

**Minutes of Regular Assembly Meeting  
Held on May 9, 2017**

Mayor David L. Jack called the Regular Assembly meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., May 9, 2017, in the Borough Assembly Chambers. Assembly Members Prysunka, Rooney, Gilbert, Powell, and Mitchell were present. Assembly Member Decker was absent. Interim Borough Manager Carol Rushmore 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 Don McConachie.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA – None**

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Prysunka declared a potential conflict of interest on Agenda Item 13a (Wrangell Medical Center Budget approval) since his wife was a Contractor for the Hospital.

Gilbert also declared a potential conflict of interest on Agenda Item 13a since she is the president of the Wrangell Medical Foundation.

Mayor Jack stated that he didn't see that either Prysunka or Gilbert had a conflict of interest to Agenda Item 13a. There were no objections from the Assembly.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Regular Assembly Meeting held April 25, 2017 were approved as presented.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

- a. School Board Action from the Regular meeting held April 24, 2017
- b. SE Senior Services 2017-18 funding request
- c. Wrangell Chamber of Commerce 2017-18 funding request
- d. School Board Minutes from the Regular meeting held March 13, 2017

**BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT**

Interim Borough Manager Rushmore's report was provided. Rushmore also gave an update on the current Water Treatment Plant's status.

**BOROUGH CLERK'S FILE**

Clerk Lane's report was provided.

**MAYOR/ASSEMBLY REPORTS AND APPOINTMENTS**

**10a** Reports by Assembly Members

Prysunka reported that the SEAPA Board meeting would be in Wrangell on June 20<sup>th</sup> and the 21<sup>st</sup>. Prysunka stated that the SEAPA Board members would be touring a few places around town; meeting will be held at the Nolan Center.

#### **10b City Boards and Committees Appointments**

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

**PERSONS TO BE HEARD – None**

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

##### **12a Discussion and possible action regarding the suggested changes to the Water rates**

After much discussion, it was the consensus of the Assembly to look at raising the water rates; requested that an Ordinance be brought forward for the Assembly to consider that would reflect appropriate water rate increases.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **13a Approval of the 2017/18 Annual Budget for the Wrangell Medical Center**

***M/S: Prysunka/Gilbert, to approve the Wrangell Medical Center's Annual Fiscal Year 2017-18 Budget, as presented.***

***Robert Rang, WMC, CEO and Doran Hammett, WMC, CFO answered questions from the Assembly with regards to rate increases and revenues.***

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

##### **13b Discussion and possible action to create a two-tier path towards the Water Plant Replacement or Modification *(added by Assembly Member Prysunka)***

After much discussion on options to come up with a plan on what would be the best solution for the community, there was no action taken on this item.

Public Works Director Al-Haddad suggested that the Assembly read through the Engineering Report, provided by CRW Engineering Group, LLC.

**ATTORNEY'S FILE – None**

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

##### **15a Approval of the new Borough Manager's Contract**

***M/S: Gilbert/Mitchell, moved that pursuant to AS 44.62.310 (c), (2), that we recess into executive session to discuss matters that may tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person, specifically: the discussion of the new Borough Manager's Contract and to invite the Borough Manager into the Session. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.***

Regular meeting recessed into Executive Session at 8:05 p.m.  
Regular meeting reconvened back into session at p.m. 8:30 p.m.

***M/S: Gilbert/Powell, moved to approve the Contract, as presented, for the New Borough Manager. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.***

Regular Assembly Meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
Kim Lane, MMC, Borough Clerk

  
David L. Jack, Mayor

