



**City of Saxman  
Regular Meeting  
February 15, 2023  
5:30 PM**

## **MINUTES**

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### **Call to Order**

The Meeting was called to Order at 5:37 PM.

### **Prayer**

Invocation by Councilor Watson.

### **Roll Call/Quorum**

#### **PRESENT**

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

#### **ABSENT**

Council Member Gabriella Blair

### **Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

### **Consideration of the Agenda**

*A motion was made to use the Agenda as a guide with changes. Mayor Seludo requested to add on KVB Board for Volunteers from this Council as line item #8 under New Business. Motion Passed.*

Motion made by Mayor Seludo, Seconded by Council Member Watson.

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

**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 with changes. Motion Passed.*

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

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

1. January 18, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes  
Background: Meeting Minutes Presented for Council's Approval.
2. February 3, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes  
Background: Meeting minutes presented for approval.
3. February 10, 2023 Finance Meeting Minutes  
Background: Meeting minutes presented for approval.

## **Old Business**

There was no old business.

## **New Business**

### **#8 KVB Board**

Background: Requesting a volunteer from the Saxman City Council to volunteer on the KVB Board.

The Council decided the Councilor Rick Makua will be the primary volunteer on the board and Vice Mayor Thomas will be the alternate as needed.

**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**

*A motion was made to approve all staff reports as presented. Motion Passed.*

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

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

4. City Administrator Report

Background: The City Administrator will give report to the Council on the last 30 days.

Lori Richmond gave a verbal report and written report to the Council. She provided feedback received on the recent grant she applied for. Gave an update on the RFP for a new Finance/Accountant for the City of Saxman. Three projects were submitted for the additional funding grant. She is looking into Denali Commission notice of funding opportunity grant applications.

The City Administrator requested directive from the Council on the OVS Lease and the terms of responsible parties for maintenance, etc. She will present at the next Building and Ordinance Committee Meeting for Council Review.

She also asked for some leniency from the Council as she has a illness that starting back in October and at the time when brought up the Council was okay with her working from home.

She also provided a written report on an accidental charge on the City Debit Card to the Council. The Council requested the city card be always kept in the safe and that the issue be fixed with the next paycheck.

5. Water Operator Report

Background: The Water Plant Operator verbally presents the Water Operator Report for the month of February.

Mayor Seludo gave an update on the water shut off leak testing that occurred throughout the City a few weeks back. And noted that we are making plenty of water although at that time we were losing close to a foot a night.

Mayor Seludo also noted that the new polymer pumps should be switched out soon and we will keep the old polymer pump. We will need to maintenance the pump soon.

6. January-February VPSO Report

Background: The VPSO submits a written report for the Councils consideration.

M. Nunnally the VPSO requested to present a verbal report on the written report he included in the packet. Requesting the Council approve the redacted summary. The chairperson did not allow this.

The Council requested that the VPSO engage more in community pleasing, and communication with residents. The abandoned vehicles need to be focused on as well.

## **Executive Session**

There was no Executive Session

## **Next Meeting Dates:**

7. March Calendar

Background: March Calendar presented for Council's Review.

Discussion:

Mayor Seludo requested that the City Administrator work on the Land Selling Policy and present at the next Building and Ordinance Committee Meeting where the Council can work on as a group to complete.

He also requested to keep the line item for the "Schoolhouse" on the agenda for Building and Ordinance along with a presentation from Cape Fox.

A Joint Meeting needs to be scheduled with OVS and the City of Saxman. Mayor Seludo mentioned he will reach out to Clifford Blair and Tim Lewis and go from there to coordinate. He will also reach out to President Williams to coordinate then give direction to administrative staff to email the Council for Saxman and OVS to schedule a meeting.

Policy Meeting Schedule - Mayor Seludo will look into.

Chief Ebbits Pole - Recommend adding cost of log and submittal to the Council with choices. The City Administrator mentioned she will look into this and add onto the next Totem and Tourism Committee Meeting. Along with an update on the Oyster Pole will be included in the next Totem and Tourism Committee Meeting.

March Calendar Dates will work with the Council.

### **Council/Mayor Comments**

*Councilor Watson:* It would be nice to have the VPSO patrol by the bus stop in the morning and afternoon by the Carving Center. This was a good meeting. A lot was talked about here and I would like to thank the staff.

*Councilor Natkong SR:* This was a good meeting. I am glad to see the VPSO here at our meetings so we can keep him informed and let him know what needs to be worked on. There were good subjects talked about tonight.

*Councilor D. Blair:* Good Meeting.

*Councilor Makua:* Good Meeting. I would like to thank the staff for their hard work and the Mayor. I also would like to thank the VPSO for his report. I recommend the VPSO goes out and meets people, kids of the village, so he can start to know the people of the Village.

*Mayor Seludo:* I have no comments.

*Vice Mayor Thomas:* There were some hard discussions here today and a lot of opinions were voiced which was good to hear. We can not get through hard topics without having the hard conversations. I appreciate the honesty and the speaking up. I would like to thank the staff for the work that is put in.

### **Adjournment**

*There was a motion made to adjourn the meeting. Motion Passed.*

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM.

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Frank H. Seludo, Mayor

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Lori Richmond, City Clerk