



**City of Saxman
City Council Special Meeting
September 15, 2023
5:30 PM**

MINUTES

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:36 PM by Mayor Seludo.

Prayer

Innvocation by Councilor Watson.

Roll Call/Quorum

PRESENT

Mayor Frank Seludo
Council Member Billy Joe Thomas
Council Member Denny Blair
Council Member Norman Natkong Sr.
Council Member Woody Watson
Council Member Gabriella Blair - Telephonically

ABSENT

Council Member Rick Makua

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

New Business

1. October Calendar

Background: October Calendar with Council Meeting Dates for the Council's Review.

Mayor Seludo mentioned he should be out of town once for a Doctors Appointment.

Vice Mayor Thomas mentioned he should not be traveling in October.

2. September Water Operator Report

Background: The Water Operator will present a written report for the Water Plant.

A written report was presented to the Council from Robert Sero - the Water Plant Operator.

Discussion:

Mayor Seludo mentioned that the power outages are still an issue. When the power turns back on the chlorine pump keeps pumping so the operators have to deal with it manually. They have been working with Dave Reed.

Mayor Seludo mentioned that there is a Wastewater Treatment Training in Juneau at the end of October. He plans on sending Robert.

Vice Mayor Thomas: Mentioned that we need to see how much it is going to cost to see how much it will be to send them both. (R. Shields SR & R. Sero)

Mayor Seludo: He needs R. Shields SR to stay because it is a week long training event. We will send R. Sero.

There was a motion made to accept agenda item 2.

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

Motion Passes.

3. FY2025 State Capital Projects

Background: Presentation of the minutes from the from the Lobbying Executive Committee from August 30, 2023. The Council should adopt the community priority list as recommended by the Lobbying Executive Committee.

Discussion:

Vice Mayor Thomas: The one we wanted to add for the lobby event at the Ketchikan Gateway Borough; we got the vote we wanted to get voted on for our community project.

In this past this has been adopted through a resolution. The Council will adopt through a motion.

There was a motion made to adopt joint projects;

1. Ketchikan Airport Ferry Improvements

New Small Passenger Vessel

Oral Freeman Major Refurbishment

2. Park Avenue and Harris St. Road, Sewer & Water

3. Saxman Water Line Replacement

for the Ketchikan Gateway Borough, City of Ketchikan and City of Saxman.

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

Motion Passes.

4. Letter of Support for Cape Fox Corporation

Background: Cape Fox Corporation is requesting that the City of Saxman sign a letter of support in regards for conveyance.

Discussion:

Mayor Seludo: Mentioned that he was elected to Cape Fox Board last weekend. Frank wanted to mention that because of the letter of support; financially he doesn't believe there is a conflict of interest; that would be up to the Vice Mayor to determine whether or not he has a conflict of interest.

Vice Mayor Thomas: We can have the Mayor abstain from this vote and do this amongst ourselves.

Vice Mayor Thomas read the letter of support to the Council as presented. The letter summed up is requesting support for building a road around George Inlet Cannery to Mahoney Lake to finish off the island. It would create easier access to Mahoney Lake. They are only asking for the vote of confidence. They are trying to get support from us.

There was a motion made to put the City of Saxman's letterhead on the Letter of Support request from Cape Fox Corporation and to support Cape Fox Corporation.

The Vice Mayor called for a Roll Call Vote.

Roll Call Vote:

Voting Yes: Vice Mayor Thomas, Councilor D. Blair, Councilor Natkong, Councilor Watson and Councilor G. Blair

Voting No: Mayor Seludo as he is abstaining.

Motion made by Council Member Watson, Seconded by Council Member Blair.

Voting Yea: Council Member Thomas, Council Member Blair, Council Member Natkong Sr., Council Member Watson, Council Member Blair

Voting Abstaining: Mayor Seludo

Motion Passes.

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 no need for Executive Session as the property owner contacted the City of Saxman and paid their due balance and will turn in their Sewer application that they received in the mail to establish their account. This occurred on September 14, 2023.

5. 2301 South Tongass Highway Property

Background: Discussion on the due balance of this property for their sewer bill & new owners. Requesting that the Council direct the administrative staff on the next steps.

No further discussion needed for this agenda item as it was sorted out hours before the meeting.

Council/Mayor Comments

Adjournment

There was a motion made to adjourn the meeting.

Motion made by Council Member Thomas, Seconded by Council Member Blair.

Voting Yea: Council Member Thomas, Council Member Blair, Council Member Natkong Sr., Council Member Watson, Council Member Blair

Motion Passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:02 PM

Frank H. Seludo, Mayor