

**Minutes of Regular Assembly Meeting
Held on February 14, 2023**

Mayor Patricia Gilbert called the Regular Assembly meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., February 14, 2023, in the Borough Assembly Chambers. Assembly Member Howe led the pledge of allegiance, and the roll was called.

Mayor Gilbert and Public Works Director, Tom Wetor presented Brian Christian, Wastewater Treatment Plant Leadman with the 2022 Alaska Rural Water Association award.

PRESENT - HOWE, ROBBINS, DALRYMPLE, GILBERT, DEBORD, POWELL, MORRISON

ABSENT -

Borough Manager Jeff Good and Clerk Lane were also present.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD

Brett Stillwaugh, resident with the Alaska Trollers Association, asked the Assembly to submit a Resolution that opposes the lawsuit that has been filed by the Wild Fish Conservancy to shut down the Southeast troll fisheries for chinook salmon; asked the Assembly to contribute to the legal fund to help fight this lawsuit; stated that other Southeast communities have signed on as well.

AJ, Wrangell Girl Scouts spoke about the new recycling bins that will be arriving; are used for fundraising.

Alaya, Wrangell Girl Scouts spoke about what it means to be a strong leader.

The Girl Scouts presented the Assembly, Manager, and Clerk with valentines.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA - None.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Powell stated that he has a potential conflict to Item 13e since he has a trolling permit. Gilbert stated that because he belonged to a class of trollers, he did not have a conflict. There were no objections from the Assembly.

Dalrymple and Morrison stated that they have a potential conflict to Item 13c since they are both members of the Friends of the Museum. Gilbert stated that they do not have a conflict. There were no objections from the Assembly.

CONSENT AGENDA

6a Minutes from the January 24, 2023, Regular Assembly Meeting

6b Renewal Liquor License Notice for License No. 370 (BPO Elks Lodge #1595)

6c CORRESPONDENCE: Minutes from the Regular School Board meeting of December 19, 2022

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

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Good's report was given.

Finance Director Villarma provided a Financial Report.

BOROUGH CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Lane's report was given.

MAYOR AND ASSEMBLY BUSINESS

Robbins stated that community members have asked her about upcoming projects and are noticing things happening in town.

MAYOR AND ASSEMBLY APPOINTMENTS

10a Investment Committee Vacancy Appointment

There were no letters of interest received for this appointment.

PUBLIC HEARING

11a ORDINANCE No. 1035 OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS IN CHAPTER 5.10, PURCHASES AND SALES, OF THE WRANGELL MUNICIPAL CODE

Mayor Gilbert declared the Public Hearing open and asked for an Administrative Report.

Good explained that this would essentially raise the spending authority threshold for the borough manager.

Gilbert asked if there were any persons to wished to speak on this Public Hearing item. Hearing none, Gilbert closed the Public Hearing and asked for a motion.

M/S: Powell/Howe to approve Ordinance No. 1035. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None.

NEW BUSINESS

13a ORDINANCE No. 1036 OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS IN CHAPTER 18.04, BUILDING CODE; CHAPTER 20.68, CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS; CHAPTER 20.72, VARIANCES; AND CHAPTER 20.76, AMENDMENTS, AND ESTABLISHING A NEW PROCESS FOR RATES AND FEES IN THE WRANGELL MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADDING THE FEES TO THE ESTABLISHED FEE AND RATE SCHEDULE

M/S: Powell/Morrison to approve first reading of Ordinance No. 1036 and move to a second reading with a Public Hearing to be held on February 28, 2023. Motion approved by polled vote.

13b Approval of Consent to Assignment of Leased Tidelands from Patty Kautz to Rolland Wimberley, dba Wolf's Den Rentals LLC

M/S: Morrison/Powell to approve Consent to Assignment of Leased Tidelands from Patty Kautz to Rolland Wimberley, dba Wolf's Den Rentals LLC. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13c Approval to move the Art Gallery into the Nolan Center's Small Theater

M/S: Robbins/Morrison to approve moving the Art Gallery into the Nolan Center's Small Theater. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13d Approval of Tidelands Lease Renewal for Lot 7, Block 83-A, Wrangell Tidelands Addition for Lynne Campbell

M/S: Powell/Morrison to approve the renewal of the Tidelands Lease, described as Lot 7, Block 83-A, requested by Lynne Campbell. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13e Discussion and possible direction for a resolution to support the Alaska Trollers Association against a lawsuit to stop the Chinook Salmon fishery in Southeast Alaska

Dalrymple stated that he has often seen organizations that are not in the effected areas try to bring forward lawsuits; this would have a direct affect on our fisheries; in favor of submitting a resolution in the format that was submitted from the AK Trollers.

Howe agreed with what Dalrymple; believes that the Alaska fisheries are well managed and sustainable; this lawsuit is baffling.

The Assembly approved holding a Special Assembly meeting on Friday, February 17, 2023, at 2:00 pm by Zoom to consider a Resolution to support the Alaska Trollers Association against the lawsuit to stop the Chinook Salmon fishery in Southeast Alaska.

13f Approval to add the City and Borough of Wrangell to the Klawock, AK Fish and Game Advisory Council petition against placing the Alexander Archipelago Wolf in Southeast Alaska as threatened or endangered under the U.S. Endangered Species Act


Dalrymple stated that he would like to see us submitting a Resolution that better suits our community views.

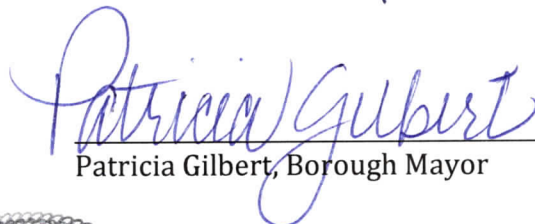
After some discussion, direction was given to Manager Good to draft a Resolution that would be more specific to Wrangell for the Assembly to consider at the next Assembly meeting.

ATTORNEY'S FILE – Available for Assembly review in the Borough Clerk's office

EXECUTIVE SESSION - None.

Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

ATTEST: 
Kim Lane, MMC, Borough Clerk


Patricia Gilbert, Borough Mayor



