

**Minutes of Regular Assembly Meeting
Held on September 12, 2017**

Mayor David L. Jack called the Regular Assembly meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., September 12, 2017, in the Borough Assembly Chambers. Assembly Members Rooney, Decker, Gilbert, Prysunka, and Mitchell were present. Assembly Member Powell was absent. Borough Manager Von Barga and Clerk Kim Lane were also in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Assembly Member Julie Decker.

The Invocation was given by Kay Larson of the Baha'i Faith.

Mayor Jack presented a Proclamation to Kay Larson, in support of Choose Respect.

Mayor Jack presented a Certificate of Service for Barbara Conine for her service on the Hospital Board.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Mayor Jack stated that he would like to amend the Agenda to add an item of discussion regarding "faith based" Proclamations under New Business, 13a and move all other New Business down on the Agenda. There were no objections from the Assembly.

M/S: Gilbert/Prysunka, to postpone Item 13j until the September 26, 2017 Regular Assembly Meeting. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST – None

CONSENT AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Public Hearing and Regular Assembly meetings held August 22, 2017 were approved as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Minutes: Wrangell Medical Center Regular Board meeting held July 19, 2017
- b. Board Action: Wrangell Public School Board Regular meeting held August 21, 2017
- c. POA 1999-377 (Burnett Inlet) – SSRAA Application, to construct a floating breakwater
- d. Letter from Senator Dan Sullivan regarding the Affordable Care Act (ACA)
- e. Minutes: Parks & Recreation Advisory Board meetings held: February 16, 2017; March 1, 2017; April 5, 2017
- f. Wrangell Island Project Draft Record of Decision – CBW Comments 8-28-2017
- g. Department of Corrections Community Jail Contract Letter August 24, 2017
- h. Letter of Community Interest Regional & Community Jails FY2018

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Von Barga's report was provided.

Von Barga brought to the attention of the Assembly, the request from the Finance Department's Director to start closing City Hall at 4:00 p.m.; stated that this would be a temporary solution until the vacancy left by Ms. Klinke was filled. By a show of at least four hands, the Assembly approved the modification to the City Hall hours until the vacant position in the Finance Department was filled.

BOROUGH CLERK'S FILE

Clerk Lane's report was provided.

MAYOR/ASSEMBLY REPORTS AND APPOINTMENTS

10a Reports by Assembly Members

Decker stated that she was in support of the introduction of the Young Fisherman's Development Act campaign to create a national program around workforce development for training for young fisherman; would take two million dollars from Federal Fishery fines and put that money into the workforce development training. Decker stated that she had asked Staff to put this on a future Agenda to potentially support it.

Prysunka stated that he was concerned with statements that had been made at the last Assembly meeting, that the Borough Assembly was not recognizing a Federally recognized tribe in the selection of the monofill site; the Assembly didn't know where that site was going to be; cannot speak for Borough Staff, but the Borough Assembly didn't know; if people feel in the dark, they have every right to be upset about that.

Jack stated that he wanted to offer an apology to Jamie Roberts; at the last meeting, Jack stated that he had called Powell out of order and he was not calling her out of order.

10b Inter-Island Ferry Authority Representative Appointment – June 30, 2021

At the request of Gilbert, Mayor Jack appointed her to fill this vacancy. There were no objections from the Assembly.

10c Wrangell Medical Center Board Appointment – October 2017

There were no letters received for this vacancy. Jack stated that since this seat was up in October, there was no reason to continue advertising for it.

10d Planning & Zoning Board Appointment – October 2019

As there were no letters of interest received for this appointment, Jack directed Clerk Lane to continue advertising.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD

Mary Campbell, 224 Reid Street #1, stated that she wanted to speak about Senator Sullivan's letter regarding the Affordable Healthcare Act, but she hadn't read it yet, so she would not comment.

Steve Prysunka stepped down from the dais and read a letter to the Assembly and the public as a citizen of Wrangell. Prysunka's letter addressed many concerns involving the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW), Local 1547 Union tactics.

Jamie Roberts, 11.2 Zimovia Hwy., accepted Mayor Jack's apology and stated that when she had spoken at the last Assembly meeting on the proposed monofill dumpsite, she was not

criticizing the Assembly; she was stating that she believed that DEC didn't follow the correct process and that they didn't involve the public, including the Assembly.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

13a Discussion on Faith Based Proclamations (*Added to the Agenda under Amendments to the Agenda by Mayor Jack*)

Jack explained that there was a Proclamation that was brought to City Hall from a local religious organization about the founder of the organization, for his signature; his feeling that it's not an appropriate thing to do; realized that it was not endorsing the religion but recognizing the founder of the organization; biggest problem Jack saw was that if any other organization came forward with a Proclamation, if we do it for this one, we would have to do for them too.

Prysunka asked if we had a history of religious Proclamations or if we had something in our Charter that addressed this.

Clerk Lane stated that we did not.

Gilbert recommended that the Assembly look at establishing guidelines for Proclamations.

Lane stated that the Attorney had said that if the Assembly decided to allow these types of Proclamations, he said that the Assembly should adopt an Ordinance that stated that. Lane agreed with Gilbert's suggestion on establish guidelines.

