



Petersburg Borough

12 South Nordic Drive
Petersburg, AK 99833

Meeting Minutes Borough Assembly Regular Meeting

Monday, May 16, 2022

6:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

1. Call To Order/Roll Call

Mayor Jensen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Assembly Member Bob Lynn
Assembly Member Chelsea Tremblay
Assembly Member David Kensinger
Vice Mayor Jeigh Stanton Gregor
Assembly Member Jeff Meucci
Mayor Mark Jensen
Assembly Member Thomas Fine-Walsh

2. Voluntary Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge was recited.

3. Approval of Minutes

A. May 2, 2022 Assembly Meeting Minutes

The May 2, 2022 Assembly meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Seconded by Assembly Member Meucci.
Voting Yea: Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Tremblay, Assembly Member Kensinger, Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Meucci, Mayor Jensen, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh

4. Amendment and Approval of Meeting Agenda

The agenda was amended to add a Discussion Item regarding the Papke's Landing Marine Facility Improvements Conceptual Design comment period and a Discussion Item to discuss sending a letter from the Borough and the Chamber of Commerce to National Geographic regarding their cruise ship visits to Petersburg this summer. The Assembly unanimously approved the agenda as amended.

Motion made by Assembly Member Meucci, Seconded by Assembly Member Tremblay. Voting Yea: Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Tremblay, Assembly Member Kensing, Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Meucci, Mayor Jensen, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh

5. Public Hearings

A. Public Hearing for Ordinance #2022-07: An Ordinance Adopting the Budget for Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 Through June 30, 2023

Cate Kowalski, Todd Newlun, Michele Pfundt, Jim Floyd, Luan Madole, and Marietta Davis spoke in favor of a fully funded Police Department.

Jim Whitethorn stated our roads are in need of maintenance. He also expressed support for the Police Department.

Don Koenigs spoke about the proposed FY 2023 budget and expressed support for the Police Department.

6. Bid Awards

There were no bid awards.

7. Persons to be Heard Related to Agenda

Persons wishing to share their views on any item on today's agenda may do so at this time.

Chris Zimmer, the Alaska Director for Rivers Without Borders, thanked the Assembly for considering Resolution #2022-08 regarding the clean up and closure of the Tulsequah Chief Mine.

8. Persons to be Heard Unrelated to Agenda

Persons with views on subjects not on today's agenda may share those views at this time.

Jim Floyd, speaking as the Manager of Hammer & Wikan and the President of the Chamber of Commerce, and Will Ware, representing the Cedar Box and Haa Aani Adventures LLC, shared their concerns about the National Geographic cruise ships not allowing passengers to visit local shops in Petersburg.

9. Boards, Commission and Committee Reports

A. Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Report on Trails Work Session

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Chair Hayes read a letter to the Assembly reporting on an October, 2021 public work session regarding local trail development and requested the Assembly and Borough staff re-establish efforts to support the development of the Severson's Connector Trail.

10. Consent Agenda

There were no consent agenda items.

11. Report of Other Officers

A. Southeast Conference Report

Robert Venables, Southeast Conference Executive Director, shared the results to date of a survey of southeast businesses' COVID-19 impacts, encouraged any businesses who have not completed the survey to do so, and updated the Assembly on current issues and activities happening at the organization.

B. Southeast Alaska Power Agency Report

Assembly Member and SEAPA Board Member Lynn and Utility Director and SEAPA Board Member Alternate Hagerman gave the Assembly an update on SEAPA activities.

C. Petersburg Housing Report

Assembly Member Tremblay reported on a May 3, 2022 meeting on housing in Petersburg.

12. Mayor's Report

A. May 16, 2022 Mayor's Report

Mayor Jensen read his report into the record.

13. Manager's Report

A. May 16, 2022 Manager's Report

Manager Giesbrecht read his report into the record, a copy of which is attached and made a permanent part of these minutes.

14. Unfinished Business

A. Ordinance #2022-05: An Ordinance Updating Chapter 14.04.420 of the Municipal Code, Entitled "Water Rate Schedule and Fees" - Third and final reading

Ordinance #2022-05 was unanimously approved in its third and final reading.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Seconded by Assembly Member Meucci. Voting Yea: Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Tremblay, Assembly Member Kensinger, Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Meucci, Mayor Jensen, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh

B. Ordinance #2022-06: An Ordinance Updating Various Sections of Chapter 14.08 of the Municipal Code, Entitled "Sewer Utility" - Third and final reading

By unanimous roll call vote, the Assembly approved Ordinance #2022-06 in its third and final reading.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Seconded by Assembly Member Tremblay.

