

**Minutes of Regular Assembly Meeting (rescheduled from July 24, 2018)  
Held on August 7, 2018**

Mayor David L. Jack called the Regular Assembly meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., August 7, 2018, in the Borough Assembly Chambers. Assembly Members Gilbert, Larrabee, Powell, Howell, and Prysunka were present. Assembly Member Decker was absent. Borough Manager Von Bargen and Clerk Kim Lane were also in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Assembly Member Rolland Howell.

The Invocation was given by Mayor Jack.

**CEREMONIAL MATTERS**

Mayor Jack presented a Certificate of Service for Patrick Mayer for his time on the Hospital Board.

**PERSONS TO BE HEARD**

**Lavern Lawrence**, stated that her and her husband live next to the old Byford property; stated that she was here to ask the City to pay for her and her husband to have toxicology testing done; doctor told them that that would be the next step in finding out what is going on with their health issues; stated that she believed that the issue started before the State stepped in and cleaned up the site; stated that former Public Works Director, Carol Johnson (she stated old City Manager) allowed Randy Oliver onto the property to do whatever he wanted; stated that it was her understanding that he (Mr. Oliver) was not to do any digging, dumping, and burning; he (Mr. Oliver) was supposed to be there for just six months; she stated that she was on the phone with Carl on a daily basis; fire department came out and put out four fires; police department was called out as well; in the process of Mr. Oliver doing his work, a lot of the materials were diverted to their property; State has paid for the clean-up; asking the City to put out \$1600 for testing isn't a wild request; stated that she believed that it's a little bit of the responsibility of the City to do this.

Manager Von Bargen stated that Ms. Lawrence was aware that the Assembly would be going into Executive Session to discuss this request.

Ms. Lawrence stated that she understood that.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

With the consent of the Assembly, Item 15b was removed from the Agenda.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST** – None.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Consent Agenda Items:

- a. Approval of Assembly Minutes – June 26, 2018 (Regular); July 11, 2018 (Special); July 19, 2018 (Special); August 2, 2018 (Special)

Correspondence Items:

- b. School Board Action (June 18, 2018 – *action only, minutes will follow*); Regular Minutes (May 21, 2018)
- c. Federal Lobbyist Report – June 2018
- d. Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) update – June 2018

- e. Byford Junkyard Clean-up Status Report (week ending 7-8-18)
- f. Byford Junkyard Clean-up Status Report (week ending 7-15-18)
- g. Byford Junkyard Clean-up Status Report (week ending 7-22-18)
- h. Wrangell Medical Center Board Minutes – June 20, 2018 (Regular)
- i. Reporting from Catholic Community Services covering Oct 2017 – March 2018

***M/S: Gilbert/Prysunka moved to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.***

#### **BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT**

In addition to the Manager's written report, Von Bargaen provided an update on the following:

- Summer Reading Library Program: 134 kids participated
- Congratulations to Rick Groshong; will be leaving in two weeks to start his role as Police Chief in Hoonah
- Special Assembly meetings scheduled for this Thursday, August 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 and also for Tuesday, August 14<sup>th</sup> to approve the Asset Purchase Agreement and also to introduce the Ordinances related to this transaction
- Doran Hammett, WMC CFO will be in town next week; will address the request for a revised Hospital Budget as well as if Wrangell Medical Center had been overpaid by Medicaid
- Distributed a Nuisance Abatement draft Ordinance for the Assembly to review and comment to the Borough Clerk

Prysunka asked if we were working on the Salmon Disaster Program; lobbying to get our share. Von Bargaen stated that she would be working with Carol on this.

Prysunka stated that the Republicans had moved to defund the Essential Air Services program; would like us to stay in touch with our Delegation to ensure that they are raising this as a concern, that it could be an economic disaster if we were to lose this service; safe for this cycle but it could this is an ongoing concern.

Von Bargaen asked if the Assembly would like to look at approving a Resolution. There were no objections to a Resolution.

