



**City of Saxman
Regular Meeting
April 19, 2023
5:30 PM**

MINUTES

Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order at 5:35 PM by Mayor Seludo.

Prayer

Invocation by Councilor Watson.

Roll Call/Quorum

PRESENT

Mayor Frank Seludo
Council Member Billy Joe Thomas
Council Member Rick Makua
Council Member Norman Natkong Sr.
Council Member Woody Watson
Council Member Gabriella Blair

ABSENT

Council Member Denny Blair

Public Comments

Grant Echohawk with the Ketchikan Borough Assembly from the Visitors Center came in to introduce himself. He mentioned he would like to keep up with the Conversations here in Saxman. He passed his contact information over to the Interim City Clerk.

Consideration of the Agenda

A motion was made to accept the Agenda as a guide.

Motion made by Council Member Watson, Seconded by Council Member Makua.
Voting Yea: Mayor Seludo, Council Member Thomas, Council Member Makua, Council Member Natkong Sr., Council Member Watson, Council Member Blair

Motion Passed.

Consent Agenda: *Matters listed under the consent agenda are routine and will be enacted by one motion and one vote. There will be no separate discussion on these items. If the Mayor or council member requests discussion, that item will be removed from the consent calendar and will be considered under "Unfinished Business".*

A motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda Items #1-7.

Motion made by Council Member Makua, Seconded by Council Member Thomas.
Voting Yea: Mayor Seludo, Council Member Thomas, Council Member Makua, Council Member Natkong Sr., Council Member Watson, Council Member Blair

Motion Passes.

1. March 21, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes
Background: Meeting Minutes presented for Council's Approval.
2. March 15, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes
Background: Meeting Minutes for Review and Approval.
3. March 30, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes
Background: Meeting Minutes for Review and Approval.
4. April 06, 2023 Building and Ordinance Committee Meeting Minutes
Background: Meeting Minutes for Review and Approval.
5. April 11, 2023 Totem and Tourism Committee Meeting Minutes
Background: Meeting Minutes for Review and Approval.
6. April 13, 2023 Finance Meeting Minutes
Background: Meeting Minutes for Review and Approval.
7. April 13, 2023 Finance Meeting Recommendations
Background: Finance Meeting Recommendations for the Council's Review and Approval.

Old Business

There was no Old Business.

New Business

8. School House Property
Background: Cape Fox will make an offer on the school house and property to the Council. Moved from Building and Ordinance Meeting on April 06, 2023, to the Regular Meeting for further discussion.

The Council requested that this item be brought back to the Committee Level at the next Building and Ordinance Meeting.
9. Moving City of Saxman Office to CFC Building
Background: Cape Fox representative will further discuss the proposal of moving the City of Saxman offices over to the CFC Building. Resuming discussion from the Regular Council Meeting on March 15, 2023. Has since been moved from Building and Ordinance Meeting on April 06, 2023, to the Regular Meeting for further discussion.

This was brought through from the Committee Level to the Regular Meeting for approval.

Councilor G.Blair requested that this be brought back to the Building and Ordinance Meeting with a draft contract presented from Cape Fox Corporation. Where it will show how the entities will fit in.

Mayor Seludo requested that we put this off and add onto a Special Meeting agenda or a future Building and Ordinance Meeting.

10. Wood-Mizer

Background: Mayor Seludo will present the topic of the "Wood-Mizer" to the Council. Moved from Building and Ordinance Meeting on April 06, 2023, to the Regular Meeting for further discussion.

Mayor Seludo mentioned that he is looking into an area for the Organized Village of Saxman to use for storage/use of their Wood-Mizer. He has to look into an MOA and land research prior to anything further action. He requested that this agenda item be brought back to a future Building and Ordinance Committee Meeting when more information is available.

11. Cash Call for CDC Start Up

Background: The CDC is requesting funding from the City of Saxman for start-up funds in the amount of \$40,000 for two years totaling \$80,000.

Mayor Seludo mentioned that he is waiting to hear back from Charles Parker for a resolution. He also requested that this be presented as a non-codified ordinance during a Special Meeting in the future.

Public Hearings: *After the reading of each draft Ordinance the Mayor will ask for comments from the public. After public comments are closed by the Mayor motions may be made.*

Unfinished Business

There was no Unfinished Business.

Staff Reports

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12. Water Operator Report

Background: Water Operator verbally reports the status of the Water Plant for the month of April.

Mayor Seludo verbally gave a report on the Water Plant for the month of April. He mentioned that the last power outage caused issues with the reading machines at the water plant. He is considering looking into a battery backup for these outages. There was mention of a current sewer leak we are dealing with and that is in the process of getting fixed.

He also mentioned that Three Bears Alaska, Inc, located at 2868 South Tongass Highway are installing a water meter in the building for us to look at.

13. Saxman VPSO Public Safety Report

Background: Public Safety Report for the period of February 16 through April 13, 2023, for the Council's Review.

The VPSO Public Safety Report was presented as a written report.

Executive Session Procedure: Motion is made stating the subject matter to be discussed and then voted upon. If adopted, executive session is held. If necessary, action is taken in public session following the executive session. If there is more than one executive session topic, each topic will be handled separate from the other.

There was a motion made to enter Executive Session at 6:20 PM.

Motion made by Council Member Watson, Seconded by Council Member Makua.
Voting Yea: Mayor Seludo, Council Member Thomas, Council Member Makua, Council Member Natkong Sr., Council Member Watson, Council Member Blair

Motion Passes.

There was a motion made to exit Executive Session at 6:57 PM.

Motion made by Council Member Thomas, Seconded by Council Member Makua.
Voting Yea: Mayor Seludo, Council Member Thomas, Council Member Makua, Council Member Natkong Sr., Council Member Watson, Council Member Blair

Motion Passes.

14. Potential Litigation and Litigation Strategy

Background: Presentation of a Potential Litigation and Litigation Strategy for the Council's Review and Approval.

A directive was made for the Attorney to take action on the matters discussed.

15. EMS and Fire Fees

Background: The EMS contract will expire in the next 12 months. Currently the City subsidizes the EMS contract fee of \$30,000.00. The South Tongass Service Area has made it clear that they will be looking for an increase in the amount the City of Saxman pays for the EMS and fire service. The Council needs to consider how it will fund this increase.

The Council requested to bring this back to the Committee Level and to keep on the Building and Ordinance Agenda.

Next Meeting Dates:

16. May Calendar

Background: Presentation of the May Calendar for next month's meeting dates.

The Council approved the meeting dates. Requested to add a Special Meeting for April 27th, 2023 at 4:00 PM for FY23 Budget Modification #2.

Council/Mayor Comments

Councilor Watson: Good Meeting. We got a lot accomplished. Thank you staff for staying here.

Councilor Natkong: Good Meeting. Glad to see we are moving on. I am glad we got an application in for the City Administrator.

Councilor Makua: Thank you Mr. Mayor for everything you are doing. I would like to thank the City Clerk for holding up the fort.

Vice Mayor Thomas: Thank you to everyone. We all did a great job stating our minds. I like the direction we are going.

Mayor Seludo: Thank you all for attending.

Adjournment

There was a motion made to adjourn.

Motion made by Council Member Blair, Seconded by Council Member Makua.
Voting Yea: Mayor Seludo, Council Member Thomas, Council Member Makua, Council Member Natkong Sr., Council Member Watson, Council Member Blair

Motion Passes. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Frank H. Seludo, Mayor

Brianna Berg, Interim City Clerk