Minutes of Regular Assembly Meeting Held on February 11, 2014

Mayor David L. Jack called the Regular Assembly meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., February 11, 2014, in the Borough Assembly Chambers. Assembly Members Stough, Blake, Stokes, and McCloskey were present. Assembly Member Wiederspohn was absent. Assembly Member Decker participated telephonically. Borough Manager Jeff Jabusch and Borough Clerk Kim Lane were also in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Assembly Member Daniel Blake.

Invocation was given by Donald McConachie.

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

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: McCloskey/Blake, to approve Consent Agenda Items marked with an (*) asterisk; 6a, 7a, & 7b. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Public Hearing and Regular Assembly meetings held January 28, 2014 were approved, as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS

- *a. Minutes of the Thomas Bay Power Commission meeting held December 19, 2013
- *b. Wrangell Chamber of Commerce request to set 2014 tax free days for Saturday, May 3rd and Saturday, October 11th, 2014

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

In addition to the Borough Manager's Report, Manager Jabusch reported that he had met with the Petersburg Borough Manager and Mayor; Jabusch stated that the Petersburg Assembly would be considering passing a resolution at their next meeting (February 14th), to endorse our Resolution No. 12-13-1290 in its entirety. He further stated that this would address the non-net billable 50/50 payment.

Jabusch also reported that he had talked with Representative Peggy Wilson on the Evergreen project; they are working through the engineering part of the project and should go out to bid September, 2014; project should be completed in 2015.

BOROUGH CLERK'S FILE

Borough Clerk Lane's Report was provided.

MAYOR/ASSEMBLY REPORTS AND APPOINTMENTS

10a Reports by Assembly Members

Assembly Member Stough expressed his concern that the property that the City had purchased on Cassiar Street last year for the purpose of a turn-around would not be used for that purpose.

Manager Jabusch stated that that piece of property might be used as a through-street in the future. He also stated that it could be an option to put that piece of property up for sale so that it could be added back to the tax rolls.

10b Appointment to fill the vacancies on the following Committees:

• Cemetery Committee

One vacancy (unexpired term until October 2016)

• Parks & Recreation Board

One vacancy (unexpired term until October 2014)

With the consensus of the Assembly, Cindy Martin was appointed to fill the vacancy on the Parks & Recreation Board until October, 2014.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD

There were no Persons to be heard.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

12a Approval to provide the TBPC with a letter that commits to the future funding of TBPA Non-net billable funding (added from the January 28, 2014 Regular Assembly Meeting by Assembly Member Stough)

M/S: Stough/Blake, to postpone this item until the next meeting on February 25, 2014. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

12b Discussion and possible action on forming an Energy Committee (tabled at the January 28, 2014 regular Assembly Meeting)

M/S: Blake/Stough, to take this item from the table for discussion. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

M/S: Stough/Stokes, to form an ongoing Energy Committee.

Assembly Member Stough spoke in favor of forming an ongoing Energy Committee.

Assembly Member Blake stated that because of the Power Sales Agreement with SEAPA, we would not be able to purchase any alternative sources outside of SEAPA.

Manager Jabusch stated that he had talked with Clay Hammer, Wrangell Light & Power Superintendent and he stated that he has meet with the larger electric users to see what they were doing and what they would be doing.

Motion failed with Stokes and Stough voting yea; Blake, McCloskey, and Mayor Jack voting nay.

12c Discussion and possible action concerning the possibility of changing Brueger Street to a One-way street

M/S: McCloskey/Blake, to make Brueger Street a one-way street, with parking on both sides, and traffic to move in the Westerly direction.

Assembly Member Blake expressed concern keeping it a two-way street with no parking due to the amount of parking spaces that would be lost.

Assembly Member Stough offered the option of making it a one-way street with parking on only one side.

Assembly Member McCloskey stated that would eliminate a lot of parking with overflow going into business parking lots. She said that would not be fair to the businesses.

Motion failed with McCloskey and Blake voting yea; Stough, Stokes, and Mayor Jack voted nay.

NEW BUSINESS

13a PROPOSED ORDINANCE No. 874: AN ORDINANCE OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, AMENDING TITLE 2, ELECTIONS, OF THE WRANGELL MUNICIPAL CODE TO CLARIFY SECTION 2.04.050 ON WHO IS DECLARED ELECTED TO OFFICE AND SECTION 2.20.060 ON THE BALLOT FORM FOR OFFICES AND CANDIDATES (first reading)

M/S: Blake/Stough, to approve first reading and move to a second with a public hearing to be held on February 25, 2014.

Assembly Member McCloskey stated to Clerk Lane that this was really well done and that she appreciated the work that went into it.

Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13b Approval to dispose of City Surplus Property

M/S: Stough/Blake, to approve the items listed as surplus, that these items be advertised for bid as required under Wrangell Municipal Code 5.10.060, and authorize the Borough Manager to dispose of any items not bid on, in a manner that is in the best interest of the City. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

Request for partial funding for a SEAPA Board Member's travel expenses 13c

There was no action taken on this item.

Approval to allow SEAPA to run a Fiber Optic Line, utilizing CBW Power Poles, to improve communications

M/S: McCloskey/Blake, to approve SEAPA to run a Fiber Optic Line, by utilizing 66 City & Borough of Wrangell Power Poles from the Wrangell Switch Yard (Shoemaker) to the Wrangell Substation (Public Works Yard), at no cost to SEAPA.

At the request of Assembly Member McCloskey, Clerk Lane read Manager Jabusch's memo aloud for the listening public.

Manager Jabusch stated that this would be a communication issue and would improve Wrangell's overall communication.

Mayor Jack read the WMC Section relating to poles.

At the request of Assembly Member Stough, Manager Jabusch stated that he would write up an agreement for SEAPA to use our power poles and also for the City & Borough of Wrangell to use SEAPA power poles.

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Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

ATTORNEY'S FILE

Summary Report was provided to the Assembly.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ATTEST:

There was no Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:51 p.m.

City & Boses Kim Lane, CMC, Borough Clerk

David L. Jack, Mayor