Minutes of Regular Assembly Meeting Held on March 8, 2016

Mayor David L. Jack called the Regular Assembly meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., February 23, 2016, in the Borough Assembly Chambers. Assembly Members Mitchell, Rooney, Powell, and Blake were present. Assembly Members Prysunka and Decker were absent. Borough Manager Jeff Jabusch and Borough Clerk Kim Lane were also in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Assembly Member Becky Rooney.

The Invocation was given by Clay Hammer.

CEREMONIAL MATTERS

There were no ceremonial matters.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

There were no amendments to the agenda.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the Regular Assembly meeting held February 23, 2016, were approved as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Minutes of the Regular School Board meeting held January 18, 2016
- b. POA-2014-109, Zimovia Straight request from R&M Engineering-Ketchikan, Inc
- c. ASCE 2013 Honorary Outstanding Project of the Year (CBW for the WMSC Project)

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Jabusch's report was provided.

BOROUGH CLERK'S FILE

Clerk Lane's report was provided.

MAYOR/ASSEMBLY REPORTS AND APPOINTMENTS

10a Reports by Assembly Members

Assembly Member Blake questioned the considerable blow down up on the Institute Property and if it could bring in revenue. Manager Jabusch stated that Mike Allen was interested and may be bringing in a proposal for the downed timber.

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

As there were no letters of interest received for the remaining 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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

12a 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: Blake/Mitchell, to approve the second amendment to the Facility Lease Agreement for Yard Lot 2 between the City and Borough of Wrangell and Charles Jenkins that extends the term an additional five years, to expire on December 21, 2020. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

NEW BUSINESS

PROPOSED ORDINANCE No. 915: AN ORDINANCE OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, AMENDING SECTION 3.04.035, ABSENCE FROM MEETINGS, AND SECTION 3.05.050, TELECONFERENCING, OF THE WRANGELL MUNICIPAL CODE (first reading)

M/S: Powell/Blake, to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 915 and move to a second with a Public Hearing on March 22, 2016. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13b Approval of a fourth amendment to the Facility Lease Agreement between the City of Wrangell and Steven Keller DBA Keller Marine Repair that extends the lease five years

M/S: Mitchell/Rooney, to approve the fourth amendment to the Facility Lease Agreement for Yard Lot 4 between the City and Borough of Wrangell and Steven Keller, DBA Keller Marine Repair that extends the term an additional five years, to expire on January 31, 2021. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13c Approval of a fifth amendment to the Facility Lease Agreement between the City of Wrangell and Tyler Thompson that extends the lease five years

M/S: Powell/Blake, to approve the second amendment to the Facility Lease Agreement for Yard Lot 3 between the City and Borough of Wrangell and Tyler Thompson that extends the term an additional five years, to expire on December 21, 2020.

Powell made a friendly amendment to change the word "second" to the word "fourth". There were no objections.

Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13d Approval of the Electric Rate Increase Plan

M/S: Blake/Rooney, to adopt the Light Departments plan to update the distribution and power plant per the system study and the attached plan over a six years, without a current rate increase, but to annually review the plan and goals to verify the department is on schedule and report back to the Borough Assembly if the plan is not meeting the goals, to discuss if a rate increase is needed for work to be completed on time.

Powell questioned if everyone goes to oil and doesn't use as much electricity are SEAPA's rates going to increase.

Clay Hammer, Electrical Superintendent stated that the SEAPA rates would not be at risk; if revenues went down, the load would decrease; need for extra generation would diminish.

Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13e Approval of a Budget Amendment for the Light Department

M/S: Powell/Rooney, to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$100,000 for the Substation work needed with funding for the light department's share to come from Light Fund Reserves.

Manager Jabusch explained the purpose for the amendment. Items at the substation were in need of replacement; SEAPA is paying a portion of this replacement.

In response to Assembly Member Mitchell, Jabusch stated that the work that needed to get done would be done locally, if possible.

Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13f Approval of a Senior Tax Exemption that was received after the March 1st deadline, but before the late filing grace period

M/S: Rooney/Blake, to approve the 2016 Senior Tax Exemption for: Susan G. Stevens/Ramsey that was received after the deadline of March 1, 2016, but before the allowed grace period. Motion 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 7:27 p.m.

ATTEST:

David L. Jack, Mayor

Kim Lane, MMC, Borough Clerk

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