

**Minutes of Regular Assembly Meeting
Held March 6, 2012**

Vice-Mayor Pam McCloskey called the regular assembly meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., March 6, 2012, in the Council Chambers. Assembly Members McConachie, Stokes, Jack, and Privett were present. Assembly Member Symons and Mayor Maxand were absent. Borough Manager Timothy Rooney and Borough Clerk Christie Jamieson were also in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Assembly Member David Jack.

Invocation was given by Douglas Schoultz, Pastor, Bible Baptist Church.

Community Presentation - None.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

None.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by McConachie, seconded by Privett, to approve Consent Agenda Items marked with an () asterick, 6a, 7a. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*6a Minutes of Assembly regular meeting held February 28, 2012 were approved as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS

*7a Minutes of School Board regular meeting held January 26, 2012

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Borough Manager Rooney said his report is also available online at www.wrangell.com.

- Administrative - Congressman Young Visit on March 12, 2012; Downtown Revitalization Plan; Upcoming Travel; Time Sheet

- Capital Dock Rehabilitation – City Dock Rehabilitation; Community Center Renovations; Front Street Electrical Underground; Marine Service Center Paving; Etolin Street & Medical Campus Utilities; Wrestling Mats
- Finance – FY 2012-13 Budget
- Library – Open House on March 10, 2012
- Tourism – Cruise Ship Schedule

Vice-Mayor McCloskey thanked for the cruise ship scheduled included in the manager's report.

BOROUGH CLERK'S FILE

- Upcoming Dates to Remember
- Alaska Open Meetings Act Presentation
- Alaska Constitution
- Financial Disclosure Statements

MAYOR/ASSEMBLY REPORTS AND APPOINTMENTS

10a Reports by Assembly Members

Assembly Member McConachie said there is the same amount of people equal the amount of people sitting here as the assembly.

10b Certificates of Service – Two EDC Committee Members – presented to Vivian Mork and Robert Prunella.

10c Appointment to the Inter-Island Ferry Authority – since there were no letters of interest received, Borough Clerk Jamieson will contact Dennis Watson, Craig, and ask when the deadline is for accepting letters before re-advertising the vacancy.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

12a PROPOSED ORDINANCE #862: AN ORDINANCE OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, AMENDING WRANGELL MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 3.56, WRANGELL CONVENTION AND VISITOR BUREAU, SPECIFICALLY SECTION 3.56.010 (A), ESTABLISHED-MEMBERSHIP-ORGANIZATION AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE (*second reading*)

Moved by Jack, seconded by Privett, to approve second reading. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

NEW BUSINESS

13a Approval of Recommendation to Reject Bid for Front Street Electrical Undergrounding Design-Build Project

Moved by Privett, seconded by McConachie, to approve staff's recommendation to reject Ever Electric's bid for the Front Street Electrical Undergrounding Design Build project to allow staff to proceed with the revised plan outlined in memo dated March 1, 2012.

Borough Manager Rooney said reject the bid for a portion; there is a portion that we still will be doing along and near City Market and Sentry Hardware; we looked at doing more; bids were higher; have conduit put in the ground; funding becomes available without ripping up the street.

Assembly Member McConachie said local store was worried that nothing would get done; he was going to write a letter to Representative Peggy Wilson.

Borough Manager Rooney said we met with the store owner today; they will be contacting their elected representative, ask for additional funding; I told them it was also on our priority listing.

Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13b Approval of Final Draft of the Wrangell Economic Cluster Initiative Plan

Moved by McConachie, seconded by Jack, to approve the Final Draft of the Wrangell Economic Cluster Initiative for distribution to the Department of Agriculture and Congressional Delegation.

Julie Decker, 120 Third Street, gave a brief overview of their support of this draft. Decker said she has been part of the ocean cluster; JEDC works with the seafood industry; we see further development happening; asked to be co-chair of that group; not a clear pathway forward of what we are expected to do; it is sort of free; we can make out what we want of it; I have been talking to USDA about moving projects forward; plan with a group taking a group taking control and moving forward; initiative within ocean cluster or forest cluster; names annoying; when we came back to Wrangell, EDC asked that we be doing something similar; we looked at a list of definitions; which ones would be appropriate in Wrangell; target areas for the region, which ones appropriate for Wrangell; we are working on

development; time is right, to move towards USDA officials; nice to officially give this to Congressman Young and start that dialogue as well.

Assembly Member McConachie said is there a dollar figure set aside?

Decker said USDA unveiled, money behind the effort on cluster groups; looked at all initiatives out of the clusters; picked out close; what they can do; money to do; out of ocean cluster, chose 10 that we put forward; put figures attached; identified USDA Rural Development; initiative XX; that sort of thing; not all were identified; no one knows the path that we are going down; there is some money; what USDA said all along, we want to help; try another approach in stimulating economy; here is an idea; they have put ball in the court in private business; I think it is an appropriate route to take; put our efforts; do a back and forth dialogue.

Vice Mayor McCloskey asked if any other community taken initiatives?

Borough Manager Rooney said we are the only ones here in southeast Alaska that has applied for this.

Vice Mayor McCloskey commended Carol Rushmore, Julie Decker, and Jeremy Maxand, and anyone else who has helped in this effort.

Carol Rushmore, 6 mile Zimovia, said because we are the only community, it will start dialogue; the USFS is stumbling around; there may be some grants to come through; know how that will all be implemented; I think it will help Wrangell's dialogue with USDA; meeting held Juneau; working with JEDC who has an additional contract to take this cluster to Ketchikan and Sitka; small communities cannot afford to travel; JEDC will come to Wrangell; will keep you all updated.

Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

ATTORNEY'S FILE

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:19 p.m.

Pam McCloskey
Pam McCloskey, Vice-Mayor

ATTEST: Christie L. Jamieson
Christie L. Jamieson, Borough Clerk

