

**Minutes of Regular Assembly Meeting  
Held on January 12, 2016**

Mayor David L. Jack called the Regular Assembly meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., January 12, 2016, in the Borough Assembly Chambers. Assembly Members Mitchell, Decker, Powell, Prysunka and Rooney were present. Assembly Member Blake was absent. Borough Manager Jeff Jabusch was absent. Borough Clerk Kim Lane was in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Assembly Member David Powell.

The Invocation was given by Don McConachie.

**CEREMONIAL MATTERS**

Certificate of Service was presented for Beth Blake – Wrangell Medical Center Board

**AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA - None**

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST - None**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

*M/S: Rooney/Decker, to approve Consent Agenda Items marked with an (\*) asterisk; Item 6a, 7a, 7b, 7c, 7d, 7e, 7f, 7g, 7h and 13b. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.*

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of the Special (rescheduled from the December 8, 2015 Regular) Assembly meeting held December 17, 2015, and the minutes of the Special Assembly meeting held December 21, 2015 were approved as presented.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

- a. Liquor license renewals from:
  - 1. Totem Bar & Liquor Store (Beverage Dispensary)
  - 2. Totem Bar & Liquor Store (Package Store)
  - 3. Muskeg Meadows Golf Course (Golf Course-Seasonal)
  - 4. Bob's IGA (Package Store)
  - 5. Stikine Inn (Beverage Dispensary – Tourism)
- b. Gaming permit renewal application from Wrangell Public Schools
- c. Gaming permit renewal application from St. Rose Catholic Church
- d. Port Commission minutes from the Regular meetings held: May 7, 2015, May 26, 2015, August 6, 2015, and October 1, 2015
- e. Wrangell Medical Center minutes from the November 18, 2015 Regular mtg.
- f. Gaming permit renewal application from the Friends of the Irene Ingle Public Library
- g. School Board action from the Regular mtg. held December 17, 2015
- h. School Board minutes from the Regular mtg. held November 16, 2015

\*13b Final Plat approval for Lot Line Adjustment, requested by Jeff Barlow

**BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT**

There was no Manager's Report for this meeting.

#### **BOROUGH CLERK'S FILE**

Clerk Lane's report was provided.

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

##### **10a Reports by Assembly Members**

Assembly Member Prysunka reported that the next SEAPA Board meeting would be held in Wrangell in February. He said that if any members of the public had questions about SEAPA he encouraged them to come and speak to either him or Clay Hammer, representatives of SEAPA; this would allow clear communication and good information flowing out to the community.

##### **10b Appointment to fill the vacancies on various City Boards, Committees, and Commissions**

As there were no letters of interest received for the vacant seats, the Mayor directed the Clerk to continue advertising.

##### **10c Appointment to fill the vacancy on the Wrangell Medical Center Hospital Board, Unexpired term ending October 2016**

As there were no letters of interest received for the vacant seat, the Mayor directed the Clerk to continue advertising.

#### **PERSONS TO BE HEARD**

**Jeanie Arnold, 525 Zimovia Hwy**, introduced herself as a representative of KSTK and stated that she would be in the audience to answer questions on the Resolution that KSTK brought forward.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**12a PROPOSED ORDINANCE No. 913:** AN ORDINANCE OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, AMENDING CHAPTER 14.09, PROHIBITED PRACTICES, AND CHAPTER 14.11, FEES AND PENALTIES, OF TITLE 14, HARBOR AND PORT FACILITIES, OF THE WRANGELL MUNICIPAL CODE, TO ADD A NEW SECTION 14.09.120 ON PENALTY FOR VIOLATION AND REFERENCE THE FINE SCHEDULE IN WMC 1.20.050, AND REPEAL SECTION 14.11.015 ON PENALTIES (*second reading*)

***M/S: Prysunka/Decker, to adopt Ordinance No. 913. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.***

**12b PROPOSED ORDINANCE No. 914:** 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 (*second reading*)

***M/S: Decker/Powell, to adopt Ordinance No. 914. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.***

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**13a** Approval to sell Harbor Surplus items

***M/S: Rooney/Decker, 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.***

**\*13b** Final Plat approval for Lot Line Adjustment, requested by Jeff Barlow  
***This item was approved under the Consent Agenda.***

**13c** Approval of a second amendment to the Facility Lease Agreement between the City of Wrangell and Charles Jenkins that extends the lease five years

***M/S: Powell/Prysunka, to postpone this amendment to the Facility Lease Agreement for Yard Lot 2 between the City & Borough of Wrangell and Charles Jenkins, and to send it back to the Port Commission until they have made their modifications to the rate schedule, and to allow this lease to continue as is, month to month, until the Assembly receives the request to modify the term and possibly the rate of the lease.***

Assembly Member Powell stated that he made this motion because the Port Commission was currently evaluating all of their rates; wanted to have the Port Commission look at this again and possibly reevaluate the other leases coming due this month to have them be consistent in the rate charges.

Assembly Member Mitchell said that Mr. Jenkins has a big investment in the business that he has at the Marine Service Center; believes that Mr. Jenkins would want the extra time to help pay for what he had put into it; believes that the Mr. Jenkins should stay at the current rate and then look at it again in five years.

Powell: there are other leases coming due in the near future; to make it fair for all lease holders, it would be fair to have the rates all be the same.

