

**Minutes of Regular Assembly Meeting  
Held on January 27, 2015**

Mayor David L. Jack called the Regular Assembly meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., January 27, 2015, in the Borough Assembly Chambers. Assembly Members Rooney, Mitchell, and Blake were present. Assembly Members Prysunka, Decker was absent. Borough Manager Jeff Jabusch and Clerk Kim Lane were also in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor David L. Jack.

Invocation was given by Kay Larson of the Baha'i Faith.

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

Mayor Jack presented a Certificate of Service to Pamela McCloskey for her time on the Borough Assembly.

**Marla Sanger, CEO and Olinda White, Interim CFO of the Wrangell Medical Center**, reported on December's and the to-date finances of the Medical Center.

Olinda White reported on the Actual FYE 2014/2015 Comparisons. She reported on six month revenues (down \$608,000 from last year), the Contractual Adjustments (Medicaid, Medicare, Blue Cross, and VA) and also includes Journal Entries from entries that were made by the prior accountant that had essentially increased the revenues and decreased the expenses. Ms. White also reported on the expenses. Ms. White stated that at this time, the Medical Center was able to hold their own and pay their bills.

Ms. White stated that the budget amendment on the Agenda for the Assembly's approval was due to the prior accountant incorrectly increasing revenue. Ms. White stated that he had budgeted for grants and had missed the repair and maintenance on the mammogram machine.

In response to Assembly Member Mitchell, Ms. White said that the reason why salaries had jumped from 2014 to 2015 was due to more contracted positions being hired on instead of being contracted. She also said that the Professional Fees had dropped \$448,181.61 from last year.

In response to Assembly Member Blake, Marla Sanger Malpractice insurance had gone up due to the recent past claims that had been ongoing since she arrived; the rates are based on past claims. Ms. Sanger said that the increase in the Legal fees were due to what the auditor said was "clean-up" from the past 5 years. Ms. Sanger also said that the fees were also due in part to the attorney fees for the release from the Innovative Capital Contract. Ms. Sanger stated that the Medial Center does have a broker that shops around for better rates.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA** – None

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST** – None

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**M/S: Blake/Mitchell, to approve Consent Agenda Items marked with an (\*) asterisk; 6a and 7a through 7e, and 13h. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.**

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the Regular Assembly meeting held on January 13, 2015 were approved, as presented.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

- \*a. Acknowledge receipt of the City and Borough of Wrangell's Year End 06-30-2014 Basic Financial Statements, Required Supplementary Information, and Single Audit Reports
- \*b. Gaming Permit application from the Petersburg Gun Range
- \*c. Gaming Permit application from Catholic Community Services
- \*d. School Board action from the January 19, 2015 Regular Mtg.
- \*e. Approve May 2<sup>nd</sup> and October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015 as the 2015 Tax Free Days (submitted by the Wrangell Chamber of Commerce)

\*13h. Final Plat approval of the SEALEVEL SUBDIVISION Plat Map

## **BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT**

The Borough Manager's Report was provided.

## **BOROUGH CLERK'S FILE**

The Borough Clerk's Report was provided.

## **MAYOR/ASSEMBLY REPORTS AND APPOINTMENTS**

10a There were no reports from the Mayor or the Assembly Members.

10b Appointment to fill the Vacancy on the Borough Assembly

***Assembly Member Blake made a motion to appoint Billie Younce to the Borough Assembly for the unexpired term ending on October 2015. Motion died for a lack of a second.***

Borough Clerk Lane requested that a recess be called so that she could try and contact the Borough Attorney for advice on how the Assembly should proceed since according to State Statutes, the appointment would need to be made within 30 days of when the seat was vacated.

Recessed at: 7:18 p.m.

Reconvened at: 7:20 p.m.

Clerk Lane stated that she was not able to get ahold of the Borough Attorney and explained that the Assembly had two options this evening. She said that they could ask Ms. Younce to come to the podium so that they could ask her questions; or they could wait until the February 10<sup>th</sup> Regular Assembly meeting to see if any more letters of interest came in. Lane also stated that the Assembly had until February 12<sup>th</sup> to make the appointment, so waiting until the next meeting would be okay.

It was the consensus of the Assembly to wait until the February 10<sup>th</sup> meeting to make the appointment.

10c Appointment to fill the Vacancy on the Planning & Zoning Commission

As there were no letters of interest received for this vacancy, the Mayor directed the Borough Clerk to continue advertising for the vacancy.

## **PERSONS TO BE HEARD**

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**12a** PROPOSED ORDINANCE No. 890: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTERS 3.40 AND 3.68 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODES FOR THE WRANGELL AND PETERSBURG BOROUGHs TO BE ENTITLED THOMAS BAY POWER COMMITTEE, MAKING THE COMMITTEE ADVISORY TO THE WRANGELL AND PETERSBURG BOROUGH ASSEMBLIES AND ACKNOWLEDGING THE CHANGE IN FORMS OF GOVERNMENTS FOR BOTH COMMUNITIES *(second reading)*

*M/S: Blake/Rooney, to approve Ordinance No. 890. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.*

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**13a** PROPOSED ORDINANCE No. 892: AN ORDINANCE OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 9.12, FIREWORKS, OF THE WRANGELL MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO WHERE FIREWORKS ARE PROHIBITED, AND ADDING A NEW SECTION ON PENALTY FOR VIOLATION *(first reading)*

