

**Minutes of Regular Assembly Meeting
Held on January 14, 2014**

Mayor David L. Jack called the Regular Assembly meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., January 14, 2014, in the Borough Assembly Chambers. Assembly Members Decker, Stough, Blake, and Wiederspohn were present. Assembly Members McCloskey and Stokes were absent. Borough Clerk Kim Lane was also in attendance. Clerk Lane was also acting as the Borough Manager.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Assembly Member Julie Decker.

Invocation was given by Chelsea Cleghon from the Baha'i Faith.

CEREMONIAL MATTERS – *Community Presentations, Proclamations, Certificates of Service, Guest Introductions*

- i. Certificate of Service: Sue Nelson, Parks & Recreation Board
From November 2005 to January 2014

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

There were no amendments to the agenda.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no Conflicts of Interest declared.

CONSENT AGENDA

M/S: Stough/Wiederspohn, to approve Consent Agenda Items marked with an () asterisk; 6a, 7a, 7b, 7c, 7d, 7e, 7f, 7g, 7h, 7i, & 7j. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Public Hearing and Regular Assembly meetings held December 10, 2013 were approved as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS

- *a 2014 Gaming Permit Application renewal for the Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks Lodge #1595
- *b 2014 Gaming Permit Application renewal for St. Rose of Lima Church
- *c 2014 Gaming Permit Application renewal for Wrangell Golf Club Inc.
- *d 2014 Gaming Permit Application renewal for The Friends of the Irene Ingle Public Library
- *e US Army Corps of Engineers Public Notice of Application for Permit from BW Enterprise, POA-2013-604 – Zimovia Strait for a marine transfer facility for materials
- *f 2014 Gaming Permit Application renewal for Wrangell Public Schools
- *g Minutes of the Thomas Bay Power Authority Commission Regular Teleconference Meetings held on July 25, 2013 and on September 24, 2013
- *h Renewal of Alcoholic Beverage Applications received by the State of Alaska, ABC Board for: the Totem Bar & Liquor Store for a Beverage Dispensary & Package Store; Muskeg Meadows Golf Course; & the Stikine Inn for a Beverage Dispensary-Tourism AS 04-11-400(d)
- *7i Minutes of the Regular School Board meeting held November 18, 2013
- *7j Board Action from the Special School Board meeting held January 6, 2014

Manager Jabusch clarified that this resolution was an annual resolution that allowed for fifty percent of the funds to be divided equally and the other fifty percent of the funds to be divided based on the community population.

Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13d Approval to temporarily change the tax deadline date

M/S: Wiederspohn/Stokes, to approve, extending the property tax payment due date from December 16, 2013 to December 23, 2013, which will allow adequate time for tax payers to receive their notice that will be mailed on December 6, 2013.

Manager Jabusch explained that the extension was being requested because the reminder notices had been delayed due to a problem with the tax program. He stated that the one-time extension would give some extra time for people to receive their notices.

Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

ATTORNEY'S FILE

Summary report was provided to the assembly.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Approval of the new Borough Manager's contract

M/S: Decker/Blake, 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: Approval of the new Borough Manager's Contract. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.


Recessed into Executive Session at 7:30 p.m.

Reconvened back into the Regular Meeting at 7:48 p.m.

M/S: Blake/Wiederspohn, to accept the conditions of the Borough Manager's contract as written without PERS. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:49 p.m.

ATTEST:


Kim Lane, Borough Clerk


David L. Jack, Mayor



PERSONS TO BE HEARD

Arnold Bakke, 15 Crest Drive, commented on Ordinance 871 that amended sections of the Harbor and Port Facilities. He voiced concern on the new regulations pertaining to the impoundment of vessels. He also voiced concern about the lighting issue at the inner harbor; stated that 9 out of 14 lights were out.

Greg Meissner, Wrangell Harbormaster, addressed Mr. Bakke's concerns on the Ordinance. He also stated that a licensed electrician had been contracted to perform the necessary electrical work at the harbor. He further stated that the Light Crew could not perform the work because the work that needed to be done had to be done by a licensed electrician.

