

**Minutes of Regular Assembly Meeting
Held on September 26, 2017**

Mayor David L. Jack called the Regular Assembly meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., September 26, 2017, in the Borough Assembly Chambers. Assembly Members Rooney, Powell, and Gilbert were present. Assembly Members Prysunka, Mitchell and Decker were absent. Borough Manager Von Barga and Clerk Kim Lane were also in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Assembly Member Patty Gilbert.

The Invocation was given by Don McConachie.

There was a presentation by Brian Lynch, AK Transboundary Watersheds Conservation Associate, regarding the boundary waters treaty in the Southeast Alaska/Northwest British Columbia Transboundary region.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA - None

CONFLICT OF INTEREST - None

CONSENT AGENDA

M/S: Rooney/Gilbert, to approve Consent Agenda Items marked with an () asterisk; Items 6a and 7a. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Public Hearing and Regular Assembly meetings held September 12, 2017 were approved as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Critical Access Hospital Year in Review – Provided by Wrangell Medical Center

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

In addition to Manager Von Barga's report, she reported on the following items:

- Attendance to Southeast Conference
- Joint Work session with WMC on the hospital replacement project (Nov. 6, 2017)
- Meeting with Director Williams, Dept. of Corrections – Jail Contract options
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- Relocation of the treated soil (Byford) – Email response to the letter from John Halverson, ADEC; working on getting the answers to our questions.
- USFS Record of Decision (rejection) – invitation to meet with Earl Stewart, Forest Supervisor
- Significant issues with the Public Safety Building

BOROUGH CLERK'S FILE

Clerk Lane's report was provided.

MAYOR/ASSEMBLY REPORTS AND APPOINTMENTS

10a Reports by Assembly Members

Rooney reported on the Wrangell Medical Center Board meeting

- Ongoing annual audit - working on a couple of issues with credit balances to bring them down
- Cash on hand seems to be averaging out over the last twelve months
- Request for the purchase or lease to own an Endoscopy machine *on the agenda this evening*– lease payments only require two procedures a month; will help our community.
- Five-Star Long-Term care facility for the 2nd year in a row.

10d Planning & Zoning Board Appointment – October 2019

As there were no letters of interest received for this appointment, Jack directed Clerk Lane to continue advertising.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD

Frederick Olsen, Jr., Tribal President & SE Alaska Indigenous Transboundary Commission, Kasaan, spoke about the importance of supporting Resolution No. 09-17-1378; reported on the “lake of poison” – Red Kris Mine.

Michael Brewster, Evergreen Trailer Ct., voiced his concern on the burning of materials by residents on Evergreen Ave.; causes a lot of smoke that he believes to be hazard.

At the request of Mayor Jack, Mr. Brewster will come and speak to Manager Von Bargaen to discuss options.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

13a PROPOSED RESOLUTION No. 09-17-1378: A RESOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, SUPPORTING ENFORCEMENT OF THE BOUNDARY WATERS TREATY IN THE SOUTHEAST ALASKA/NORTHWEST BRITISH COLUMBIA TRANSBOUNDARY REGION

M/S: Gilbert/Powell, moved to adopt Resolution No. 09-17-1378, which focuses on Federal engagement as the important step in enforcement of the Boundary Waters Treaty. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13b PROPOSED RESOLUTION No. 09-17-1379: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, SUPPORTING THE UNITED STATES SENATE BILL 1323, YOUNG FISHERMEN’S DEVELOPMENT ACT

M/S: Rooney/Gilbert, moved to adopt Resolution No. 09-17-1379, supporting the United States Senate Bill 1323, Young Fishermen’s Development Act. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13c Approval of a Professional Services Agreement with Shannon & Wilson, Inc. for a Groundwater Desktop study

M/S: Gilbert/Rooney, moved to approve a Professional Services Agreement with Shannon & Wilson for Groundwater Desktop Study in the amount of \$8,055, funded from Water Department's Capital Improvement Expenditures.

At the request of Mayor Jack, Manager Von Barga explained that the study would be looking at possible groundwater options on Wrangell Island since often times; groundwater has the potential to be cleaner than standard surface water. Von Barga also stated that the study would taking a look at the paper based geological information to see if there is a possibility for Wrangell to consider groundwater to be a substance based source of water.

Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13d PROPOSED RESOLUTION No. 09-17-1380: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, AMENDING THE FY 2018 CITY BUDGET BY TRANSFERRING \$8,055 FROM THE WATER DEPARTMENT'S WATER RESERVES, TO THE WATER DEPARTMENT'S CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT EXPENDITURES, FOR A GROUNDWATER DESKTOP STUDY

M/S: Gilbert/Rooney, moved to adopt Resolution 09-17-1380, amending the FY 2018 City Budget by reducing the Water Department's Water Reserves, Ending by \$8,055, and increasing the Water Department's Capital Improvement Expenditures, Account Number 72000-302-7900, by \$8,055 for the purpose of providing funding for the Shannon & Wilson, Inc. for a Groundwater Desktop Study.

Von Barga stated that this budget amendment would pay for the Groundwater Desktop Study that the Assembly approved under Agenda Item 13c

Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13e Request for Land by the Wrangell Medical Center for Residential Construction

M/S: Gilbert/Powell, moved to approve a portion of Lot 1, Block 35 for the proposed Wrangell Medical Center 4-plex housing development on the southern portion of the requested site, with a subdivision to occur as part of the site planning process. Additional recommendations include:

- 1) More than the required 4 parking places for the facility should be required (minimum is 1 per unit).***
- 2) Site plan alternatives showing preferred and optional access options, actual facility layout, building specifics, and yard areas should come back to the Planning Commission for review during their planning process.***
- 3) Subdivision of Lot 1 should be completed prior to the beginning of any construction, or earlier if required by funding source.***

Kris Reed, Wrangell Medical Center, confirmed that the land would have to be acquired for the grant to be considered for the construction of the units.

Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13f Approval for the Wrangell Medical Center to Purchase or Lease to Own an Endoscopy machine

M/S: Powell/Gilbert, moved to approve the Wrangell Medical Center's Purchase or Lease to Own an Endoscopy Machine. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13g Discussion Item: Nuisance Abatement (WMC Section 9.08)

At the request of Gilbert, Von Bargaen stated that she would report back to the Assembly on nuisance burning.

Rooney stated that we have the ordinances that are not enforced; a number of "junk yards" around town; it's in the code, no reason that we cannot enforce the code.

It was the consensus of the Assembly to have the City work on cleaning up the public properties first and then work on the private sector.

Gilbert asked Von Bargaen to check into having the barge come back through Wrangell to help in the cleanup. In response, Von Bargaen stated that Amber Al-Haddad, Public Works Director had been working with Channel Construction on when they might be able to come back to Wrangell.

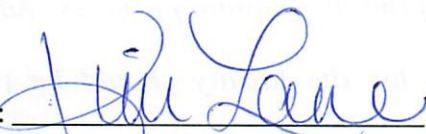
It was the consensus of the Assembly that when the enforcement of nuisance abatement occurs, that there be extensive noticing to the public. Von Bargaen agreed.

Powell stated that after this grace period to the public, there should be no grace period; the code should be enforced.

ATTORNEY'S FILE – Available for the Borough Assembly to view in the Clerk's office.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – None

Regular Assembly Meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

ATTEST: 
Kim Lane, MMC, Borough Clerk


David L. Jack, Mayor

