

**Minutes of Regular Assembly Meeting
Held on November 7, 2017**

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

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

The Invocation was given by Don McConachie.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA - None

CONFLICT OF INTEREST - None

CONSENT AGENDA

M/S: Rooney/Gilbert, to approve Consent Agenda Items marked with an () asterisk; Items 6a, 7a through 7d, and 13f. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Regular Assembly meeting held October 24, 2017 were approved as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS

- a. POA-1990-00114-M8, Application for a Permit from the City & Borough of Wrangell to the US Army Corps of Engineers to increase the City's port staging area to provide additional space where the barge companies operate
- b. Wrangell Medical Center Minutes: Sept. 20, 2017 Regular meeting
- c. Byford Project Status update from NRC Alaska - October 2017
- d. POA-1997-00919; Review letter concerning an application by Critter Enterprises to dredge sand from three different locations within the Stikine River

*13f. Final plat approval and Access Easement Maintenance Agreement of River's Edge Subdivision, a subdivision of Tracts A, B1 and B2, Sergief Island Subdivision

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Von Barga's report was provided.

In addition to her report, Von Barga reported on the following:

- Water System Update (report)
- Wrangell Island Project Draft Record of Decision
- Regular General Audit for the City; thanked Finance Director Burgess and his staff
- Thanked Jeff Jabusch for assisting in the audit and for his and Kay's hospitality
- Police Chief to prepare Active Shooter exercise training opportunity for City Staff
- New Police Officer coming on board soon
- Harbor Master working on a parking plan for the harbor parking lots
- Met with the Wrangell Mariners Memorial Board; project moving forward; looking at obtaining site control
- Shoemaker Bay Harbor project:

- Working on Bond for the Shoemaker Bay project with Finance Director Burgess
- Working on where the dredge material will go for the Shoemaker Bay project; options were: testing the material to make sure that it isn't toxic; testing would push the project back until around March of next year; PND Engineers suggested that if we went that route, to get the full DEC and Corps of Engineer suite of testing; not testing it, we could dispose of it in an upland area (not wetland), and would not require testing; tolerance in the community for dumping potentially toxic materials is low; would recommend testing the material; looking for direction from the Assembly
- Excluded from the Shoemaker Bay project – disposal of existing float; will be an additional cost

After further discussion, it was the consensus of the Assembly for Manager Von Bargaen to come back at the next Assembly meeting with the costs and recommendation for dredging the Shoemaker Bay material.

Prysunka asked if it was possible to send out a letter to the residents that were the sources of the upcoming scrap metal enforcement, to give them a heads up, letting them know that they were the residents who were in violation.

Gilbert asked that the City look at the Crisis Management Plan; dust it off and look at revising it.

Gilbert also asked that we look at what we need for the Water Treatment Plant before the end of the year in preparation for next summer.

Von Bargaen stated that we would come back to the Assembly on what needs to be done and come back to the Assembly on that (Water Treatment Plant).

Rooney asked how long we let one person hold up the entire Evergreen road project; hates to see the project not moving forward because of one individual.

In response to Rooney, Al-Haddad said that DOT is considering condemnation; would take a long time; believe that a letter has been sent out to the individual.

BOROUGH CLERK'S FILE

Clerk Lane's report was provided.

MAYOR/ASSEMBLY REPORTS AND APPOINTMENTS

10a Reports by Assembly Members

Prysunka commended on the Joint Work Session between the Assembly and the Wrangell Medical Center Board of Directors; appreciated that we are working together and moving forward. Decker agreed.

Decker reported on the Parks & Recreation Board Work Session held last week; discussed the building and staffing issues; large community turnout; appreciated the show of support.

10b City Board and Committee Appointments

Since there were no letters of interest received for the vacancies, Jack directed Clerk Lane to continue advertising for the vacancies. There were no objections from the Assembly.

10c Appointment to fill the vacancies on the SEAPA Board

Mayor Jack appointed the following people to serve on the SEAPA Board for the 2018 Calendar Year:

Two Voting Members: Prysunka and Hammer
Two Alternate Members: Burgess and Von Barga

PERSONS TO BE HEARD - None**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

12a PROPOSED ORDINANCE No. 937: AN ORDINANCE OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 3.05 OF THE WRANGELL MUNICIPAL CODE, ASSEMBLY – RULES OF PROCEDURE

M/S: Gilbert/Rooney, to adopt Ordinance No. 937. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

NEW BUSINESS

13a PROPOSED RESOLUTION 11-17-1384: A RESOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY & BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

M/S: Prysunka/Powell, moved to adopt Resolution No. 11-17-1384, authorizing the participation in the Community Development Block Grant program.

In response to Prysunka, Amber Al-Haddad, PW Director stated that there was a plan for the Courtroom offices and that even if we are not awarded the CDBG, work would move forward with the repair.

Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13b PROPOSED RESOLUTION 11-17-1385: SUPPORTING THE WRANGELL COORDINATED TRANSPORTATION PLAN TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE STATE OF ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC FACILITIES

M/S: Gilbert/Powell, moved to approve Resolution No. 11-17-1385, supporting the Wrangell Coordinated Transportation Plan to be submitted to the State of Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities.

Prysunka voiced concern that the City might be on the hook for the \$18,000 match funding required if the grant was approved.

Von Bargaen stated that the contact for Catholic Community Services stated that they would be looking for the match funding; would come back to the Assembly however, if the City was asked to contribute; could not use the in-kind funding that the City gave them towards the match.

Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13c PROPOSED RESOLUTION 11-17-1386: AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR A TEACHER, HEALTH PROFESSIONAL, AND PUBLIC SAFETY (THHP) HOUSING GRANT BY THE WRANGELL MEDICAL CENTER

M/S: Rooney/Howell, moved to adopt Resolution No. 11-17-1386, authorizing the Application for a Teacher, Health Professional and Public Safety (THHP) Housing Grant by the Wrangell Medical Center.

Powell voiced concern that because of the need for a new hospital facility, we might not want to do this right now; could look at it again next year.

Prysunka voiced concern that if there came a time when the units weren't needed for traveling health care professionals and the units were rented out, would take away from small rental business.

Robert Rang, Wrangell Medical Center CEO stated that the hospital spends \$35,000 each year on rentals for traveling health care professionals.

Motion failed with Decker and Gilbert voting yes; Rooney, Powell, Prysunka and Howell voted no.

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

M/S: Prysunka/Howell, to approve to approve the Consent to Assignment of Lease for financing purposes for the Facility Lease Agreement for Lot 1, Wrangell Marine Service Center, requested by Don Sorric.

Von Bargaen stated that the attorneys for the City and First Bank were still working on coming to an agreement with the Consent document; our Code is specific on lease assignments and some point's conflict with what First Bank wants to do; First Bank wants to have the ability to transfer the lease to whomever they choose without Assembly approval.

Jack suggested that the Assembly postpone the item indefinitely and that Staff bring it back once the item is ready.

M/S: Prysunka/Powell, moved to postpone this item indefinitely. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13e Approval to reschedule the Regular Assembly meeting of December 12 to December 5, 2017

M/S: Gilbert/Rooney, moved to approve rescheduling the December 12 Regular Assembly meeting to December 5, 2017. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

***13f** Final plat approval and Access Easement Maintenance Agreement of River's Edge Subdivision, a subdivision of Tracts A, B1 and B2, Sergief Island Subdivision

This item was approved under the Consent Agenda.

13g Request for a vacation of a 3 foot wide trail right-of-way from Cassiar to the corner of Lot 20A Oliver Subdivision and Lot A LRO Subdivision (or proposed new Lot 8A of proposed Fennimore/Roland Replat)

M/S: Howell/Gilbert, moved to approve the request for a vacation of a 3 foot wide trail right-of-way from Cassiar to the corner of Lot 20A Oliver Subdivision and Lot A LRO Subdivision (or proposed new Lot 8A of proposed Fennimore/Roland Replat) Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13h Approval to Sole Source Purchase Caterpillar C7.1 175kw Generator from NC Power Systems in the Amount of \$45,330

M/S: Powell/Prysunka, moved to approve sole source purchase of a Caterpillar C7.1 175kw Generator from NC Power Systems in the amount of \$45,330.

After extensive discussion by the Assembly and Public Works Director Al-Haddad, the Assembly stated that they would like to see a request for bid go out for this equipment and that Al-Haddad check into if the City is required to purchase Caterpillar products exclusively from NC Power Systems in Juneau.

Motion failed unanimously by polled vote.

13i Approval of Borough Goals

M/S: Powell/Gilbert, moved to approve Borough Goals.

Von Bargaen stated that the goals for the Wrangell Medical Center may change based on what the Wrangell Medical Center Board and Assembly decides.

Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

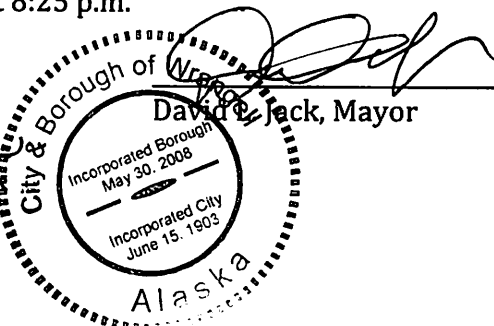
ATTORNEY'S FILE – None

EXECUTIVE SESSION – None

Regular Assembly Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

ATTEST:

Kim Lane, MMC, Borough Clerk



David E. Jack, Mayor