

**Minutes of Public Hearing
Held January 22, 2013**

Mayor Donald McConachie called the public hearing to order at 6:30 p.m., January 22, 2013 in the Borough Assembly Chambers. Assembly Members Jack, Privett, Stokes and Wiederspohn were present. Assembly Members Stough and McCloskey were absent. Borough Manager Timothy Rooney and Borough Clerk Kim Flores were also in attendance.

Public Hearing Item

PROPOSED ORDINANCE: AN ORDINANCE OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, AMENDING TITLE 20 OF THE WRANGELL MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO ZONING AND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAPS (second reading)

WRITTEN TESTIMONY

None.

ORAL TESTIMONY

Gene Fennimore, P.O. Box 165, Wrangell, Stated that he owns a lot in the Back Channel; questioned if all of the Back Channel would be zoned residential.

Carol Rushmore, Economic Development Director, answered that currently the private property is zoned residential and/or fixed use. She stated that there was one small area that is zoned industrial use. That property was located where the Pats Creek Road joins with the Back Channel.

Ms. Rushmore clarified for Mr. Fennimore that if he wanted to put a portable saw mill on his property in the Back Channel for personal use, that would be permitted.

Assembly Member Privett asked Mr. Fennimore how large his property was.

Mr. Fennimore responded that it was approximately 200 feet wide.

Assembly Member Privett stated that this ordinance was not set in stone and that it was a good starting point. He further stated that to get to this point, it had been a long two year process by Planning & Zoning.

Gail Gross, 118 St. Michaels Street & Olive Cove property owner, spoke in favor of the 2.5 acre minimum lot size requirements in the proposed ordinance.

Recessed at: 6:37 p.m.

Reconvened at: 6:55 p.m.


ORAL TESTIMONY

Assembly Member Privett reiterated that the proposed ordinance was not set in stone and that in the future, the ordinance could be changed to meet the needs of future or existing property owners. He further stated that if the ordinance, in the future were to be changed, it would require a public hearing and passage by the Borough Assembly.

Adjourned at: 6:55 p.m.



Donald J. McConachie, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Kim Flores, Borough Clerk

