

**Minutes of Regular Assembly Meeting
Held on December 11, 2012**

Mayor Donald McConachie called the regular assembly meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., December 11, 2012, in the Assembly Chambers. Assembly Members Jack, Stough, Wiederspohn, Privett and Stokes were present. Assembly Member McCloskey arrived at 7:15 p.m. Borough Manager Timothy Rooney and Borough Clerk Kim Flores were also in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Assembly Member Stough.

Invocation given by Father Steve Gallagher, visiting Catholic Priest from Holy Name Catholic Church, Ketchikan.

Community Presentation by Desire Shepler, Program Evaluator for the Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant, Alaska Island Community Services (AICS)

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

None.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Assembly Member Privett stated that he might have a conflict of interest because Reme's Bar and Liquor Store, whose owner is Assembly Member Privett's son, was listed on the Consent Agenda.

The Assembly determined that there was no conflict of interest.

CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Stough, seconded by Jack, to approve Consent Agenda Items marked with an () asterisk, 6a, 7a, 7b, 7c, 7d, 7e, 7f, 7g, 7h, 7i, 7j and 13d. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*6a Minutes of Regular Assembly meeting held October 30, 2012

COMMUNICATIONS

*a Minutes of Regular Port Commission meeting held September 6, 2012

*b Minutes of Special School Board meeting held October 11, 2012; Minutes of Regular School Board meeting held October 15, 2012

*c School Board Action for the Regular Meeting held November 19, 2012

*d Renewal of Alcoholic Beverage Applications received by the State of Alaska, ABC Board for City Market (Package Store); and Rayme's Bar and Liquor Store (Beverage Dispensary and Package Store)

- *e Gaming Permit Application for the American Legion MEP Post 6
- *f Gaming Permit Application (2012) for the Friends of the Irene Ingle Public Library
- *g Gaming Permit Application (2013) for the Friends of the Irene Ingle Public Library
- *h Amended Gaming Application for the Wrangell Public Schools
- *i Minutes of the James and Elise Nolan Center Regular Quarterly Board meeting held December 5, 2012
- *j Minutes of the Parks & Recreation Board Regular meeting held November 7, 2012
- *13d Final Plat approval of the Amended Industrial Park Subdivision III Plat, as requested by the City & Borough of Wrangell

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Borough Manager Rooney said that the Holiday Tree Lighting had been on Friday, December 7, 2012 and that it had been a success; he stated that the Electric Department had done a great job.

Borough Manager Rooney reported that there had been 130 people in attendance at the Library's Annual Story Time with Santa, which was the most that the Library had ever had attend.

BOROUGH CLERK'S FILE

Borough Clerk Flores's report was presented.

MAYOR/ASSEMBLY REPORTS AND APPOINTMENTS

10a Reports by Assembly Members

Assembly Member Jack reported that he had attended the last TBPA meeting. He said that he had read the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that was created in 2008 by the City of Ketchikan; the City & Borough of Wrangell; and the City of Petersburg. The MOU required that by December, 2014, the three communities jointly commission an independent analysis of the sale of individual projects and the break-up of the restructured Agency into the SEAPA.

Assembly Member Jack suggested starting the process of the required independent review be added to the agenda as a discussion topic. He commented that with three communities involved, this process would take some time.

Mayor McConachie agreed and the Assembly chose to add this discussion to the first Regular Assembly meeting in February.

Mayor McConachie thanked the Chamber of Commerce for inviting him to read a poem at the Tree Lighting ceremony on Friday.

Assembly Member Stough commented that SEAPA had their meeting earlier that day and had reported that the SEAPA Board chose to hold off on doing anything with the D. Hittle & Associates Report for 6 months. He further reported that SEAPA would be taking the excess funds from the D. Hittle & Associates Report to improve their image.

Mayor McConachie wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. He reported that this would be the last Assembly Meeting of the year.

Assembly Member Stough reported that he would not be in town for the first and second regular Assembly Meetings in January.

10b Appointment to fill the vacancies on the SEAPA Board (one voting member seat and one alternate seat for Wrangell)

Mayor McConachie stated that originally, he had planned on stepping back from making the suggested recommendations to fill the SEAPA Board seats because his son-in-law had submitted a letter of interest for one of the vacant seats. He further stated that after speaking with Assembly Member Privett, they had collectively determined that there was no conflict and that he would make the suggested recommendations.

Assembly Member McCloskey also said that she had also determined that there was no conflict, since she was related to one of the people who had submitted a letter of interest for one of the seats.

Mayor McConachie recommended appointing Brian Ashton to fill the SEAPA Board Voting Member Seat. There were no objections from the Assembly.

Mayor McConachie recommended appointing Clay Hammer to fill the SEAPA Board Alternate Seat.

Assembly Member Stough said that he would like to see Ernie Christian appointed to the SEAPA Board Alternate Seat.

Moved by Privett, seconded by Jack, to appoint Clay Hammer to fill the vacancy of the alternate member seat on the SEAPA Board until December 31, 2013.

