

Minutes of Regular Assembly Meeting Held on January 10, 2017

Mayor David L. Jack called the Regular Assembly meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., January 10, 2017, in the Borough Assembly Chambers. Assembly Members Prysunka, Mitchell, Gilbert, Powell, and Rooney were present. Assembly Member Decker was 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 Nancy with the Lutheran Church.

District 36 Representative Dan Ortiz, provided a community update as well as a summary of where our State is financially.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Manager Jabusch requested that Item 13e (Approval to proceed with the Sale of filled City Tidelands, as requested by Ruth Stough, Stough Family Trust, be moved to the next assembly meeting's agenda. There were no objections from the Assembly.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Assembly Member Gilbert stated that she had a perceived Conflict of Interest to Item 13a (Approval of the request from the Wrangell Medical Center for the City to pay half the cost of the Financial Feasibility Analysis for a determination of repayment for a new Hospital) because she is the President on the Wrangell Medical Center Foundation. She stated that part of that foundation is generating funding to build a new hospital. Mayor Jack stated that because she did not stand to benefit personally, he did not see that she had a conflict. There were no objections from the Assembly.

CONSENT AGENDA

M/S: Gilbert/Powell, to approve Consent Agenda Items marked with an () asterisk; Items 6a and 7a through 7e. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Special Assembly meeting held December 8, 2016 and the Minutes of the Public Hearing and Regular Assembly meeting held December 13, 2016, were approved as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS

- *a. 2017/18 Liquor License Renewal Application for BPO Elks Lodge #1595 (Club)
- *b. 2017/18 Liquor License Renewal Application for the Hungry Beaver-Marine Bar (Beverage Dispensary)
- *c. School Board Minutes from the Regular meetings held October 17, 2016 and November 21, 2016
- *d. 2017/18 Liquor License Renewal Application for Hungry Beaver, Inc (Package Store)
- *e. Wrangell Medical Center Minutes from the Regular meeting held November 16, 2016

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Jabusch's report was provided.

Borough Attorney, Bob Blasco provided a summary report on the ongoing Union Negotiations.

BOROUGH CLERK'S FILE

Clerk Lane's report was provided.

MAYOR/ASSEMBLY REPORTS AND APPOINTMENTS

10a Reports by Assembly Members

Assembly Member Prysunka reported on the November and December SEAPA meetings:

- November – final Swan Lake Reservoir raise (some contract issues)
- Finalized negotiations with the CEO (2 year contract)
- Diesel being used in other communities; not yet here in Wrangell
- Received a rebate (little over \$200,000.)

10b City Boards and Committees Appointments

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

10c Appointment of an additional School Board Member to the ANSEP Special Committee

Mayor Jack appointed Georgianna Buhler to the Special ANSEP Committee. There were no objections from the Assembly.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD

Bill Goodale, owner of the Stikine Inn, 4106 Founder Lane, Ketchikan, reported that he is moving forward with the future proposal of the acquisition of the City Tidelands that are adjacent to the Stikine Inn; will be adding additional rooms; reported on the jobs that will be added with the construction of the addition; should have a formal proposal by the next assembly meeting.

Linda Churchill, Box 2147, stated that she was working on a petition to ban canned air (duster) to be sold to those under 21; can purchase it over the counter; put behind glass about 2 years ago; can be sold to anyone; can be purchased at our local stores.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

13a Approval of the request from the Wrangell Medical Center for the City to pay half the cost of the Financial Feasibility Analysis for a determination of repayment for a new Hospital

M/S: Mitchell/Prysunka, to approve 50% of the funding or \$23,500.00 for a Financial Feasibility Analysis to determine if the hospital could repay a loan to build a new hospital with funding of the \$23,500 to come from the general fund reserve. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13b Approval of a Change Order to CRW Engineers for the Water Plant Pilot Study Project

M/S: Mitchell/Prysunka, to approve a contract amendment to CRW Engineering Group for costs associated with additional pilot testing for the Water Plant Pilot Study project in a lump sum amount of \$8,805.92. Project costs will be paid from Water Fund Revenues. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13c Approval of a Change Order to Rock-N-Road for the Wood Street Improvements Project

M/S: Gilbert/Powell, to authorize the Borough Manager to issue Change Order #3, in the amount of \$32,150 to Rock-N-Road Construction for final adjusted quantities to the Wood Street Improvements project with costs scheduled to be paid from the project contingency funding source identified as the Sales Tax Street Fund.

In response to Assembly Member Prysunka, ***Amber Al-Haddad, Public Works Director*** provided an explanation to why the change order was being brought forward.

Manager Jabusch stated that the Hospital Construction Fund Grant that expires June 30, 2017 had roughly 1.1 million left in it; would be using some of those grant funds towards the architect costs for the USDA required preliminary design of the hospital; we are allowed to use some of those funds to pay for this change order; we could request an extension on the grant; if the assembly wanted to amend the motion to have the funding come from the Hospital Grant, they could do that; if later down the line, the Assembly needed the funding, the funding could be taken out of the Sales Tax Street Fund, as stated in the original motion.

M/S: Prysunka/Gilbert, to amend the motion to have the total \$52,350 increase be applied to the Hospital Construction Fund Grant with the idea being that if those funds are needed for the Hospital project in the future, the City will repay the amount for the Hospital project.

Amendment to the main motion was approved unanimously by polled vote.

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

13d Approval to proceed with the Sale of City Tidelands, as requested by Brett Woodbury

M/S: Gilbert/Mitchell, to proceed with the Sale of unsubdivided City Tidelands, adjacent to Lot 5, Block 24A, Wrangell Townsite, Inner Harbor Area, zoned Waterfront Development, as requested by Brett Woodbury, to direct the Borough Clerk to order an Appraisal once the Survey has been received and the applicable fees have been paid by the applicant and to waive the public auction and bid provisions as stated in 16.12.040 B & C, which is allowed under WMC 16.12.075.

Mayor Jack confirmed for the Assembly and the Public that this property is in the inner harbor, attached to Mr. Woodbury's property.

Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13e Approval to proceed with the Sale of filled City Tidelands, as requested by Ruth Stough, Stough Family Trust (**Removed from the Agenda under Amendments to the Agenda**)

ATTORNEY'S FILE – None

EXECUTIVE SESSION – None

Regular Assembly Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

ATTEST:


Kim Lane, MMC, Borough Clerk


David L. Jack, Mayor