Brian Ashton, 730 Case Ave., gave his report on the SEAPA Board meeting that was held on December 17, 2013.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no Unfinished Business.

NEW BUSINESS

13a PROPOSED ORDINANCE No. 873: AN ORDINANCE OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, AMENDING CHAPTER 6.04 OF THE WRANGELL MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES TO AMEND SECTION 6.04.100 ON HOURS OF SALE
(first reading)

M/S: Decker/Blake, to approve first reading and move to a second with a public hearing to be held on January 28, 2014.

Assembly Member Stough requested that the Borough Clerk notify the Bar Owners of the upcoming Public Hearing and invite them to attend, and if they chose, to give testimony.

Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13b PROPOSED RESOLUTION No. 01-13-1291: A RESOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, EXPRESSING STRONG SUPPORT FOR GOVERNOR PARNELL'S PROPOSAL TO APPROPRIATE \$3 BILLION FROM THE CONSTITUTIONAL BUDGET RESERVE INTO THE ALASKA RETIREMENT TRUST FUNDS IN 2015

M/S: Decker/Wiederspohn, to adopt Resolution No. 01-14-1291.

Assembly Member Stough voiced his concern that the proposal would extend the period in which the municipalities would pay the 22% by approximately 5 years.

Motion approved with Blake, Wiederspohn, Decker, and Mayor Jack voting yea; Stough voted nay.

13c Approval of a MOA between CBW and WCA

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Borough Manager Jabusch's Report was provided.

BOROUGH CLERK'S FILE

Borough Clerk Lane's Report was provided.

MAYOR/ASSEMBLY REPORTS AND APPOINTMENTS

10a Reports by Assembly Members

Assembly Member Decker spoke on the current sales tax cap on fuel sales; stated that a member of the community had asked her about this; cap on fuel sales currently was not on a single purchase; there was no sales tax exemption for a single sale over \$1200; will be going to the Code Review Committee to consider changing the code to allow for the sales tax exemption for single fuel sales over \$1200.

Assembly Member Decker also requested that teleconferencing practices is reviewed.

Assembly Member Stough expressed concern that a saw mill outfit had intended to put a saw mill in Wrangell but ended up putting it in Petersburg. He stated the saw mill could have brought more jobs to Wrangell.

Assembly Member Decker said that the Economic Development Committee had discussed this; staff had met with the owner on more than one occasion; over a period of two to three years (approximately), there had be a lot of back and forth discussion; owner had grown up in Petersburg; might have had some influence.

10b Special Energy Committee

Mayor Jack stated that the Special Energy Committee had served its purpose.

Assembly Member Stough requested that the Assembly consider at their next meeting to form an ongoing Energy Committee.

There were no objections from the Assembly.

M/S: Blake/Wiederspohn, to dissolve the Special Energy Committee. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

10c Appointment to fill the vacancy on the following Committee:

- Cemetery Committee – One unexpired term until October 2016

As there were no letters received for the Cemetery Committee vacancy, Mayor Jack directed the Borough Clerk to continue advertising for the that seat.

M/S: Stough/Wiederspohn, to approve the agreement with Wrangell Cooperative Association for the construction of paving Weber Street with funding to be supplied by grants secured by Wrangell Cooperative Association. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13d Approval of a contract to Corvus Design Inc. for the design of the Mariner's Memorial

M/S: Decker/Stough, to approve the agreement with Corvus Design, Inc. for design of the Mariner's Memorial in the amount of \$11,372 with funding to come from the Heritage Harbor grant.

In response to Mayor Jack, Greg Meissner stated that this was the first step; he said that this must be done before the bid process would occur for the actual construction of the memorial.

Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

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Recessed into Executive Session at 8:25 p.m.

Reconvened back into the Regular Meeting at 8:49 p.m.

M/S: Stough/Blake, to accept the conditions of the Borough Clerk's Agreement, with the change to Section 4, Benefits & Salary, Section A, to replace the word "shall" with the word "may", and that a step increase is granted. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:51 p.m.

ATTEST:

Kim Lane, CMC
Kim Lane, CMC, Borough Clerk

David L. Jack
David L. Jack, Mayor

