

**Minutes of Regular Assembly Meeting
Held on March 22, 2016**

Mayor David L. Jack called the Regular Assembly meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., March 22, 2016, in the Borough Assembly Chambers. Assembly Members Decker, Rooney, Mitchell, Powell, Prysunka and Blake were present. Borough Manager Jeff Jabusch and Borough Clerk Kim Lane were also in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Assembly Member Steve Prysunka.

The Invocation was given by Nettie Covalt from the Presbyterian Church.

CEREMONIAL MATTERS

A Proclamation was presented to Kris Reed, WMC Development Coordinator, to recognize Health Fair Week in Wrangell (March 28th thru April 2nd).

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the Regular Assembly meeting held March 8, 2016, were approved as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Wrangell Medical Center program review report from CEO Robert Rang
- b. Minutes of the Wrangell Medical Center's Regular meeting held February 17, 2016

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Jabusch gave his report.

Robert Rang, Wrangell Medical Center, CEO, updated the Assembly on the following:

- Wrangell Medical Centers financial stability
- Working on the Hospital Board Policy and would take it to the Hospital Board for approval, and then to the Assembly for final approval. He also reported on the
- Health Fair
- The upcoming budget
- Some of the new Lab equipment had been ordered

Assembly Member Prysunka asked that Mr. Rang take a look at the current restrictions in the Board Policy and possibly change them so that serving on the Board wasn't so restrictive.

BOROUGH CLERK'S FILE

Clerk Lane's report was provided.

MAYOR/ASSEMBLY REPORTS AND APPOINTMENTS

10a Reports by Assembly Members

Assembly Member Rooney reported that she had attended the last Hospital Board meeting; was going quite well with TruBridge.

Assembly Member Mitchell reported on his trip to Juneau for Southeast Conference; some cuts this year; worse cuts next year.

Assembly Member Decker also reported on her trip to Juneau for Southeast Conference; message was bleak; will be an uphill battle; encouraged legislatures to take action (tough decisions); reasonable taxation and to look at options with the PFD; SE Conference is currently looking at the Ferry System, SB128 (PFD), and SB114; could be some opportunities for private sectors to start businesses when the State drops in certain areas.

10b Appointment to fill the vacancies on various City Boards, Committees, and Commissions
As there were no letters of interest received for any of 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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

12a 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 (*second reading*)

M/S: Rooney/Mitchell, to adopt ordinance no. 915. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

NEW BUSINESS

13a PROPOSED RESOLUTION No. 03-16-1340: A RESOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, OPPOSING SENATE BILL 198 AND URGING THE ALASKA LEGISLATURE AND WALKER ADMINISTRATION TO ANALYZE CUMULATIVE IMPACTS PRIOR TO IMPOSING NEW TAXES ON THE SEAFOOD INDUSTRY (Requested by Assembly Member Decker)

M/S: Powell/Blake, to adopt Resolution No. 03-16-1340.

Assembly Member Decker stated that this Resolution would mirror what Southeast Conference was doing; primary issue was opposing the 12.5% royalty; the proposed bill treats the seafood industry like the treat the oil industry.

Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13b Approval of a Budget Amendment to the Clerk's Budget

M/S: Prysunka/Powell, to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$950.00 to the Clerk's budget for the purchase of a Polycom Teleconference phone, with the funds to come from the General Fund Reserves. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

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

M/S: Decker/Rooney, to approve the 2016 Senior Tax Exemption for Charles Meissner Sr. that was received after the deadline of March 1, 2016, but before the allowed grace period. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13d Approval to cancel the May 10, 2016 Regular Assembly meeting

M/S: Powell/Blake, to approve canceling the Regularly Scheduled Assembly meeting of May 10, 2016, and having only one Regular Assembly meeting on May 24, 2016. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13e Approval of a purchase of (4) switches for the Light Department without competitive bidding

M/S: Prysunka/Mitchell, to approve purchase of (4) 14,400 Volt, 3-Phase, 600 Amp Manual Model PMH-13 Outdoor Primary Switches from S&C Electric Company without competitive bidding as allowed under Wrangell Municipal Code 5.10.050 (B) with funds to come from the light department budget and SEAPA. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13f Consideration to reduce the number of members on the Wrangell Medical Center Board from nine (9) to seven (7), and to restructure the terms, based on the recommendation of the Wrangell Medical Center Board

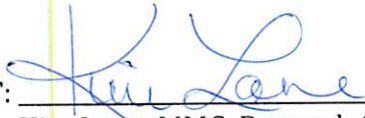
M/S: Powell/Blake, to authorize the Borough Clerk to contact the Borough Attorney to collectively draft an Ordinance that the Assembly will consider at an upcoming meeting, that reduces the membership of the Wrangell Medical Center Board from nine (9) to seven (7), and to restructure the staggered terms to reduce the terms expiring October 2016 from three (3) to one (1). Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION – There was no Executive Session.

Regular Assembly Meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

ATTEST:


Kim Lane, MMC, Borough Clerk


David L. Jack, Mayor

