

**Minutes of Regular Assembly Meeting
Held on December 11, 2018**

Mayor Stephen Prysunka called the Regular Assembly meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., December 11, 2018, in the Borough Assembly Chambers and immediately called a five-minute recess. The Regular Assembly meeting reconvened at 7:07 p.m. Assembly Members DeLong, Gilbert, Morrison, and DeBord were present. Assembly Members Powell and Decker participated by telephone. Borough Manager Von Bargen and Borough Clerk Kim Lane were also in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Assembly Member Mya DeLong.

CEREMONIAL MATTERS

Mayor Prysunka presented a Certificate of Service for Nancy Delpero for her time on the Wrangell Convention & Visitors Bureau.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD

Guadeloupe Rogers, Wrangell Resident reported that she had found a hypothermic needle close to off Lemieux Street and expressed great concern on the drug use in our Community; doesn't want the town to become immune to drug use.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Assembly Member Powell declared a conflict of interest to the approval of the final plat and alleyway vacation for the Bay Company since he manages the Bay Company. Prysunka agreed and stated that since that item was part of the Consent Agenda, Powell would not take part in the Consent Agenda item (discussion/vote) when that item comes up. There were no objections from the Assembly.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda Items:

- a. Approval of Assembly Minutes – November 27, 2018 (Regular)
- b. APPROVAL OF FINAL PLAT OF THE BAY COMPANY REPLAT AND ALLEY VACATION II
- c. APPROVAL OF FINAL PLAT OF BYLOW SUBDIVISION

Correspondence Items:

- d. School Board Action – None.
- e. School Board Minutes – None.

M/S: Gilbert/Delong to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted. Motion approved unanimously by polled. Powell did not vote since he declared a Conflict of Interest to Item b.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Von Bargen's Report was provided along with the following:

- Letter to USFS for clean-up of the Zerembo Parking Lot
- Using AML Investment Pool – Report forthcoming in January
- Abandoned vehicle Ordinance will be coming to the Assembly in its first reading in January

- RFP for a new Permanent Fund Manager is forthcoming
- CDBG for the fire pumper truck has been submitted
- May have an opportunity to get a used pumper truck from Valdez
- State Legislative Priorities
- Dam Stability evaluation moving forward
- Cash at closing for the SEARHC/WMC transition is around \$130,000; should be coming to us soon; will report the total amount to the Assembly
- Legal services RFP emailed to the Assembly today; will post at the end of the week
- Rolland Howell reported on the Solid Waste Facility closure / clean-up
- EDA Grant on the Water Treatment Plant – notified that we have progressed to the next level for potential funding
- Our new Electric Superintendent, Rod Rhodes was introduced to the Assembly
- Finance Director interviews are moving forward
- New set of Goals will be completed and submitted to the Assembly
- Manager evaluation should be set for January
- Would like to reactivate the Code Review Committee (Clerk, Manager, Mayor Prysunka, and Assembly Members Morrison and Gilbert)
- Would like to create a Borough investment Committee (will bring an action item for the Assembly to consider at the meeting in January)

In response to Prysunka, Chief McCloskey stated that the process when there are needles found in the community was for the community member to call the Police Department; the Police Department will collect the needle and test it in-house for methamphetamines and opioids.

In response to DeLong on if the police department could remind the community to register their dogs; McCloskey stated that they run an advertisement in the newspaper bi-annually to remind people to register their dogs.

DeBord asked how many syringes had been found in the last year; McCloskey stated that there were 6 or 7 found that they had done testing on; have not tested needles for suboxone.

In response to Gilbert on how he viewed our drug problem in the community, McCloskey stated that he thought that we were better than most; McCloskey stated that because of SB91, it decriminalized drug possession; drug possession is now a violation and not a criminal charge.

In response to Prysunka on if we have access or have used a drug dog in the community, McCloskey stated that we must have probable cause in order to use a dog; other States allow the use of drug dogs to establish probable cause, Alaska is the opposite. Prysunka asked that the Assembly receive a historical statistical report to compare to where we are now on drug related charges.

Prysunka stated that he was worried about what the community believes is going on to what he (Chief) was telling the Assembly what's going on. McCloskey stated that he does believe that we have a problem, but he doesn't believe that it's changed tremendously in the last two or three years.

McCloskey stated that the community members can turn in pharmaceuticals to the Police Department, no questions asked.

Prysunka asked if we have established a tip-line in Wrangell; McCloskey stated that we have had one for years.

McCloskey stated that we have to establish probable cause before the Police Department can act on a tip.

McCloskey said for the community to keep reporting to the Police Department, what they do see.

Gilbert stated that she would like to receive statistic updates.

BOROUGH CLERK'S FILE

Clerk Lane's report was provided.

MAYOR AND ASSEMBLY BUSINESS

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10a Board/Commission Appointments (*Planning & Zoning Commission*). There were no letters of interest received for this vacancy.

10b Appointment to the SEAPA Board (*1 voting member & 1 alternate member*). Mayor Prysunka (with the consent of the Assembly) appointed the following persons to fill the CY2019 seats for Wrangell:

- Stephen Prysunka (voting member)
- Lisa Von Barga (alternate member)

PUBLIC HEARING – None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS

13a PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 12-18-1438 OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, AMENDING THE FY 2019 BUDGET IN THE WATER FUND BY \$14,000 FOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURES AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXPENDITURE

M/S: Morrison/Gilbert to adopt Resolution No. 12-18-1438.

Amber Al-Haddad, Capital Facilities Director, gave an in-depth explanation as to why the budget amendment was being requested; \$30,000 was supposed to be added to the FY 2019 budget for the Water Department; purchased equipment (snow plow and year-round sand filter cleaning by the plunging method equipment) and realized that the \$30,000 had been left out of the budget; spoke to the Assembly at a Budget Work Session about the plan (plan A); have since changed the plan that eliminates the hazardous atmospheric conditions from the carbon monoxide; snow plow will still be used by the Water Department since it is a necessary piece of equipment.

Powell voiced his concerns and stated that the Assembly should have been notified if the plans had changed.

Motion approved with Gilbert, Decker, Delong, DeBord, Morrison and Prysunka voting yes; Powell voted no.

13b Approval to Enter into an Agreement with Municode for Online Agenda Solutions for the Annual Cost of \$2,200

M/S: Gilbert/Delong to approve entering into an agreement with Municode for online Agenda Solutions for the annual cost of \$2,200.

Clerk Lane and Manager Von Bargaen provided details about the agenda platform to the Assembly.

Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13c Discussion Item: Flood & Earthquake Insurance for All CBW Facilities

Von Bargaen was given direction to investigate the possibility of the cost to acquire replacement value insurance for our facilities; currently insured for the depreciated value of our buildings, not the replacement value.

14 Attorney's File is available for the Assembly to view in the Clerk's Office.

15 Mill Site Property Proposed Purchase


M/S: Gilbert/Morrison moved, pursuant to AS 44.62.310 (c)(1), that we recess into executive session to discuss matters in which the immediate knowledge would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the borough, specifically the proposed purchase of the Mill Site property. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

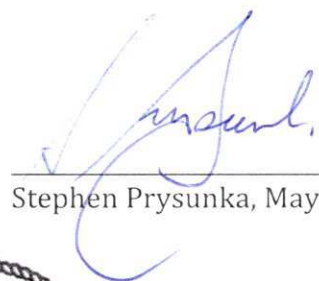
Recessed into Executive Session at: 8:35 p.m.

Reconvened back into Regular Session at: 9:15 p.m.

Regular Assembly meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

ATTEST:


Kim Lane, MMC, Borough Clerk


Stephen Prysunka, Mayor

