



Petersburg Borough

12 South Nordic Drive
Petersburg AK, 99833

Meeting Minutes Borough Assembly

Thursday, August 22, 2019

6:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

1. Call To Order/Roll Call

Mayor Jensen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: 4 - Mayor Mark Jensen, Assembly Member Brandi Marohl, Assembly Member Jeigh Stanton Gregor and Assembly Member Bob Lynn

Excused: 3 - Assembly Member Jeffrey Meucci, Assembly Member Kurt Wohlhueter and Assembly Member Taylor Norheim

2. Voluntary Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge was recited.

3. Approval of Minutes

A. August 16, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [August 16, 2019 Assembly Meeting Minutes.PDF](#)

The August 16, 2019 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

4. Amendment and Approval of Meeting Agenda

The agenda was approved as submitted.

5. Public Hearings

A. Public Hearing for Ordinance #2019-07: An Ordinance Amending Section 3.08.150 of Petersburg Borough Code to Outline a Procedure for Addressing the Assembly by Written Comment at a Public Meeting

No testimony was given during the public hearing.

6. Bid Awards

No awards.

7. Persons to be Heard Related to Agenda

No views were shared.

8. Persons to be Heard Unrelated to Agenda

John Havrilek, representing himself, shared his belief that the Borough needs to do everything it can to save money and offered his suggestions of ways to do so. He also requested the Assembly bring the question of a plastic bag ban to the voters during the October municipal election.

9. Board, Commission and Committee Reports

No reports.

10. Consent Agenda

No items.

11. Report of Other Officers

No reports.

12. Mayor's Report

No report. Mayor Jensen and the Assembly discussed September Assembly meetings (September 3 and 16) with regard to a quorum.

13. Manager's Report

No report.

14. Unfinished Business

Ordinances for Third and Final Reading

- A. Ordinance #2019-05: An Ordinance Authorizing Long-Term Indebtedness in an Amount not to Exceed \$8 Million for the Design and Construction of Water and Wastewater Infrastructure in the Borough, and Directing that this Matter be Submitted to the Voters for Consideration at the Next Regular Election to be Held October 1, 2019

Attachments: [Ordinance #2019-05.PDF](#)
 [Utility Director Hagerman Memo.PDF](#)
 [Water Dept 5 Year Renewal or Replacement Plan.PDF](#)
 [Wastewater Dept 5 Year Renewal or Replacement Plan.PDF](#)

Ordinance #2019-05 was unanimously approved in its third and final reading.

- B. Ordinance #2019-06: An Ordinance Adjusting the FY 2020 Budget for Known Changes

Attachments: [Ordinance #2019-06.PDF](#)

By unanimous roll call vote, the Assembly approved Ordinance #2019-06 in its third and final reading.

Ordinances for Second Reading

- C. Ordinance #2019-07: An Ordinance Amending Section 3.08.150 of Petersburg Borough Code to Outline a Procedure for Addressing the Assembly by Written Comment at a Public Meeting

Attachments: [Ordinance #2019-07 for Second Reading.PDF](#)

Ordinance #2019-07 failed in its second reading by a vote of 3-1, Assembly Member Marohl opposed.

15. New Business

- A. Ordinance #2019-08: An Ordinance Determining that Property Conveyed to the Borough in a Tax Foreclosure Proceeding is not Required for a Public Purpose and Shall be Disposed of by the Borough

Attachments: [Ordinance #2019-08.PDF](#)

Ordinance #2019-08 was unanimously approved in its first reading.

- B. Kisenon Street Sewer Replacement Project

Attachments: [Director Hagerman's Recommendation.PDF](#)

The Assembly unanimously awarded the Kisenon Street Sewer Replacement Project to Reid Brothers Construction for an amount not to exceed \$219,211.00.

16. Communications

Assembly Member Lynn, in his role as liaison to the Hospital Board, shared that he requested the subject of the Hospital Master Planning findings and plans be an agenda discussion item for the joint work session between the Assembly and the Hospital Board that is tentatively scheduled for October.

17. Assembly Discussion Items

- A. Recognitions

Assembly Member Stanton Gregor recognized all community members who were willing to be a candidate in this year's municipal election. He also encouraged the public to get to know their candidates prior to voting.

Assembly Member Marohl thanked the Fire Department and everyone else who responded to the Motor Pool shop fire recently.

Manager Giesbrecht gave a special shout out to Mike Etcher, who moved the Borough garbage truck that was parked next to the Motor Pool shop and saved the vehicle from being engulfed in the fire. He also thanked all those involved in fighting the fire and updated the Assembly on the inspection by the State Fire Marshal and liability insurance carrier.

Fire/EMS Director Dixon thanked all volunteers of the Fire Department. She shared that EMS and SAR train

at least twice per month and Fire trains at least three times per month. So far in the month of August there have been 18 EMS calls. The Department responded to the Motor Pool shop fire with 3 fire engines, 12 fire fighters (plus 1 retired fire fighter) and 5 EMS personnel. Per protocol, the volunteers spent several hours after the fire was extinguished cleaning equipment and preparing it for the next emergency. Director Dixon also thanked the Police Department for their role in paging out the emergency and evacuating/securing the scene. Community members, Borough employees and volunteers come together to deal with emergencies such as this, but Director Dixon asks us all to remember that the volunteers do it for free.

18. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:21 p.m.