



Petersburg Borough

12 South Nordic Drive
Petersburg, AK 99833

Meeting Minutes Borough Assembly Regular Meeting

Monday, October 04, 2021

12:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

1. Call To Order/Roll Call

Mayor Jensen called the meeting to order at 12:00 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

EXCUSED

Assembly Member Taylor Norheim

2. Voluntary Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge was recited.

3. Approval of Minutes

A. Regular Assembly Meeting Minutes September 20, 2021

The September 20, 2021 Assembly meeting minutes were 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

4. Amendment and Approval of Meeting Agenda

The agenda was amended to add New Business Item 15F - Certification of Election Special Meeting. The agenda was unanimously approved as amended.

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

5. Public Hearings

There were no public hearings.

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.

Cindy Lynn shared her concerns regarding Ordinance #2021-17 which updates certain provisions of Chapter 14.12 entitled "Sanitation".

Dana Thynes shared her belief that Ordinance #2021-15, which updates Code Chapter 9.04 entitled "Disease Control", is still too restrictive.

Frederick Olsen Jr., Executive Director of Southeast Alaska Indigenous Transboundary Commission (SEITC), urged the Assembly to sign on to a Rivers That Feed Us Resolution, drafted by SEITC and Salmon Beyond Borders, which calls for a permanent ban on tailings dams and a temporary halt to the permitting, exploration, development and expansion of Canadian mines along Alaska-British Columbia transboundary salmon rivers.

Breanna Walker, Campaign Coordinator with Salmon Beyond Borders, called on the Assembly to join other municipalities, groups and individuals and sign on to the Rivers That Feed Us Resolution.

Brian Lynch, on behalf of Rivers Without Borders and himself, also encouraged the Assembly to sign on to the Rivers That Feed Us Resolution.

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.

No views were shared.

9. Boards, Commission and Committee Reports

No reports were given.

10. Consent Agenda

There were no Consent Agenda items.

11. Report of Other Officers

A. SEAPA Update

Utility Director and Assembly and SEAPA Board Member Lynn provided an update on SEAPA activities.

B. Petersburg Medical Center Update

PMC CEO Hofstetter updated the Assembly on Medical Center activities.

12. Mayor's Report

A. October 4, 2021 Mayor's Report

Mayor Jensen read his report into the record. He also added the following:

Condolences to the family of Ted Smith, who passed away October 3rd. Mayor Jensen recognized the many years of public service Ted gave to the City of Petersburg.

Thank you to Taylor Norheim for his service on the Assembly the last three years.

Mayor Jensen will not be available to attend the November 1, 2021 Assembly meeting.

Thank you to the PMP&L crew for their work during last Friday's storm.

Tomorrow is Election Day. Please vote!

13. Manager's Report

A. October 4, 2021 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 #2021-16: An Ordinance Amending Chapters 9.16, 14.04, 14.08, 14.12, and 14.16 of the Municipal Code to Authorize Creation and Recording of a Lien in Favor of the Borough in Order to Secure Payment of Delinquent Fees, Costs and Expenses - Third and Final Reading

Ordinance #2021-16 was unanimously approved in its third and final reading.

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

15. New Business

A. Ordinance #2021-15: An Ordinance Updating Chapter 9.04 of the Municipal Code, Entitled "Disease Control", to Update Language and Reflect Borough Incorporation - First Reading

The purpose of Ordinance #2021-15 is to 1) move the chapter into borough code; 2) amend or remove antiquated language; 3) delete duties that have historically not been performed by the local health officer; 4) delete the health officer's power to compel

vaccinations, currently provided for in section 9.04.040; 5) add language to ensure that actions of the health officer under 9.04.020 (A) and (B) are taken only under the direction of either the borough manager or the borough assembly; 6) include a new section 9.04.040 that outlines the required substance of health officer directives, to ensure that directives are factually based, designed to be as least restrictive as possible, and are in the best interests of public health; and 7) provide a fine in the event of violation of a directive (new section 9.04.050).

By unanimous roll call vote, the Assembly approved Ordinance #2021-15 in its first reading.

Motion made by Assembly Member Meucci, 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

B. Ordinance #2021-17: An Ordinance Updating Various Provisions of Chapter 14.12 of the Municipal Code, Entitled "Sanitation"

Ordinance #2021-17, if adopted, will 1) add provisions to address concerns regarding bears accessing refuse containers located in residential neighborhoods, including establishment of a fine for noncompliance; 2) change collection of recyclables from once per week to once every two weeks; 3) add a section to address the disposal of vehicles; and 4) update collection and on-site disposal rates.

The Assembly unanimously approved Ordinance #2021-17 in its first reading.

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

C. Airport COVID Testing Contract Extension

The State of Alaska is requesting an extension of the Airport COVID Testing contract for an additional \$1,222,750.00 for services performed October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022.

By unanimous roll call vote, the Assembly approved extension of the Airport COVID testing through September 30, 2022.

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

D. Approval of Letter to the Petersburg Ranger District Regarding Improvements to Raven's Roost Trail & Cabin

The Assembly unanimously approved signing on to the P&R Advisory Board's letter to the Petersburg Ranger District expressing appreciation for the ongoing improvements to the Raven's Roost Trail and Cabin.

Motion made by Assembly Member Tremblay, 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

E. Approval of Election Officials

Five additional Borough residents were unanimously approved as Election Officials.

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

No communications were received.

17. Assembly Discussion Items

A. Transboundary Salmon Rivers

Assembly Member Meucci shared he has requested the Transboundary Salmon Rivers issue be brought before the Assembly as an action item in the form of a Resolution at the November 1, 2021 meeting.

B. Assembly Member Comments

Assembly Member Stanton Gregor reminded Petersburg that tomorrow is Local Democracy Day and urged all registered voters to turn out and vote.

Assembly Member Meucci thanked all staff involved in working on the power outage during last Friday's storm. He was impressed with all the Borough departments that worked together to take care of Petersburg.

Assembly Member Tremblay thanked Utility Director Hagerman for sharing the names and departments of Borough employees who were involved in the work during the power outage, but pointed out that he forgot to name himself as he was out in the storm as well, directing traffic around the workers.

Assembly Member Kensinger thanked everyone for working together and restoring power to Petersburg and Utility Director Hagerman for his email about the outage.

C. Recognitions

Assembly Member Meucci recognized Member Norheim for his three years serving on the Borough Assembly.

18. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 1:41 p.m.

Motion made by Assembly Member Tremblay, 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