Assembly Member Privett stated that his support for Mr. Hammer was because he is the Superintendent of the City & Borough of Wrangell Light Department; he is also a member of Thomas Bay. He further stated that it was his belief that Mr. Ashton and Mr. Hammer would make a good team on the SEAPA Board in representing our community.

Motion approved by polled vote with Wiederspohn, McCloskey, Privett, Jack and Mayor McConachie voting yea; and Stough and voting Stokes.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD

Marla Sanger, P.O. Box 1649, Wrangell, introduced herself as the new Wrangell Medical Center Interim CEO.

Sanger reported to the Assembly, her extensive background in the medical industry that she believed would serve the community of Wrangell very well. She further reported that she had most recently, been a VP for Quality for Peace Health for over 10 years.

Sanger said that her initial term as the WMC Interim CEO would be for one year.

Assembly Member Jack stated that he had been to two of the Hospital Board meetings that Ms. Sanger had been in attendance. He spoke favorably of Ms. Sanger.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

13a Approval of the Wrangell Capital Project Priorities Requests for FY 2013-2014

Moved by Privett, seconded by Stough, to approve the Capital Project Priorities as presented.

Borough Manager Rooney reported that there had been a work session of the Borough Assembly to discuss and go over the capital project priorities; capital priorities list from last year had been presented; projects that had been funded or were complete had been removed from that list; additional capital projects had been identified. He stated that there were organizations in the community that had requested that their projects be added to this years proposed list.

Borough Manager Rooney said that there had been a current list of priority projects under \$100,000 that were identified. He said that this list would be given to the legislature along with the Capital Project Priorities List.

Borough Manager Rooney stated that the action on this item would be to approve the Capital Project Priorities list; the costs on the list could change.

Mayor McConachie said that he hoped that Wrangell was one of the only communities to submit a top ten priority list under \$100,000.

Ernie Christian, WCA President, thanked the Borough Assembly for adding the Carving Shed to the Capital Project Priorities list. He stated that the anticipated costs were estimated to be \$1 million dollars; they are currently funded for about \$500,000. He further stated that WCA was hoping that the State would help in the funding but they had requested grant funding as well.

Christian reported that for the rededication of Chief Shakes Island, there were already over 750 people confirmed for the May 3rd & 4th, 2013 event.

Assembly Member Privett commented on the 18 + jobs that had been created for the Carving Shed project.

Christian suggested that, looking forward, the City of Wrangell might want to have small totem poles carved and placed within the downtown area, specifically in the dirt corner areas along Front Street.

Rich Rhodes, P.O. Box 705, Superintendent of Wrangell Schools, thanked the Borough Assembly for adding their project to the Capital Priorities Project list. He stated that he was working hard to get the Schools Fire Alarm System funded by the Department of Education and Early Development on their Capital Improvements list. He stated that having the project as #7 on the Borough's Capital Project Priorities List would be very beneficial in possibly being funded by the Department of Education and Early Development.

Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13b PROPOSED RESOLUTION No. 12-12-1262: A RESOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, TO ACCEPT A LOAN IN THE AMOUNT OF UP TO \$196,928 FROM THE STATE OF ALASKA, DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION (DEC)

Moved by Stough, seconded by McCloskey, to adopt resolution.

Borough Manager Rooney reported that the project that this loan would be used for was #1 on the Capital Priorities Project list; the Borough had applied for grants for this project; this loan would be used only if the grant funds are not awarded. He further reported that the loan funds could be used for match funding if the Borough does get the grant funding. Also, with the Assembly approval, it would help the Borough score higher on the grant application.

Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13c Approval to dispose of City Surplus Property

Moved by McCloskey, seconded by Jack, to approve the items listed as surplus, that these items be advertised for bid as required under Wrangell Municipal Code Section 5.10.060, and to authorize the borough manager to dispose of any items not bid on in a manner in the best interest of the City. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

***13d** Final Plat approval of the Amended Industrial Park Subdivision III Plat, as requested by the City & Borough of Wrangell

APPROVED UNDER CONSENT AGENDA

ATTORNEY'S FILE

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

15a Discussion of Wrangell v. Rea, et.al. 1WR-12-55

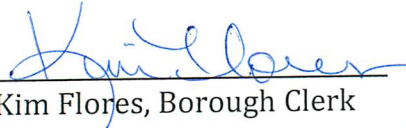
Moved by Stough, seconded by Privett, that pursuant to 44.62.320 (c) (2), that we recess into executive session to discuss matters that may tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person, specifically the Borough Clerk's Evaluation. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

Meeting recessed into Executive Session at 7:43 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 8:16 p.m.

Assembly Member Privett reported that the Borough Assembly had successfully completed the Borough Clerk's six month evaluation and that the Assembly chose to increase the Borough Clerk's rate of pay by one step.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:17 p.m.

ATTEST: 
Kim Flores, Borough Clerk


Donald J. McConachie, Mayor