#### **BOROUGH CLERK'S FILE**

Clerk Lane's report was provided.

#### **MAYOR AND ASSEMBLY BUSINESS**

Prysunka stated that SEAPA had had a Special Board meeting regarding taking over the operations of the Swan Lake project; would hopefully streamline operations and communications.

#### **MAYOR AND ASSEMBLY APPOINTMENTS**

- a. Appointment to fill the vacancy on the Wrangell Medical Center Board.

There were no letters received for this vacancy. Mayor Jack stated that there was no need to continue advertising for this vacancy since it's so close to the Election. There were no objections from the Assembly.

**PUBLIC HEARING – None.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**13a** APPROVAL OF A MATCH AGREEMENT WITH THE US DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION, FOR THE NORTH COUNTRY TRAILHEAD ROAD REPAIR PROJECT

***M/S: Howell/Powell moved to Approve Match Agreement with the US Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, for the North Country Trailhead Road Repair Project.***

At the request of Gilbert on the funding for this project, **Amber Al-Haddad, Capital Facilities Director** stated that the match required for the Spur Road improvements is scheduled to come from in-kind funds by both the Forest Service and City; estimated to be around \$5,000.

Prysunka questioned if there were provisions for the maintenance of the road leading to the trail; alders have grown up and the roads have washed out on numerous occasions. Al-Haddad stated that there were no ongoing provisions currently; may have been discussions with WCA and the Forest Service to establish an ongoing maintenance plan.

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

**13b** APPROVAL OF A MATCH AGREEMENT WITH THE US DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION, FOR THE NON-MOTORIZED TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM (MT. DEWEY TRAIL EXTENSION) PROJECT

***M/S: Prysunka/Howell moved to approve Match Agreement with the US Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, for the Non-Motorized Transportation System (MT. Dewey Trail Extension) Project.***

Prysunka stated that there was a parking cut-out that people were parking their boats on. Al-Haddad stated that they would be looking at the parking options in the design phase.

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

**13c** Approval of a Five-Year Extension of the Municipal Solid Waste Transport and Disposal Agreement with Republic Services at a First Year Combined Base Rate of \$121.03 Per Ton with 3.5% Annual Scheduled Increases in Years 2-5

***M/S: Gilbert/Howell moved to Move to approve a Five-Year Extension of the Municipal Solid Waste Transport and Disposal Agreement with Republic Services at a First Year Combined Base Rate of \$121.03 Per Ton with 3.5% Annual Scheduled Increases in Years 2 through 5. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.***

**13d** PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 08-18-1421 A RESOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF THE JOB DESCRIPTION

FORTHE POSITION OF NOLAN CENTER FACILITY MANAGER AND THE AMENDMENT OF THE NONUNION WAGE AND GRADE TABLE

***M/S: Prysunka/Gilbert moved to adopt Resolution 08-18-1421 providing for the creation of the job description for the Position of Nolan Center Facility Manager and the Amendment of the Non-Union Wage and Grade Table. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote***

**ATTORNEY'S FILE** – Available for Assembly review in the Borough Clerk's office.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**15a** Assistance Request from Lavern Lawrence

**15b** Matters Related to the Transfer of WMC to SEARHC (*not considered*)

**15a** ***M/S: Prysunka/Gilbert moved, pursuant to 44.62.320 (c)(2) and 44.62.320(c)(1) that we recess into executive session to discuss matters that may tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person and, the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the Borough; specifically, to discuss the assistance request from Lavern Lawrence with the Borough Manager.***

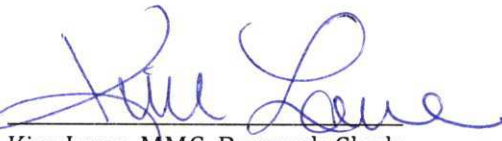
***Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.***

Recessed into Executive Session at 7:41 p.m.

Reconvened back into regular session at 8:01 p.m.

Regular Assembly meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
Kim Lane, MMC, Borough Clerk

  
David L. Jack, Mayor