Mitchell: concerned that if we make the rates too high, people will not want to come to Wrangell for their marine services; will no longer be a bargain to come here; Sitka is building a new shipyard; if we have all of our rates the same, they will not come here.

Powell: stated that he was not looking at doing anything but send it back to the Port Commission so that they could reevaluate it; if the Port Commission sent it back to the Assembly with no changed, he would be okay with that; not trying to enact rate increases;

Assembly Member Decker stated that the Port Commission had approved this amendment in December and asked the Assembly to consider it. Decker requested that Harbormaster Meissner speak to this item.

**Greg Meissner, Wrangell Harbormaster**, stated that the Port Commission had approved the amendment and at the same meeting, the Port Commission started talking about possible rate increases; plan is to look at what Wrangell's rates are compared to other areas of our size; there is plenty of room for increases; Port Commission is also looking at their goals: what they want to put into the bank, the facility, and repair and maintenance.

Mr. Meissner stated that he believed that Assembly Member Powell's intent is that if there are going to possibly be changes to the rates, should we hold off on approving a lease for a five year term until that is established.

Assembly Member Rooney asked if the Port Commission had a target date for the possible rate changes.

Mr. Meissner stated that realistically, it would probably be mid-May. He also stated that there were four leases that are on dirt that went for the same rate about five years ago; there are three other's that which two are on concrete; those three went out to bid back in 2013 and there were five guys bidding on 3 leases; those are at a much higher rate.

Decker agreed with Assembly Member Mitchell that we need to be drawing people in to Wrangell; would have to be strongly convinced of the purpose of rate increases.

Mayor Jack stated that because of the State's funding issue, Wrangell and other communities will have to learn to stand on their own; funds will have to come from somewhere.

Powell stated that he is not asking for a rate increase; he is asking for the Assembly to send this back to the Port Commission so that they can work out the rates (increase or not) and apply the new rate (if there is an increase) to each lease that is coming due.

Rooney stated that it would be better to not have each leaseholder rate be different.

Mitchell asked Mr. Meissner to explain how these leases were bided on. Mitchell also stated that if we are going to be asking for more money by increasing rates, there had better be budget cuts in the departments as well.

Assembly Member Prysunka also stated that the level of service is important and the port is an asset that needs to be taken care of; would like to see us charge a fair price for the leases and/or services.

***Motion was approved with Powell, Prysunka, Rooney, and Mayor Jack voting yes; Decker and Mitchell voted no.***

**13d PROPOSED RESOLUTION No. 01-16-1336: A RESOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, ADOPTING AN ALTERNATIVE ALLOCATION METHOD FOR THE FY 2016 SHARED FISHERIES BUSINESS TAX PROGRAM AND CERTIFYING THAT THIS ALLOCATION METHOD FAIRLY REPRESENTS THE DISTRIBUTION OF**

SIGNIFICANT EFFECTS OF FISHERIES BUSINESS ACTIVITY IN FISHERIES MANAGEMENT IN  
FMA 18: CENTRAL SOUTHEAST

***M/S: Prysunka/Decker, to adopt resolution no. 01-16-1336. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.***

**13e PROPOSED RESOLUTION No. 01-16-1337:** A RESOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, SUPPORTING INTERNATIONAL JOINT COMMISSION (IJC) INVOLVEMENT IN THE ALASKA-BRITISH COLUMBIA TRANSBOUNDARY REGION

***M/S: Powell/Decker, to adopt resolution no. 01-16-1337.***

Assembly Member Decker stated that she supports this Resolution; this would try and urge the Federal level engagement with Canada; asked that this would be tasked with both our State and Federal Lobbyist. There were no objections from the Assembly.

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

**13f** Approval of the bid received from Topper Industries, Inc., for the City Dock Gangway Procurement project

***M/S: Powell/Decker, to approve the bid received from Topper Industries, Inc., for the amount, not to exceed \$ 45,611.00, for the City Dock Gangway Procurement project, to come from Grant Funds designated for the City Dock project. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.***

**13g** Approval of the bid received from Jenkins Welding, LLC, for the City Dock Railing Procurement project

***M/S: Prysunka/Mitchell, to approve the bid received from Jenkins Welding, LLC for the amount, not to exceed \$ 24,964.09, for the City Dock Railing Procurement project, to come from Grant Funds designated for the City Dock project. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.***

**13h PROPOSED RESOLUTION No. 01-16-1338:** A RESOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, REQUESTING ALASKA LEGISLATURE TO CONSIDER LESS SEVERE CUTS TO THE ALASKA PUBLIC BROADCASTING COMMISSION

***M/S: Powell/Decker, to adopt resolution no. 01-16-1338.***

***M/S: Decker/Rooney, to amend the resolution to add "and emergency alert systems" under the last Whereas clause at the end of the sentence; and to add "the Governor of Alaska" before the Alaska Legislature verbiage in the Now Be It Resolved clause. Amendment was approved unanimously by polled vote.***

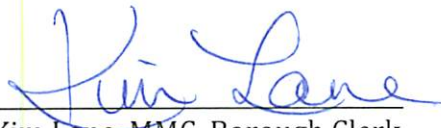
***Main Motion, as amended was approved unanimously by polled vote.***

**ATTORNEY'S FILE** – There was no Attorney's file.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** – There was no Executive Session.

Regular Assembly Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
Kim Lane, MMC, Borough Clerk



David L. Jack, Mayor

