

**Minutes of Regular Assembly Meeting
Held on August 28, 2012**

Mayor Jeremy Maxand called the regular assembly meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., August 28, 2012, in the Assembly Chambers. Assembly Members Privett, McConachie, McCloskey and Stokes were present. Assembly Member Jack was absent. Borough Manager Timothy Rooney and Borough Clerk Kim Flores were also in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Assembly Member Bill Privett.

Invocation given by a member from the Baha'i Faith.

Community Presentation by North American Wood Products, Randy Volk.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

None.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by McConachie, seconded by McCloskey, to approve Consent Agenda Items marked with an () asterisk, 6a, 7a, 7b. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*6a Minutes of Regular Assembly meeting held July 24, 2012; Minutes of Special Assembly meeting held July 31, 2012; Minutes of Special Assembly meeting held August 6, 2012; Minutes of Special Assembly meeting held August 13, 2012; Minutes of Special meeting held August 17, 2012, were approved as presented.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Written report provided in packet. Borough Manager Rooney stated that there were copies on the table in the City Hall Lobby for the public and that the report, as always, was posted on the Borough Website.

Mayor Maxand said that the full Assembly Meeting packets were now available on the Borough Website as well.

BOROUGH CLERK'S FILE

- Upcoming Dates to Remember

Borough Clerk Flores thanked the following departments for their help during the Special Election held August 21, 2012:

- The Employees of Public Works
- The Nolan Center Staff
- The Election Workers
- To Christie Jamieson, CLJ Consulting

Borough Clerk Flores stated that the preparations for the Special Election went very well, as planned. As of July 28, 2012, Wrangell had 1,615 registered voters. This number was 24 more than the total registered voters as of May 29, 2012. The voter turnout for the Special Election of August 21, 2012 was 30% which was a decrease from the Special Election held June 19, 2012 by 22%

Borough Clerk Flores stated that the Full Regular Assembly Packets are available in PDF format with bookmarks and links for easy navigation on the Borough Website.

Borough Clerk Flores also said that the Wrangell Municipal Code had been updated from a PDF version to a HTML (searchable) version on the Borough Website at **Wrangell.com**. She explained that this allows for copying and pasting and easier searching. She stated that this was a great tool for both the Borough Assembly and the public.

MAYOR/ASSEMBLY REPORTS AND APPOINTMENTS

10a Reports by Assembly Members

Assembly Member McConachie said that it was great to see the Downtown Revitalization project coming to an end. He also said that he was pleased with the way the project was turning out.

Mayor Maxand thanked Randy Volk and Alan Ollivent, North American Wood Products, for their presentation.

10b Certificate of Service presented to Michael Symons, Borough Assembly.

10c Appointment to the Borough Assembly to fill the vacancy of Assembly Seat "F".

Mayor Maxand stated that the Borough Assembly was required by ordinance to fill the vacancy. Mayor Maxand accepted the letter of interest submitted by Billie Younce and asked for a motion to be made.

Moved by Privett, seconded by McCloskey, to appoint Billie Younce to fill the vacancy of Seat "F" of the Borough Assembly up until the next Borough Election to be held October 2, 2012.

Motion approved with Privett, McCloskey and Mayor Maxand voting yea; McConachie and Stokes voting nay.

Borough Clerk administered the Oath of Office to appointed Assembly Member Younce. Assembly Member Younce took her seat at the Diaz.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD

Janet Buness, 113 Reed Street, spoke about dead animal carcasses around town; she gave the assembly a map of the northern part of Wrangell; the map illustrated a path that she walks with her dog and in that area, there were 13 dead animal carcasses; called the Forest Service and they said that they would also look into the matter; dead animal carcasses are not being picked up and discarded; stated that the carcasses pose a public health hazard.

Borough Manager Rooney said that there was a group working on the Paddle Craft Trail on Spur Road and that they would be collecting dead animal carcasses in that area.

Mayor Maxand thanked Ms. Buness for coordinating the Disaster Drill for the community.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

12a PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 865: AN ORDINANCE OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, AMENDING TITLE 3, CHAPTER 3.32 OF THE WRANGELL MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE WRANGELL MEDICAL CENTER AND LONG-TERM CARE FACILITY BOARD (*second reading*)

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

Bernie Massin, 621 Wrangell Avenue, said that he was offended with the Proposed Ordinance; felt that the newly elected hospital board was being compared to the old hospital board; asked not to be placed in the same category as the old hospital board; agreed to most of the Proposed Ordinance; did not agree with a member of the borough assembly being allowed to enter into hospital board executive sessions; asked if the assembly member would be adding their comments while in the executive session; asked if that assembly member would be reporting back to the borough assembly and divulging what was talked about during the executive session; suggested appointing a borough assembly member to the hospital board.

Assembly Member Privett said that it has taken a long time to get where we are; blames the past assembly for not staying as focused as they ought to have been; views Proposed Ordinance as a tool for new hospital board; gives the hospital board the opportunity for some guidance and support; gives the hospital board time to go thru the Ordinance (if passed), and make recommendations for changes; gives clear direction on what their functions and duties are.

Assembly Member McConachie agreed with Robert Maxand; that this Proposed Ordinance is a chance for a new beginning; stated that he would be voting in favor of the Proposed Ordinance; charge for the new hospital board would be taken seriously if they have clear direction; said what scared him the most with this Proposed Ordinance was the compliance issue with Medicare and Medicaid; believed that the first order of business for the new

hospital board would be make sure that with this Proposed Ordinance, the hospital would be in compliance.

