

## Minutes of Regular Assembly Meeting

**Held on September 14, 2021**

Mayor Prysunka called the Regular Assembly meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., September 14, 2021, in the Borough Assembly Chambers. Assembly Member Courson led the pledge of allegiance, and the roll was called.

PRESENT: COURSON, HOWE, DALRYMPLE, GILBERT, MORRISON, PRYSUNKA

ABSENT: POWELL

Borough Manager Von Bargaen and Borough Clerk Lane were also in attendance.

CEREMONIAL MATTERS – None.

### PERSONS TO BE HEARD / PUBLIC CORRESPONDENCE

**Breanna Walker, Salmon Beyond Borders** outlined what they were asking for on discussion item (13a), Resolution to temporarily halt the permitting, exploration, development, and expansion of Canadian Mines along the Alaska – British Columbia transboundary salmon rivers.

**Tis Peterman, Southeast Alaska Indigenous Transboundary Commission** also asked for the “pause” any permits for mines on the Southeast Alaska Region.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA – None.

### CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Courson declared a Conflict of Interest to the Executive Session, due to personal reasons. Prysunka accepted Courson’s declaration. There were no objections from the Assembly.

### CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Minutes of the August 24, 2021 Regular Assembly Meeting
- b. POA-2021-00418 Permit Application from Garrett Gablehouse to Utilize and Maximize the Length of His Property

***M/S: Gilbert/Courson to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.***

### BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Von Bargaen’s report was provided.

Captain Dorianne Sprehe provided a COVID-19 update.

### BOROUGH CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Lane’s report was provided.

### MAYOR AND ASSEMBLY BUSINESS

Prysunka reported that he signed onto a letter (along with other AK Mayors) that AML submitted on the Telehealth Legislation that went to the State Legislature and had provisions that extended the ability for doctors and nurse practitioners using Telehealth and lowered some of the hospital staff requirements; the

mining can be done, just needs to be done correctly; also to include that of all of the rivers that are at risk, Wrangell stands to be greatly impacted.

In response to Gilbert on how many communities have signed onto the Resolution that they provided, Ms. Walker stated that three communities, a number of tribal entities, and over two dozen businesses and organizations have signed on, again using the provided Resolution.

**13b RESOLUTION No. 09-21-1606** OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY & BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA FOR ACCEPTANCE OF CORONAVIRUS LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS AWARD TO NON-ENTITLEMENT UNITS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT (NEUS) FROM THE ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (HEREINAFTER "DEPARTMENT")

***M/S: Howe/Morrison to approve Resolution No. 09-21-1606.***

Manager Von Bargaen stated that this Resolution is required to receive the ARPA funds.

Gilbert asked that the wording "or designee" to the last paragraph where it states that the Borough Manager is authorized to execute subsequent amendment to said agreement.

Von Bargaen stated that she would check with DCCED to see if that would be allowed and if so, would make the addition.

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

**13c** Approval of a Contract Award to Heller High Water, LLC in the Amount of \$24,500 for the City Dock Fender Pile Repair Project

***M/S: Gilbert/Morrison to approve a contract award to Heller High Water, LLC in the amount of \$24,500 for the City Dock Fender Pile Repair project. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.***

**13d RESOLUTION No. 09-21-1608** OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY & BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA AMENDING THE FY 2022 BUDGET IN THE GENERAL FUND BY TRANSFERRING \$41,000 FROM GENERAL FUND RESERVES TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT BUDGET AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXPENDITURE FOR INSURANCE AND 911 SYSTEM SUPPORT

***M/S: Gilbert/Courson to approve Resolution No. 09-21-1608. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.***

**13e** Approval of FY 2022 911 System Support Contract with Combix, Inc. in the Amount of \$23,784

***M/S: Gilbert/Courson to approve the FY 2022 911 System Support Contract with Combix, Inc. in the Amount of \$23,784. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.***

**13f** Approval of Professional Services Agreement for FY 2022 Tax Assessment & Appraisal Services with Appraisal Company of Alaska in the Amount of \$40,000