Voting Yea: Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Tremblay, Assembly Member Kensinger, Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Meucci, Mayor Jensen, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh

C. Ordinance #2022-07: An Ordinance Adopting the Budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 Through June 30, 2023 - Second Reading

Ordinance #2022-07 was amended 1) to increase the Electric Department payroll by \$106,154 (due to an administrative error); 2) to add \$40,000 to the ARPA Grant Lost Revenue Fund 287 for potentially hiring a grant writer; and 3) to add \$17,500 to the ARPA Grant Fund 286 for Humanity in Progress. Ordinance #2022-07, as amended, was approved by a vote of 5-2 in its second reading.

Motion made by Assembly Member Meucci, Seconded by Assembly Member Tremblay.

Voting Yea: Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Tremblay, Assembly Member Kensinger, Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Mayor Jensen

Voting Nay: Assembly Member Meucci, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh

15. New Business

A. Resolution #2022-08: A Resolution Encouraging the Prompt and Full Closure and Cleanup of the Tulsequah Chief Mine and Urging the B.C. Government to Oppose any Extension of the Receivership Process

Resolution #2022-08 was unanimously approved.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Seconded by Assembly Member Tremblay.

Voting Yea: Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Tremblay, Assembly Member Kensinger, Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Meucci, Mayor Jensen, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh

B. Mountain View Manor Assisted Living Services

By unanimous roll call vote, the Assembly directed Manager Giesbrecht to research and enter into discussions with Petersburg Medical Center to share resources and combine efforts in providing services at the Borough's Mountain View Manor Assisted Living Facility.

Motion made by Assembly Member Lynn, Seconded by Assembly Member Meucci.

Voting Yea: Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Tremblay, Assembly Member Kensinger, Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Meucci, Mayor Jensen, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh

C. Early Childhood Education Task Force Appointments

The Assembly unanimously approved appointment of the 11 Petersburg residents who submitted letters of interest to serve on the Early Childhood Education Task Force (Katie Holmlund, Denise Gubernick, Chad Wright, Jeff Meucci, Jessica Doril, Sharlay Mamoe, Becky Turland, Stephanie Payne, Chelsea Tremblay, Glorianne Wollen, and Hannah Flor) and appointed Chelsea Tremblay as Chair.

Motion made by Assembly Member Lynn, Seconded by Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor. Voting Yea: Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Tremblay, Assembly Member Kensinger, Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Meucci, Mayor Jensen, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh

D. Capital Projects Process Work Session

A work session to discuss updates to and the process for capital project needs lists (State of Alaska CAPSIS, ADOT Needs List, Federal Priorities List) was set for June 27, 2022 at 6:00 p.m..

Motion made by Assembly Member Meucci, Seconded by Assembly Member Tremblay. Voting Yea: Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Tremblay, Assembly Member Kensinger, Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Meucci, Mayor Jensen

16. Communications

A. Correspondence Received Since April 28, 2022

17. Assembly Discussion Items

A. Papke’s Landing Marine Facility Conceptual Design Comment Period Close Date

After some discussion, the Assembly requested an action item for the June 6 Assembly meeting to set a end date for receiving comments on the Papke’s Landing Marine Facility Conceptual Design.

B. Letter to National Geographic Regarding Tour Ships Coming to Petersburg

The Assembly discussed taking whatever steps are necessary to get to the bottom of the reasoning behind National Geographic’s decision to not allow passengers and crew to explore Petersburg while in port.

C. Assembly Member Comments

Assembly Member Fine-Walsh thanked the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board for their report on trails.

D. Recognitions

Fire/EMS/SAR Director Dixson recognized Petersburg's EMS responders for their dedication to our community and shared that May 15-21 is EMS Appreciation Week.

Assembly Member Tremblay thanked the Petersburg residents who are willing to serve on the Early Childhood Education Task Force and thanked the volunteers at Humanity in Progress for their efforts to help those who require assistance with obtaining food, clothing, housing and other basic needs.

Police Chief Kerr thanked the community members and business owners who showed up to the meeting today on behalf of the Police Department.

18. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Seconded by Assembly Member Tremblay.
Voting Yea: Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Tremblay, Assembly Member Kensinger, Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Meucci, Mayor Jensen, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh