FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT – HARBOR

M/S: Gilbert/DeLong to approve Resolution No. 05-19-1464 providing for the amendment of the job description for the Administrative Assistant - Harbor. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13g Approval of the Premera Blue Cross Blue Shield Employee Health Plan Renewal for FY 2020

M/S: Morrison/Powell to approve the Premera Blue Cross Blue Shield Employee Health Plan Renewal for FY 2020.

Von Bargen stated the increase is just over \$80,000 city wide; the hit to the General Fund is \$51,000; 9.5% increase across the board; employees share will also go up 9.5%; employees should understand that the city is also paying the 9.5% increase.

Aleisha Mollen, Accounting Generalist, explained that Employees pay 15% of the overall cost of the insurance premium; except that approximately fifteen IBEW Union employees who pay 10%; higher plan \$3000 deductible for a single person, \$6000 for employee plus spouse; and \$9000 for employee plus family; not looking to change the deductible amount; in order to raise the deductible, we would have had to raise the out of pocket maximum and we would have had to change the prescription drug plan.

Decker asked at what point to we look at raising the deductibles.

Von Bargen stated that she had talked with the Finance Director about that and it's an option, but she would only want to do that if we must; we have 60 days to cancel if we decide to do that.

Motion approved with Gilbert, Morrison, DeLong, Powell, and Prysunka voting yes; Decker voted no.

Prysunka stated that the Attorney's file was available for review by the Assembly in the Clerk's office.

15a Executive Session: Discuss Litigation Tactics and Strategies regarding Valvoda v. Jack et al, Case No. 1WR-19-0008CI with Borough Attorney

M/S: Gilbert/Morrison pursuant to AS 44.62.310(c)(3), that we recess and move into executive session inviting the Borough Manager, Clerk and Attorney to discuss litigation tactics and strategies regarding the Valvoda case. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

Regular meeting recessed into Executive Session at 8:56 p.m.

Regular meeting reconvened back into the Regular meeting at 9:21 p.m.

Regular Assembly meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

Stephen Prysunka, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Kim Lane, MMC, Borough Clerk