*M/S: Rooney/Blake, to approve first reading and move to a second with a Public Hearing to be held on February 10, 2015. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.*

**13b** PROPOSED ORDINANCE No. 893: AN ORDINANCE OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, AMENDING TITLE 10, PUBLIC PEACE, MORALS, AND WELFARE, OF THE WRANGELL MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADD A NEW CHAPTER 10.18 ON ABUSE OF 911 SYSTEM, AND TO AMEND CERTAIN SECTIONS OF CHAPTERS 10.32 AND 10.36 RELATING TO WEAPONS AND DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS *(first reading)*

*M/S: Rooney/Blake, to approve first reading and move to a second with a Public Hearing to be held on February 10, 2015.*

Assembly Member Mitchell questioned the current ordinance language that prohibited discharging weapons within one-half mile in the service area as defined in WMC 1.06.040 (10.36.010, A).

*M/S: Mitchell/Blake, to change the code section to say that discharging weapons was prohibited up to mile 6. Amendment failed with Rooney, Mitchell, Jack voting yes; Blake voted no.*

Mayor Jack questioned the current ordinance language that addressed supervision and activity being safely conducted (10.36.020, B)

*M/S: Blake/Rooney, to add the verbiage to the code section to say that the person shooting shall be adequately supervised by a person over the age of 18. Amendment approved unanimously by polled vote.*

***Main Motion, as amended was approved unanimously by polled vote.***

**13c** PROPOSED ORDINANCE No. 894: AN ORDINANCE OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, AMENDING THE MINOR OFFENSE FINE SCHEDULE IN CHAPTER 1.20, GENERAL PENALTY, OF THE WRANGELL MUNICIPAL CODE (*first reading*)

***M/S: Blake/Mitchell, to approve first reading and move to a second with a Public Hearing to be held on February 10, 2015. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.***

**13d** PROPOSED RESOLUTION No. 01-15-1309: A RESOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, REQUESTS THAT THE ALASKA'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION SEEK AN EXTENSION ON REAUTHORIZATION OF THE SRS PROGRAM IN EARLY 2015

***M/S: Rooney/Blake, to adopt Resolution No. 01-15-1309, requesting that the Alaska's Congressional Delegation seek an extension on the reauthorization program in early 2015. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.***

**13e** PROPOSED RESOLUTION No. 01-15-1310: A RESOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, APPROVING THE BOROUGH'S PARTICIPATION IN A PROPOSED REFINANCING BY THE ALASKA MUNICIPAL BOND BANK OF THE BOND BANK'S GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS THAT PROVIDED FUNDS TO PURCHASE THE GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND, 2006, OF THE FORMER CITY OF WRANGELL, UNDER A LOAN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE BOND BANK; AND AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH'S FINANCE DIRECTOR TO APPROVE A REVISED SCHEDULE OF PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST PAYMENTS ON THE CITY'S 2006 BOND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LOAN AGREEMENT, IF THE BOND BANK SUCCESSFULLY REFINANCES ITS BONDS

***M/S: Blake/Rooney, to adopt Resolution No. 01-15-1310, that approves the participation in the Alaska Municipal Bond Bank's refinancing of the 2006-A Series General Obligation Bond, and approves the revised schedule of principal and interest payments.***

In response to Assembly Member Blake, Finance Director Burgess stated that the term of the loan would not change.

Manager Jabusch stated that since we have always paid our bonds on time, refinancing this loan should not change our credit rating.

***Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.***

**13f** Approval of the engineering services for the Shoemaker Bay Replacement RFP project

***M/S: Blake/Rooney, to approve the proposal for contract design services for the Shoemaker Bay Float Design Project to PND Engineer's Inc. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.***

**13g** Approval of a Construction Contract award for the Wrangell City Dock Fender Pile Replacement project

***M/S: Mitchell/Blake, to approve a construction contract award for the Wrangell City Dock Fender Pile Replacement project.***

Manager Jabusch stated that there was only one bid received for this project from Western Dock & Bridge, LLC and that the contract amount would be for \$327,000.00.

***Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.***

**13h** Final Plat approval of the SEALEVEL SUBDIVISION

***\*\*This item was approved under the consent agenda\*\****

**13i** Approval of an Appraisal to Modify an existing Tidelands Lease for SEALEVEL SEAFOODS, LLC., to include a portion of A.T.S 81, adjacent to A.T.S. 1114, Tract B. (as requested by Vern Phillips of Sealevel Seafoods, LLC.)

***M/S: Blake/Mitchell, to approve the appraisal for modification to the existing Tidelands Lease, described as Lot 1, Sealevel Subdivision II, a portion of ATS 81, Wrangell, Alaska, and to increase the annual lease amount from \$3,804.00 to \$4,236.00, as presented. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.***

**13j** Approval of a budget amendment for the Wrangell Medical Center

***M/S: Blake/Rooney, to approve a budget amendment to the FY 2015 Wrangell Medical Center Budget in the amount of \$582,031 for discrepancies found following the audit. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.***


**ATTORNEY'S FILE** – Summary Report was provided to the Assembly

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** – None

Meeting adjourned at: 8:<sup>05</sup>p.m.

ATTEST:

  
Kim Lane, Borough Clerk

  
David L. Jack, Mayor

