

**Minutes of Regular Assembly Meeting
Held on June 9, 2015**

Mayor David L. Jack called the Regular Assembly meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., June 9, 2015, in the Borough Assembly Chambers. Assembly Members Mitchell, Powell, Decker, Prysunka, Rooney, and Blake were present. Borough Manager Jeff Jabusch and Deputy Clerk Lavonne Klinke were also in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Assembly Member Becky Rooney.

Invocation was given by Don McConachie.

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

A Certificate of Service was presented for Michael Brown for his service on the Parks & Recreation Board

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Mayor Jack suggested that Item 13d be considered after Item 13g at the end of the agenda. There were no objections from the Assembly.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Assembly Member Prysunka declared a potential conflict of interest to Item 13d (Wrangell Medical Center's FY 2015-16 budget), and 13g (addendum to the Wrangell Medical Center's Master Service Agreement with TruBridge) since his wife is contracted by the Wrangell Medical Center and also with Alaska Island Community Services.

Mayor Jack stated that he did not see that there would be a conflict of interest for Item 13d or 13g (Approval of the Wrangell Medical Center's FY 2015-16 Budget, and the addendum to the Master Service Agreement with TruBridge). The Mayor stated that (with regards to Item 13d) since his wife's contract was already in place, approving the budget would not affect that contract.

There were no objections from the Assembly to the Mayor's ruling on the potential conflict.

Mayor Jack declared a potential conflict of interest to item 13g, since he often serves in the civil process for Northern Credit Services, which is the current billing organization out of Ketchikan.

The Assembly did not see a conflict of interest to his situation.

CONSENT AGENDA

M/S: Decker/Prysunka, to approve Consent Agenda Items marked with an () asterisk; 6a & 7a. Assembly Member Decker requested that Item *13a be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered under New Business. There were no objections from the Assembly on this request. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Budget Public Hearing, Public Hearing, and Regular Assembly meetings held May 26, 2015 was approved, as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS

***7a** Minutes from the Regular School Board meeting held April 27, 2015

***13a** Final Plat approval for the Edgley-Massin Subdivision

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Jabusch's report was provided.

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 with regards to SEAPA, that he had been given information that a SEAPA Board Member from Ketchikan has been calling up former members of Thomas Bay Power Commission and former employees and telling them that the SEAPA agreement could be nullified by SEAPA, essentially leaving the participating members in the lurch, which is not true. Prysunka stated that the only way that something like this could happen is if SEAPA defaulted on their bonds and essentially went bankrupt. In that case, SEAPA would cease to exist. Prysunka stated that he was very concerned about this SEAPA Board Member and that he would be addressing this at the SEAPA Board Meeting tomorrow.

Prysunka urged any community members or Assembly Members to call him or Clay Hammer, SEAPA Board Member, Wrangell if they should have any questions or concerns regarding SEAPA or SEAPA personnel.

Assembly Member Decker stated that the governor had starting holding meeting regarding the fiscal situation of the State. She said that there was a really good informational website on the governor's page that looks at what the forecast is for the next 10 years, projected revenues, projected income, and how to fill the gap.

10b Dan Rudy was appointed by the Mayor to fill the vacancy on the Parks & Recreation Board with the understanding of confidential items stay confidential, for the unexpired term ending October 2015. There were no objections from the Assembly.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD - None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

12a 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
(second reading)

M/S: Mitchell/Rooney, to adopt Ordinance No. 903. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

NEW BUSINESS

***13a** Final Plat approval for the Edgley-Massin Subdivision

M/S: Decker/Blake, to approve the Final Plat for the Edgley-Massin Subdivision

In response to Assembly Member Decker's question on if the controversy surrounding this plat had been worked out, Manager Jabusch stated that there were still some items that were not resolved; Mr. Edgley wanted to get the property cleaned up; there were still issues with the Massin property.

Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13b PROPOSED RESOLUTION No. 06-15-1320: A RESOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF PUBLIC LAND, LOTS 2 AND 4, R.A.L SUBDIVISION, USS 1119, WRANGELL TOWNSITE, BY QUITCLAIM DEED, TO TYLER THOMPSON AND KATHERINE IVY

M/S: Prysunka/Powell, to approve Resolution No. 06-15-1320. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13c PROPOSED RESOLUTION No. 05-15-1319: A RESOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CITY OWNED LOTS TO BE SOLD OVER THE COUNTER

M/S: Blake/Prysunka, to approve Resolution No. 05-15-1319, authorizing city owned lots to be sold over-the-counter pursuant to WMC 16.12.105. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

Agenda Item 13d was moved down and placed under Agenda Item 13g, as per Assembly Action.

13e Approval of a contract award to Advanced Truck Body & Equipment Co. for the F550 Truck and Service Body and of a budget amendment from the Water and Sewer funds

M/S: Powell/Blake, to approve a contract award to Advanced Truck Body & Equipment Co. for the supply of a Ford F550 Truck and Service Body in the amount of \$53,549 with funding to come from the approved 2016 Fiscal Year water and sewer budgets and also to include a budget amendment in the amount of \$1,774.50 from the sewer fund and \$1,774.50 from water fund to complete the funding needed for the purchase. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13f PROPOSED RESOLUTION No. 06-15-1321: A RESOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, AUTHORIZING A PLAN OF FINANCING FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF SHOEMAKER BAY HARBOR, INCLUDING THE ISSUANCE OF HARBOR REVENUE BONDS AND APPLICATIONS FOR GRANT FUNDING AND FOR THE SALE OF THE REVENUE BONDS

M/S: Decker/Powell, to adopt Resolution No. 06-15-1321, authorizing a plan for financing for the Shoemaker Bay Harbor reconstruction.

