

**Minutes of Regular Assembly Meeting
Held on May 26, 2015**

Mayor David L. Jack called the Regular Assembly meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., May 26, 2015, in the Borough Assembly Chambers. Assembly Members Mitchell, Powell, Prysunka, Rooney, and Blake were present. Assembly Member Decker was absent. Borough Manager Jeff Jabusch, Clerk Kim Lane, and Deputy Clerk Lavonne Klinke were also in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Assembly Member Daniel Blake.

Invocation was given by Molly Prysunka.

CEREMONIAL MATTERS – *Community Presentations, Proclamations, Certificates of Service, Guest Introductions* - None

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA – None

CONFLICT OF INTEREST – None

CONSENT AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Board of Equalization Meeting held May 11, 2015, the Budget Public Hearing and Regular Assembly meetings held May 12, 2015, and the Special Assembly meeting held May 14, 2015 was approved, as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS

- *a. POA-205-296 Application from Robert Darymple, US Forest Service.
- *b. Minutes of the School Board Minutes from March 16, 2015
- *c. Quarterly Expenditure Report for SE Senior Services covering January 1, 2015 through March 31, 2015

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Jabusch's report was provided.

Carol Rushmore, Economic Development Director, reported that the "Byford Junkyard" site had been tested by EPA and that they had found high levels of lead contamination; EPA is putting together a response plan to work on the clean-up of the area; EPA working with us to try and acquire funds for them to come in and clean-up the area; City will be posting Warning signs to keep people out of the contaminated area.

BOROUGH CLERK'S FILE

The Borough Clerk's Report was provided.

MAYOR/ASSEMBLY REPORTS AND APPOINTMENTS

10a Reports by Assembly Members

Assembly Member Prysunka reported that the Hospital Board had passed their budget at the last meeting; should be coming to the Assembly for the first meeting in June for Assembly approval. Prysunka asked that Clerk Lane request the budget in advance of the June meeting so that the Assembly could have time to review it. Prysunka also reported that the next SEAPA meeting would be held in Ketchikan in June.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD

Pam McCloskey, 210 Second Street, questioned the due date for the proposed property tax due date; why not make it due around dividend time?

Manager Jabusch explained that they had reviewed all options and the proposed date was the best date.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

12a Approval of a contract with Mike Allen Jr. for Temporary Use, to harvest timber on City Owned property

M/S: Prysunka/Mitchell, to authorize the Borough Manager to execute the Agreement between the City and Borough of Wrangell and Mike Allen for the purpose of harvesting trees on the Borough owned Institute property. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

12b PROPOSED ORDINANCE No. 901: AN ORDINANCE OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, AMENDING SECTIONS 5.04.350 AND 5.04.360 OF CHAPTER 5.04, PROPERTY TAX, OF THE WRANGELL MUNICIPAL CODE TO AMEND THE DUE DATE FOR PAYMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES AND THE PENALTY AND INTEREST FOR LATE PAYMENTS OF PROPERTY TAXES (second reading)

M/S: Blake/Mitchell, to adopt Ordinance No. 901.

Assembly Member Blake questioned if it would hurt the City to move the new due date to October 15th instead of the proposed September 15th due date.

Manager Jabusch replied that it wouldn't however, that Staff had researched the possible due dates and that it was the best option; right now, most people pay the balance in full at the current due date of August 15th; the proposed due date of September 15th would be two months after that current due date.

In response to Assembly Member Rooney, Jabusch stated that the City did not allow property owners to pay their property taxes with their credit card.

In response to Assembly Member Powell, Jabusch stated that there was no grace period for paying property taxes.

Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

12c PROPOSED ORDINANCE No. 902: AN ORDINANCE OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 5.26 TO TITLE 5, REVENUE AND FINANCE, OF THE WRANGELL MUNICIPAL CODE TO ESTABLISH THE INVESTMENT POLICY AND OBJECTIVES FOR THE SWIMMING POOL FUND (*second reading*)

M/S: Rooney/Mitchell, to adopt Ordinance No. 902. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

12d PROPOSED ORDINANCE No. 903: AN ORDINANCE OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, PLACING THE QUESTION OF EXEMPTION FROM AS 39.50, THE STATE OF ALASKA'S PUBLIC OFFICIAL FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE LAW, ON THE BALLOT FOR THE OCTOBER 6, 2015 REGULAR BOROUGH ELECTION (*first reading*)

M/S: Powell/Prysunka, to approve first reading of Ordinance No. 903, and move to a second with a Public Hearing to be held on June 9, 2015. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

NEW BUSINESS

13a Approval of the preferred conceptual Waterfront Master Plan, submitted by Corvus Design, Inc.

M/S: Blake/Powell, to approve the preferred conceptual Waterfront Master Plan, as submitted by Corvus Design, Inc. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13b RESOLUTION No. 05-15-1317: A RESOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, LEVYING A GENERAL TAX FOR SCHOOL AND MUNICIPAL PURPOSES UPON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE BOROUGH FOR THE TAX YEAR 2015 PURSUANT TO WRANGELL MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 5.04.010; PROVIDING FOR THE COLLECTION OF TAXES DUE IN 2015 AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES AND INTEREST FOR DELINQUENT TAXES

M/S: Prysunka/Blake, to adopt Resolution No. 05-15-1317, approving the General Tax Levy for Tax year 2015. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13c RESOLUTION No. 05-15-1318: A RESOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR ALL FUNDS OF THE CITY OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016

M/S: Blake/Powell, to adopt Resolution No. 05-15-1318, approving the FY 2015-2016 Budget.

Assembly Member Prysunka questioned if the City would be able to set funds aside for a new Pumper for the Fire Department; ISO rating could be reevaluated and revoked if the equipment was determined to be out of date; public safety is always a major concern.

Manager Jabusch stated that each year, the departments submit a list of items that need to be replaced immediately; it's hard to justify this huge expenditure for something that does not need to be replaced right now; ISO rating was just completed and won't be done again for another 10 years.

In response to Prysunka, Jabusch stated that a "savings account" simply wouldn't work because each year if more immediate items came up, that fund would get used up.

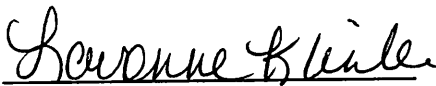
Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

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


EXECUTIVE SESSION – None

Regular Assembly Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

ATTEST:



Lavonne Klinke, Deputy Borough Clerk


David L. Jack, Mayor