Kay Larson, Baha'i Faith, stated that she was confused as to why the Assembly would not approve the Proclamation; she stated that she had no hurt feelings on the discussion; suggested amendments to the proposed Proclamation; said that the Baha'i would celebrate, no matter what the Assembly chose. Ms. Larson stated that it was interesting to her that at some time, the Assembly decided to allow faith based people and organizations to come and give the invocation.

Jack stated that he would not sign a Proclamation that singled out any one religion.

13b PROPOSED RESOLUTION No. 09-17-1375: A RESOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, PROVIDING FOR THE AMENDMENT OF THE JOB DESCRIPTION FOR THE ACCOUNTING GENERALIST AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

M/S: Prysunka/Mitchell, moved to adopt Resolution No. 09-17-1375 that amends the Accounting Generalist Job Description. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13c PROPOSED RESOLUTION No. 09-17-1376: A RESOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA TO REMOVE THE ACCOUNTING TECHNICIAN FROM THE NON-UNION WAGE AND GRADE TABLE AND ADD THE ACCOUNTING GENERALIST POSITION, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

M/S: Decker/Gilbert, moved to adopt Resolution No. 09-17-1376 that modifies the non-union Wage & Grade Table by changing the job title of Accounting Technician to Accounting Generalist. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13d PROPOSED RESOLUTION No. 09-17-1377: A RESOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, DESIGNATING CANVASS BOARD DUTIES TO THREE ASSEMBLY MEMBERS FOR CANVASSING THE RESULTS OF THE REGULAR ELECTION TO BE HELD OCTOBER 3, 2017

M/S: Prysunka/Decker, moved to approve Resolution No. 09-17-1377, designating three members of the Assembly to Canvass the results of the October 3, 2017 Municipal Election. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13e Approval to dispose of City Surplus Property

M/S: Rooney/Mitchell, moved to approve the disposition of surplus property in conformance with Wrangell Municipal Code Section 5.10.060.

Von Barga requested that the four-wheeler that was on the list to be surplus from the Public Works department be removed from the list because the Parks & Recreation department wants it. There were no objections from the Assembly to remove that item from the surplus list.

Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13f Approval to hold a Special Assembly Meeting on Monday, October 9, 2017 at 12:00 p.m. (noon) to Certify the results of the Regular Borough Election

M/S: Rooney/Prysunka, moved to approve holding a Special Assembly meeting on Monday, October 9, 2017 at 12:00 p.m. (noon) to certify the election results of the Regular Borough Election to be held on October 3, 2017.

M/S: Gilbert/Rooney, moved to amend the motion to change 12:00 p.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Amendment approved unanimously by polled vote.

Main motion, as amended approved unanimously by polled vote.

13g Approval of Letter to ADEC, regarding the Wrangell Junk Yard Clean-Up, Phase II

M/S: Prysunka/Gilbert, moved to approve the letter to be sent to Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, regarding the Wrangell Junk Yard Clean-Up project, Phase II. At the request of Rooney, Von Barga gave a summary of the letter that was being considered. Von Barga stated that there were clear information that the community has is the borough and/or members of the community were to look for funding or another disposal site.

13h Approval of Parks & Recreation Department Volunteer Policies & Procedures

M/S: Mitchell/Gilbert, moved to adopt the Volunteer Program Policies and Procedures, as approved by the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board and Director.

Von Bargen recognized Kate Thomas, Parks & Recreation Director for her time on the policy.

Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13i Discussion of the proposed projects for funding under the Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) program

Decker reiterated that Carol Rushmore had outlined the program during the Public Hearing that was held before the meeting; given the discussion at the goal setting meeting held for the Borough Manager, Decker stated that she was focusing on the Water Treatment Plant. Decker said that since there could be some timing issues, the assembly should come up with a second option as well.

Prysunka stated that the assembly should perhaps have a list of possible projects listed.

Decker agreed that the fire truck might be easier to go after; pool roof replacement might be an option since it's in need of replacement.

Von Bargen stated that the Pool roof and the Public Safety Building roof project is the one that had been recently rejected; there was match money set aside for that project that could potentially be used for the Pool roof project only if we were to apply for the CDBG Grant for that project.

Von Bargen requested clarification from the Assembly: Water System first, Pool roof replacement second.

13j Approval of extension No. 3, to the Facility Lease Agreement for Lot 1, in the Marine Service Center for Don Sorric

M/S: Prysunka/Mitchell, moved to approve extension No. 3 to the Facility Lease Agreement for Lot 1, Wrangell Marine Service Center with Don Sorric, to July 31, 2022.

Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13k Approval of Consent to Assignment of Lease for Financing Purposes for the Marine Service Center, Yard Lot 1, leased by Don Sorric

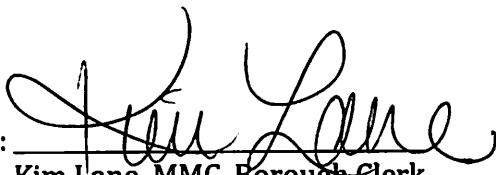
This item was postponed until the next Assembly meeting, under Amendments to the Agenda.

ATTORNEY'S FILE – None

EXECUTIVE SESSION – None

Regular Assembly Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

ATTEST:


Kim Lane, MMC, Borough Clerk


David L. Jack, Mayor