In response to Assembly Member Decker, Finance Director Burgess explained the commercial infrastructure funding and how it all works.

Manager Jabusch explained that we are far along in this project so that would help up in the funding selection process with the State.

Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13g Approval of an addendum to the Wrangell Medical Center's Master Service Agreement with TruBridge to add Accounts Receivable Management Services

M/S: Blake/Rooney, to approve the addendum to the Wrangell Medical Center's Master Service Agreement with TruBridge to add Accounts Receivable Management services, as presented.

Marla Sanger, WMC CEO, 223 1st Street and Doran Hammett, WMC CFO, 612 Etolin, provided detailed information and proposed amendment the TruBridge Master Service Agreement. Ms. Sanger explained that in the amendment would change the Master Service Agreement with TruBridge, to add secondary billing services in order to improve the revenue situation for the Wrangell Medical Center by increasing cash and reducing accounts receivable.

Ms. Sanger and Mr. Hammett explained that with this amendment, the Wrangell Medical Center would be paying 2.2% service fee to TruBridge on all patient billed cash received.

Mr. Hammett stated that this amendment would be costing the Wrangell Medical Center money; there would not be a savings at this time; would see some improvement in revenues.

Recessed at 8:18 p.m.

Reconvened at 8:23 p.m.

Mayor Jack stated that Assembly Member Mitchell had to leave the meeting.

Decker asked if the Wrangell Medical Center had approved this amendment. Ms. Sanger stated that yes, they had approved it unanimously.

In response to Decker, Mr. Hammett stated that the 2.2% fee was not incorporated into the FY 2015-2016 Budget that the Assembly would be considering next.

Decker stated that this appeared to be a good plan for the short term; she said that it's a good idea to bring people up through the ranks at the hospital but we are just barely out of trouble here and need to take it seriously.

Assembly Member Rooney said that it might be a good idea to task the Wrangell Medical Center Board to come up with a training match for a current employee at the Wrangell Medical Center;

someone who could train and learn now so that when we revisit this, we have someone in place who is trained.

Ms. Sanger stated that there was a tuition reimbursement plan in place now; in full support of "growing our own".

Mr. Hammett stated that we had a 90 day clause to cancel the contract after two years.

Assembly Member Powell said that it's a fact of business that employees get the training and then move on where they can receive better pay; since this service will cost us a couple hundred thousand a year now, it would be a really good idea to get someone trained so that we can look at having that person do this job with good benefits in the future.

M/S: Decker/ to amend the original motion to include: and request that the Wrangell Borough Assembly receive a plan from the Wrangell Medical Center Board and Staff regarding future training for billing by local Staff by the end of the calendar year.

Assembly Member Prysunka stated that if we were going to go with TruBridge now, it would be a burden to mandate a training program now; small towns require creativity; why couldn't we hire someone to come in and do the receptionist responsibilities and have Rose take care of just the billing services? Prysunka stated that our town needs jobs; every job that we give away to somewhere else hurts everyone.

In response to Prysunka's question as to if after two years, would the Wrangell Medical Center be required to bring the back to the Assembly for renewal, Mayor Jack said that the way that he read it was that if the Assembly approved the amendment to the Master Service Agreement, they would essentially be agreeing to the renewal date as well.

In response to Prysunka, Ms. Sanger stated that she was still awaiting a response from the Borough Attorney on if the Liability language should be in the amendment twice or if it should be in there just once. Ms. Sanger stated that Borough Attorney Blasco had approved the rest of the agreement in its entirety.

Amendment to the main motion was approved with Blake, Rooney, Decker, Powell and Mayor Jack voting yes; Prysunka voted no.

In response to Powell, Manager Jabusch stated that he didn't know any more than what was talked about this evening, based on the discussion and what was provided by the Wrangell Medical Center staff.

Main motion, as amended was approved with Rooney, Decker, Blake, and Mayor Jack voting yes; Prysunka and Powell voted no.

13d Approval of the FY 2015-16 Wrangell Medical Center Budget (*moved down on the Agenda, per Assembly action*)

M/S: Prysunka/Blake, to approve the Wrangell Medical Center FY 2015-2016 Annual Budget, as presented.

Mayor Jack questioned if the TruBridge amendment was incorporated into this budget. Mr. Hammett answered that it was not.

Prysunka stated though that in essence, if you have this billing in place, you will be collecting more cash flow; won't get charged for what is not collected.

Ms. Sanger stated that we would only be paying the 2.2% on cash that they collected.

Blake questioned the travel expenses and if the administration could cut down on their travel.

Mr. Hammett stated that all travel would be grouped under Administration for each department; not under each individual job description; only budgeting for essential travel.

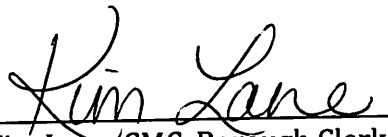
Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.


ATTORNEY'S FILE –None

EXECUTIVE SESSION – None

Regular Assembly Meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

ATTEST:


Kim Lane, CMC, Borough Clerk


Daniel Blake, Vice-Mayor

