



**City of Saxman  
Regular Meeting  
January 18, 2023  
5:30 PM**

**MINUTES**

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**Call to Order**

*The meeting was called to order at 5:32 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 Denny Blair  
Council Member Norman Natkong Sr.  
Council Member Woody Watson  
Council Member Gabriella Blair

**Public Comments**

Harvey Shields, resident of Saxman, spoke during public comment in regards of water cleaning/cleaning of the water dams. He emphasized the importance of the city looking into the water useage change when Three Bears opens up and ensuring the dams are cleaned. He mentioned he has pumps and hoses to clean the dams and is willing to volunteer his time to help when needed.

Mayor Seludo decided he will include this concern in the next Building and Ordinance Meeting for the Council to discuss.

Trudi Swink, resident of Saxman, spoke during public comment to thank the City Council and the staff for working with the Organized Village of Saxman to administer the food voucher/utility grants. She mentioned that the State of Alaska - Food Stamp Division - is currently working on processing applications from July of 2022 and they are almost ready to start processing the August applications. Even new applicants have an estimated wait time of three months for their application to even be processed. She mentioned that these grants are a blessing for this community especially during this time.

1. Three Bears Update

Background: The Mayor is presenting Tim Lewis, Cape Fox Commercial Manager, for an update on Three Bears to the Council.

Tim Lewis gave a verbal update on Three Bears and informed the City Council that he will be able to provide monthly updates through email if requested.

2. Audit Report

Background: Max Mertz, auditor, has finished with the audit and will present it to the Council via Zoom.

Max Mertz presented the audit report through Zoom.

### **Consideration of the Agenda**

*A motion was made to use the Agenda as a guide. Motion Passed.*

Motion made by Council Member Thomas, 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, Council Member Blair

**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 line items 3-7. 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, Council Member Blair

3. December 21, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes

Background: Meeting Minutes presented for approval.

4. November 8, 2022 Totem and Tourism Committee Minutes

Background: Committee meeting minutes that should have been approved in December.

5. January 12, 2023 Finance Meeting Minutes

Background: Meeting Minutes Presented for Approval.

6. January 12, 2023 Finance Meeting Recommendations

Background: Finance Meeting Recommendations for Approval.

7. Resolution #01.2023.01 Shared Fisheries Business Tax Resolution for Application

Background: Every year we apply for a portion (based on state calculation) of the fisheries business tax. This resolution is in support of that application.

## **Old Business**

There was no old business.

## **New Business**

There was no new business.

**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**

### **Staff Reports**

The City Administrator, Lori Richmond, verbally reported an update on her health to the Council.

#### 8. Water Operator Report

Background: The Water Plant Operator verbally presents a report for the month of January.

Mayor Seludo reported that there is leak testing occurring on each street throughout the week to find any water leaks. He mentioned that Eagle Avenue seems to be an area of problems for leaks so far. He also reported that there are a few issues with the water pipes in the treatment plant that the staff is working on ordering parts for.

## **Executive Session**

*The Mayor called for executive session at 6:39 PM. The Council requested that the City Administrator and Deputy Clerk leave the meeting room for this discussion.*

*Council notified City Administrator and Deputy Clerk to return to the meeting room at 7:03 PM and informed them that the discussion consisted of complaints received from residents in the City of Saxman and could not go into further detail at this time.*

*The Mayor closed executive session at 7:03 PM.*

### **Next Meeting Dates:**

#### 9. February Calendar

Background: Council Meeting Dates for the Council's Review.

## **Council/Mayor Comments**

*Councilor Watson:* Good Meeting. We accomplished a lot. Thank you for the hard work council and staff.

*Councilor Natkong:* Good Meeting. It was nice to see all the council and staff members here.

*Councilor Makua:* I would like to thank the staff for all their hard work and the Mayor. Good Meeting.

*Councilor G. Blair:* This was a good meeting. I would like to thank the Mayor and staff for their hard work. We have a lot to look forward to this year. I am proud of the work put in by all three entities this past year that benefits the community as a whole.

*Councilor D. Blair:* Thank you staff and council for all the hard work. Looking forward to moving forward with Three Bears and for future accomplishments for the City of Saxman.

*Vice Mayor Thomas:* Thank you for a good meeting. I appreciate all the work put in by staff for our council meetings. Looking forward to what this year brings.

*Mayor Seludo:* I would like to thank the council for attending the meetings and signing checks when needed - we have had very good attendance this past year with our meetings and I am looking forward to the new year and opportunities for Saxman. Good Meeting.

## **Adjournment**

*A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Motion Passed.*

The meeting was adjourned at 7:19 PM.

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, Council Member Blair

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Frank H. Seludo, Mayor

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Lori Richmond, City Clerk