

Minutes of Regular Assembly Meeting

Held on November 10, 2020

Mayor Prysunka called the Regular Assembly meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., November 10, 2020 by Zoom teleconference. Assembly Member Gilbert led the pledge of allegiance and the roll was called.

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

ABSENT:

Borough Manager Von Barga and Borough Clerk Lane were also in attendance by teleconference.

CEREMONIAL MATTERS – None.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD

Kem Haggard gave the invocation.

Amy Smith spoke on the potential mask mandate.

Mya DeLong spoke on behalf of herself and the Chamber of Commerce, requesting the community to Shop Local this holiday season.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

CONFLICT OF INTEREST – None.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Minutes of the October 27, 2020 Regular Assembly Meeting
- b. Minutes of the November 5, 2020 Special Assembly Meeting

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

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Jamie Roberts provided the local and State COVID-19 report.

Von Barga provided updates on the following:

- Finance Budget Report – will require a Work Session
- Capital Facilities Dept. received initial report on the Public Safety Building – will require a Work Session
- Federal Landless Legislation introduced today by Senator Murkowski
- Alaska Municipal League Conference is going on this week and next week
- Collective Bargaining team met today
- Solid Waste Shipping report – waiting for answer from Republic on the fire mitigation date; asked for an extension to that date; will come back to the Assembly once answers are received from Republic.

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 Jeanie Arnold for the Parks & Recreation Board appointment, expiring October 2023. Prysunka appointed Ms. Arnold to fill that vacancy. There were no objections from the Assembly.

Prysunka directed the Clerk to continue advertising for the remaining vacant seats.

10b SEAPA Board Appointments (1 voting member & 1 alternate member)

Mayor Prysunka appointed Michael Ottesen Jr. to fill the alternate member seat for the term from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. There were no objections from the Assembly.

Vice-Mayor Gilbert appointed Mayor Prysunka to serve as the voting member of the SEAPA Board for the term from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. There were no objections from the Assembly.

Recessed at 7:40
Reconvened at 7:51

PUBLIC HEARING – None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS

13a RESOLUTION No 11-20-1549 OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, AMENDING THE FY 2021 BUDGET IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (CIP) FUND BY ACCEPTING A GRANT FROM THE NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$55,000 FOR THE SKEET RANGE IMPROVEMENTS, PHASE I SITE WORK PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXPENDITURE

M/S: Morrison/Decker to Approve Resolution No. 11-20-1549.

Von Bargaen explained that in order to accept these funds into the budget, the Assembly would need to approve the budget amendment.

Powell thanked Kate and Amber for their hard work with this.

Amber Al-Haddad explained where the funds would be used for the skeet range and parking for that range.

Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13b RESOLUTION No 11-20-1550 OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA AMENDING THE JOB DESCRIPTION OF THE PARKS & RECREATION CUSTODIAN LIGHT MAINTENANCE POSITION

M/S: Gilbert/Powell to Approve Resolution No. 11-20-1550.

Kate Thomas, P&R Director explained the need for the revision to this job description.

Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13c RESOLUTION No 11-20-1551 OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, AMENDING THE FY 2021 BUDGET IN THE MARINE SERVICE CENTER FUND BY TRANSFERRING \$9,602 FROM THE MARINE SERVICE CENTER RESERVES TO THE MARINE SERVICE CENTER EQUIPMENT REPAIR & SUPPLIES ACCOUNT FOR THE PURCHASE OF NEW CABLE, AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXPENDITURE

M/S: Decker/Courson to approve Resolution No. 11-20-1551.

Steve Miller, Port & Harbor Director explained that the cable needed came in at a higher cost than expected; does not want to install a sub-par cable on the lift.

Gilbert stated that in the last "Whereas" in the Resolution, the amount needs to be changed from \$9,620 to \$9,602.

Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13d RESOLUTION No 11-20-1552 OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, PROVIDING FOR THE AMENDMENT OF THE ACCOUNTING GENERALIST JOB TITLE, JOB DESCRIPTION, AND MODIFYING THE NON-UNION WAGE AND GRADE TABLE

M/S: Gilbert/Morrison to approve Resolution No. 11-20-1552.

Von Bargaen stated that this addresses the Accounting Generalist only; downgrading this position from an 18 to a 17 grade until the person hired additional training.

Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13e Discussion Item: CARES Act Funding

There was extensive discussion and questions regarding the CARES funding and forward funding.

- Pre-purchases / forward funding
- Spending beyond the first of 2021
- Staffing
- Leasing of the Harding Lodge
- Continuation of testing in the community
- Video Boards at the Police Department
- If funds are left over, could go towards the community grant programs
- School funding

ATTORNEY'S FILE

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

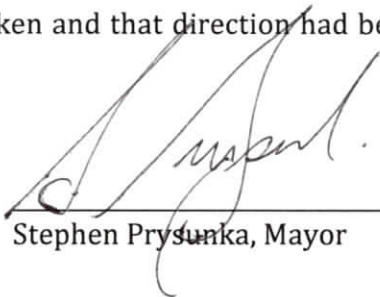
M/S: Decker/Morrison Pursuant to AS 44.62.310 (c)(3), that we go into Executive Session, and invite the Borough Collective Bargaining Team, to discuss and provide an update of the status of the Collective Bargaining Negotiations, a matter "which by law, municipal charter, or ordinance" is required to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

Regular Meeting recessed into Executive Session at 8:49 p.m.

Regular Meeting reconvened back into Regular Session at 10:09 p.m.

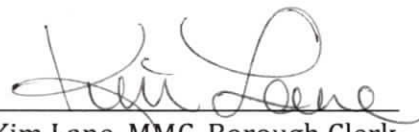
Prysunka reported that there was no action would be taken and that direction had been given to the Negotiating Team.

Regular Assembly meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.



Stephen Prysunka, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kim Lane, MMC, Borough Clerk

