



**City of Saxman
Totem and Tourism
February 22, 2022
4:00 PM**

MINUTES

Call to Order

Mayor Seludo called the meeting to order at 4:09 PM.

Roll Call

PRESENT

Mayor Frank Seludo
Committee Member Denny Blair
Committee Member Norman Natkong
Committee Member Woody Watson
Committee Member Gabriella Daniels

ABSENT

Vice Mayor Billy Joe Thomas
Committee Member Rick Makua

Public Comment

Consideration of the Agenda

A motion was made to accept the agenda as presented. Motion Passed.

*Motion made by Committee Member Watson, Seconded by Committee Member Daniels.
Voting Yea: Mayor Seludo, Committee Member Blair, Committee Member Natkong, Committee Member Watson, Committee Member Daniels*

Old Business

1. Chief Ebbits Pole

Background: A plan to get a pole and carver for the Chief Ebbits pole needs to be made.

Discussion: Mayor Seludo will contact one of the carvers in mind to get more information and to invite him over for our next Building and Ordinance Meeting.

A log was found, the administrative staff shall contact AML to get a quote on shipping it to Ketchikan.

Mayor Seludo suggested keeping this on the Agenda and continue discussion at the next Building and Ordinance Meeting.

New Business

2. Totem Inspection

Background: The Mayor would like to discuss hiring an inspection team for all the totems.

Discussion: [The City] can hire an inspector to do a contract with us and inspect our Totems.

The Council requested that the Administrative staff put together a more detailed contract for the inspector prior to approaching.

3. Oyster Pole

Background: A carver needs to be hired for the Oyster Pole

Discussion: There may be a log on Prince of Wales that we could put in a proposal and request funding through the KGB.

The inspection of all the poles shall take place then discussion can continue on the steps that need to be taken to hire carvers for specific poles.

The Council requested Administrative Staff complete a separate RFP for each carving project to keep costs separate.

The contract for the RFP shall include who is responsible for finding and moving the log and where the log will be carved.

Nathan Jackson previously counted nine of the poles needed work. Mayor Seludo will contact the carver again and will go from there.

Mayor Seludo mentioned that we have direction now and we will bring it back to the next Totem and Tourism Meeting.

The Committee approved using \$50,000 from the Revenue Replacement budget to go towards the inspection and restoration of the Totem Poles. There was a recommendation to bring this to the Finance Meeting for committee approval in adding it to the Restricted Totem Restoration fund.

4. Repair of Current Poles

Background: A plan for a carver and finances for repairing totems that are still standing but have some damage.

Discussion: Mayor Seludo mentioned that there is a gentleman in Sitka that inspects poles. He can contact for a fee estimate.

There was a recommendation to get the poles inspected by the next Regular Council Meeting where there will be an estimate of how much it will cost where the Council can decide.

The Committee asked staff to complete the RFP forms and to present to the Council for their approval at the next Regular Council Meeting.

Nathan Jackson previously counted nine of the poles needed work.

Council Comments

Councilor Watson: Good Meeting. We got a lot done and we are starting to move ahead. [I would like to] thank the staff.

Councilor Natkong: Good Meeting we got a lot in regards of the totem poles. Thank you.

Councilor G. Blair: Good meeting we got a lot done.

Councilor D. Blair: Good meeting and good direction [I would like to] thank the staff.

Mayor Seludo: Thank you to everyone for showing up.

Adjournment

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

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Seludo, Committee Member Blair, Committee Member Natkong, Committee Member Watson, Committee Member Daniels

The meeting was adjourned at 5:06 PM.

Frank Seludo, Mayor

Lori Richmond, City Clerk