Assembly Member McCloskey agreed that this Proposed Ordinance was a good starting point; not a lack of trust, but hoping to help everyone moving in the right direction; believed that there were items in the Proposed Ordinance that needed to be changed in the future.

Assembly Member Younce expressed her sympathy to Bernie Massin and said that she understood that it was not fair to be compared to the old hospital board; agreed that we would get through this one step at a time.

Assembly Member Stokes thanked Woody Wilson for his oral and written testimony.

Mayor Maxand said that he had been worried that there would not be many members of the community who would step up and run for the hospital board seats; believed that everyone who was elected would dig in and do the hard work; looking forward to the new hospital board being seated; goal for the Proposed Ordinance was to have something in place for the new hospital board; wants to tighten up the relationship between the hospital and the City; wants to protect the City and the hospital; Proposed Ordinance is not meant to micromanage the hospital board; meant to protect the hospital board and provide clear guidance.

Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

NEW BUSINESS

13a PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 08-12-1255: A RESOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, AUTHORIZING AN ELECTRICAL RATE INCENTIVE FOR THE NEW CONSTRUCTION FACILITIES FOR SEA LEVEL SEAFOODS, LLC. AND ESTABLISHING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH INCENTIVE

Moved by Privett, seconded by McConachie, to adopt resolution. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13b Approval of City Tidelands Annual Reassessments for Silver Bay Logging

Moved by McCloskey, seconded by McConachie, to approve the Tidelands Reassessments for the two (2) Silver Bay Logging sites as recommended by Michael C. Renfro of Appraisal Company of Alaska. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13c Consideration and Appropriate Action relating to the interim management services for the Wrangell Medical Center

Moved by McCloskey, seconded by Privett, to approve the interim management services contract for the Wrangell Medical Center.

Borough Manager Rooney said that the proposed "draft" agreement was sent to us by Peace Health; try to get to an agreement with Peace Health so that Olinda White, Interim Hospital Administrator, could go on vacation and have peace of mind; this agreement would allow for management services of the hospital; Peace Health is familiar with the hospital facility; will be going over some aspects of the proposed agreement with the Borough Attorney; encouraged by the agreement.

Assembly Member McConachie pointed out some date compliance issues in the proposed agreement.

Manager Rooney said that he was aware of this and that those date compliance issues would be addressed.

Manager Rooney stated that he was looking for authorization to enter into an agreement with Peace Health once all of the compliance issues were addressed. He also said that he would continue to update the assembly and that Olinda would update the hospital board.

Bernie Massin asked if the hospital board could be given the opportunity to review the proposed agreement.

Manager Rooney answered that there were many changes to the proposed agreement and that once all of those changed had been made, he would give it to the hospital board to approve.

Mayor Maxand said that the hiring a new hospital administrator would be completely in the hands of the hospital board.

Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13d Consideration and Appropriate Action relating to the Community Facilities Grant Agreement between the USDA and the City and Borough of Wrangell for the Community Garden Greenhouse

Moved by McConachie, seconded by McCloskey, to authorize the Borough Manager to enter into an Agreement with the USDA for the administration of the construction of a Community Garden Greenhouse. Through USDA grant funds, reimbursement for all costs associated with grant administration and compliance, shall not exceed the amount of \$100,000.

Borough Manager Rooney said that this was a grant that was applied for by the Wrangell Medical Center; the USDA contacted the City to confirm both the approval of the grant and the required \$33,500 match. Rooney said that the land that the greenhouse would sit on is the grant match, and was valued at \$189,000.

Motion approved by unanimous polled vote.

13e Consideration to Cancel the November 13, 2012 Borough Assembly Meeting

Moved by McCloskey, seconded by Younce, to approve the cancellation of the November 13, 2012 Borough Assembly meeting, and conduct only one meeting on November 27, 2012.

Borough Manager Rooney explained that the reason behind cancelling the first meeting in November was that the AML Conference would be occurring during that time.

Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13f Discussion and Possible Action relating to a Letter of Support for SEAPA's Hydrogen Feasibility Study

Moved by McCloskey, seconded by Privett, to authorize a Letter of Support for SEAPA's Hydrogen Feasibility Study to the Alaska Energy Authority.

Assembly Member McCloskey asked for clarification on some of the verbiage in the proposed letter.

Mayor Maxand explained how the feasibility study would determine if hydrogen production and storage is feasible for this region.

Assembly Member Privett suggested that if anyone had questions on "cells", to speak with Mike Ashton. Privett said that Mr. Ashton knows a lot about cells.

Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

ATTORNEY'S FILE

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

15a Borough Manager's Annual Evaluation

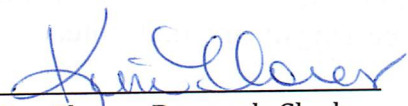
Moved by McCloskey, seconded by Privett, to move, pursuant to 44.62.320 (c) (2), that we recess into executive session to discuss matters that may tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person, specifically the Borough Manager's Annual Evaluation. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

Meeting recessed into Executive Session at 7:57 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 9:00 p.m.

Assembly Member McConachie reported that the Borough Assembly had successfully completed the Borough Manager's evaluation. He thanked Borough Manager Rooney for his services.

ADJOURNMENT: 9:03 p.m.

ATTEST: 

Kim Flores, Borough Clerk


Jeremy Maxand, Mayor

