

**Minutes of Regular Assembly Meeting
Held on June 26, 2012**

Mayor Jeremy Maxand called the regular assembly meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., June 26, 2012, in the Council Chambers. Assembly Members Privett, McConachie, McCloskey, Symons, Stokes and Jack were present. Borough Manager Timothy Rooney, Borough Attorney Robert Blasco, Hoffman & Blasco, LLC, and Borough Clerks Christie Jamieson and Kim Flores were also in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Assembly Member Wilma Stokes.

Invocation given by Father Thomas of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church.

Community Presentation – None.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

None.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Moved by Jack, seconded by Privett, to approve Consent Agenda Items marked with an () asterisk, 6a, 13e, 13f. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

*6a Minutes of Assembly Public Hearing and Regular Assembly Meeting held June 12, 2012, were approved as presented.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT:

Borough Manager Rooney apologized for the tardiness of the report; report will be available on the website immediately following the meeting; called attention to a letter submitted to the assembly by Mark Walker, Alaska Island Community Services, Executive Director, expressing his support for Olinda White, Interim Wrangell Medical Center Administrator and pledged to do whatever he could to help the process.

Assembly Member McConachie expressed that he appreciated the Father's Day quote in the last Manager's Report.

Assembly Member Privett commented that he hoped the weather would cooperate throughout the concrete pouring process.

Borough Manager Rooney said the contractors remained committed to making sure that Front Street was paved to the Diamond C intersection; that the concrete would be ready to be utilized by Wednesday, July 4th, in the morning.

BOROUGH CLERK'S FILE:

- Upcoming Dates to Remember
- Code Review Committee Meeting

Borough Clerk Flores thanked the following departments for their help during the Special Election held June 19, 2012:

- The Employees of Public Works
- The Nolan Center Staff
- The Wrangell Police Department
- The Election Workers

Borough Clerk Flores stated that preparations for the Special Election went very well; as of May 29, 2012, Wrangell had 1,591 registered voters; voter turnout for the Special Election of June 19, 2012 was 52% which exceeded last year's elections by about 11%; from past elections of November 15, 2011, the registered voters were 1,594, with a 37% voter turnout; October 4, 2011 the registered voters were 1,592, with a 24% voter turnout.

Borough Clerk Flores invited the Assembly and the public to come down to City Hall on June 29, 2012, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. to celebrate Borough Clerk Jamieson's retirement; also invited the public to come to the Stikine Restaurant on Friday, June 29, 2012 to attend Borough Clerk Jamieson's retirement party at 6:00 p.m.

MAYOR/ASSEMBLY REPORTS AND APPOINTMENTS:

10a Reports by Assembly Members

Mayor Maxand recognized that the past week had been a difficult week for the community of Wrangell. He stated that the borough assembly was in complete support of Olinda White, Interim Wrangell Medical Center Administrator. He expressed that Ms. White was doing a tremendous job keeping staff going, keeping morale high at the hospital, and making sure patient care was being delivered.

Mayor Maxand said that Ms. White had been in communication with Borough Manager Rooney and Finance Director Jeff Jabusch who had offered their support. Mayor Maxand stated that the City had received a call from the CEO of the Ketchikan hospital offering their support.

Mayor Maxand encouraged the community to band together to get the new hospital built and see the new Wrangell Medical Center (WMC) Board seated.

Assembly Member McConachie agreed that the assembly would support Ms. White.

Assembly Member McConachie reported that he had attended the Marine Transportation Advisory Board (MTAB) meeting Tuesday, June 26, 2012; explained that the MTAB regulates how often we get ferries in Wrangell; asked the MTAB if they could develop a way to utilize the Rainforest Ferry to assist people in getting from Wrangell to Petersburg; he also asked the MTAB about the possibility of some ferries staying longer periods of time in Wrangell in order to promote tourism.

10b Certificates of Service – presented to Paul Southland, TBPA.

10c Appointment to the Thomas Bay Power Authority – Mayor Maxand appointed Warren Edgley to the TBPA with no objections from remaining members of the assembly.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

Greg Knight, 120 Graves, thanked the Borough Assembly, Borough Manager Timothy Rooney's office, and the Convention and Visitors Bureau for assisting in getting the Street Dance Band to come and perform this year, on the 4th of July.

Olinda White, 113 Mt. Dewey Lane, expressed how wonderful the EMT and Fire Department were and believed they needed to be honored and commended; they are at the nurses of the Wrangell Medical Center's "beck and call" when they need assistance.

Greg Salard, 3.5 Mile Zimovia Highway, thanked everyone for turning out for the Special Election on June 19, 2012; believed we need to work together and was fully committed to working with the hospital; looking forward to renewed cooperation between the hospital, AICS, and the City & Borough of Wrangell to get the hospital project online.

James Stough, Stikine River, praised Olinda White for her work at the hospital; he said that she deserved all our support.

Mr. Stough gave special thanks to Christie Jamieson for doing a very professional job during trying times. He said he really appreciated what an outstanding job she had done for the City and Borough of Wrangell.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

12a PROPOSED ORDINANCE #864: AN ORDINANCE OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, BY CONTRACT ZONING (*second reading*)

Moved by Privett, seconded by McConachie, to approve second reading.

Assembly Member McConachie said that the Public Hearing for the second reading on this Proposed Ordinance had been held at 6:30 p.m., June 26, 2012 and stated that there were no objections.

Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

13a Consideration and Appropriate Action relating to the Process of Filling the Unexpired Terms of the WMC Hospital Board Members

Moved by Privett, seconded by Jack, to differ items 13a and 13d until after the Executive Session with City & Borough Attorney to discuss appropriate action to be taken. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13b Request for a Letter of Performance from Borough Assembly for Borough Clerk Christie Jamieson

Moved by McConachie, seconded by Jack, that the Assembly sign and approve a Letter of Recommendation for Borough Clerk Christie Jamieson.

Mayor Maxand agreed that this letter would be a good closing letter to Borough Clerk Jamieson's employment file; something she could use if she went on to perform contract work for the State of Alaska as a former Borough Clerk.

Mayor Maxand expressed that the past couple of months had been "crazy"; had been difficult to focus on the reality that Christie was leaving; blessed to have her here for the last couple of months to keep us on the straight and narrow; Christie as a Borough Clerk had made sure that the Democratic Process had gone off without a hitch; every citizen should be extremely proud of the service Christie had given to the City & Borough of Wrangell; whatever side you (Christie) were on, the process was fair and open; would have been a complete disaster if City had not had someone of Christie's caliber in the Borough Clerk position; has confidence in the new Borough Clerk; wanted to thank Christie for her service and dedication.

Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13c Approval of Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for the Development of Plans, Specifications, and Estimates Package for the Roadway Construction Project of Weber Street between Wrangell Cooperative Association (WCA) and the City and Borough of Wrangell, as prevented

Moved by Privett, seconded by McConachie, to approve Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) submitted by Wrangell Cooperative Association (WCA)

allowing them to begin the development of plans specifications and construction estimates for the Weber Street Improvement Project.

Borough Manager Rooney said that this MOA was identical to other MOA's approved for other road projects in our community between the City & Borough of Wrangell and the WCA.

Mayor Maxand thanked the WCA for continuing to collaborate in partner with the City & Borough of Wrangell; a lot of great things were going on in the community; in large part, due to the WCA; honor to see things moving forward in the community.

Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13d Discussion and Appropriate Action relating to the Approval of Consulting Services for Election Preparations for a Special Election and Regular Election to be held in August and October 2012

Motion was approved under item 13a unanimously by polled vote to differ items 13a and 13d until after the Executive Session with City & Borough Attorney to discuss appropriate action to be taken.

***13e** Final Plat Approval for Critter Subdivision

(APPROVED UNDER CONSENT AGENDA)

***13f** Final Plat Approval for Keller Tidelands Subdivision

(APPROVED UNDER CONSENT AGENDA)

ATTORNEY'S FILE:

June 5, 2012 invoice included in agenda packet.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

15a To Discuss the Borough's Legal Options after the Actions of the Wrangell Medical Center Board on June 20, 2012 pursuant to AS 44.62. 310 (c) (1)

Moved by Privett, seconded by McCloskey, to move pursuant to AS 44.62.310 (c), (1), that we recess into executive session to discuss matters, the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the public entity, specifically discussion on the Borough's Legal Options after the actions of the Wrangell Medical Center Board on June 20, 2012. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

Meeting recessed into Executive Session at 7:28 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 8:45 p.m.

Moved by Privett, seconded by McConachie, to bring back items 13a and 13d for consideration. Motion approved by unanimous polled vote.

13a Consideration and Appropriate Action relating to the Process of Filling the Unexpired Terms of the WMC Hospital Board Members

PROPOSED RESOLUTION #06-12-1251: A RESOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, DIRECTING THE BOROUGH CLERK TO SCHEDULE A SPECIAL ELECTION ON AUGUST 21, 2012, FOR THE PURPOSE OF FILLING THE VACANCIES OF EIGHT (8) BOARD MEMBERS OF THE WRANGELL MEDICAL CENTER (WMC) TO BE ELECTED

Moved by Symons, seconded by McConachie, to adopt resolution. Motion approved by unanimous polled vote.

13d. Discussion and Appropriate Action relating to the Approval of Consulting Services for Election Preparations for a Special Election and Regular Election to be held in August and October 2012

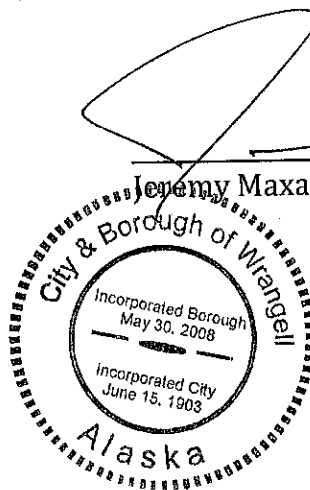
Moved by McConachie, seconded by Privett, to authorize the City Manager to work up a contract with Christie Jamieson for her services to help us through the next two elections. Motion approved by unanimous polled vote.

Moved by Privett, seconded by McConachie, to direct the Borough Manager to advise the Acting Administrator for the Wrangell Medical Center that the Wrangell Medical Center has no authority to employ any legal counsel without specific authorization from the Borough Manager to do so. And also that the Borough Manager and Borough Attorney are authorized to review and pursue any legal options with respect to the Wrangell Medical Center Board actions involving Mr. Rea's contract and amendments to his contract and the actions of the Wrangell Medical Center Board and as to individual Board Members for their actions between June 20, 2012 and June 25, 2012. Motion approved by unanimous polled vote.

ADJOURNMENT: 9:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

Kim Flores
Kim Flores, Borough Clerk



Jeremy Maxand
Jeremy Maxand, Mayor