



Petersburg Borough

12 South Nordic Drive
Petersburg AK, 99833

Meeting Minutes Borough Assembly

Monday, October 2, 2017

12:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

1. Call To Order/Roll Call

Mayor Lagoudakis called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon.

Present: 7 - Mayor Cindi Lagoudakis, Assembly Member Eric Castro, Assembly Member Bob Lynn, Assembly Member Jeigh Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Nancy Strand, Assembly Member Kurt Wohlhueter and Assembly Member Jeffrey Meucci

2. Voluntary Pledge

The pledge was recited.

3. Approval of Minutes

A. September 18, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [September 18, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes.PDF](#)

The meeting minutes of September 18, 2017 were approved.

4. Amendment and Approval of Meeting Agenda

The meeting agenda was approved as submitted.

5. Public Hearings

None.

6. Bid Awards

None.

7. Visitors' Views Related to Agenda

Brian Lynch of Salmon Beyond Borders spoke in support of Resolution #2017-18. He took the opportunity to introduce Melanie Brown who would be giving a presentation in the library on the subject of the transboundary waters issue. Mr. Lynch also thanked the Assembly for their continuing efforts on the matter.

8. Visitors' Views Unrelated to Agenda

Harvey Gilliland addressed the Assembly with the question if Proposition #6 were approved by voters, would OHVs be required to have features like other motor vehicles on the road, such as brake lights and turn signals. The Assembly assured Mr. Gilliland that would be the case.

9. Board, Commission and Committee Reports

No reports.

10. Consent Agenda**A. Acceptance of an Alaska Division of Homeland Security Grant in the Amount of \$127,280**

Attachments: [Award Letter.PDF](#)
 [Obligating Award Document.PDF](#)

Acceptance of the grant was approved unanimously.

11. Report of Other Officers

No reports.

12. Mayor's Report**A. October 2, 2017 Mayor's Report**

Attachments: [October 2, 2017 Mayor's Report.PDF](#)

Mayor Lagoudakis read her report into the record.

13. Manager's Report**A. October 2, 2017 Manager's Report**

Attachments: [Manager report 10022017](#)

Manager Giesbrecht read his report into the record, a copy of which is attached and made a permanent part of these minutes.

14. Unfinished Business

None.

15. New Business

- A. Ordinance #2017-13: An Ordinance Providing for Repeal of Chapter 3.16 of the Code of the Former City of Petersburg (Now Service Area 1)

Attachments: [Ordinance #2017-13.PDF](#)
 [Former City of Petersburg Code Chapter 3.16.PDF](#)

Ordinance #2017-13 was unanimously approved in its first reading.

- B. Ordinance #2017-14: An Ordinance Providing for Chapter 3.08 of the Municipal Code, Entitled "Assembly and Mayor", Updating Current Language to Reflect Borough Incorporation

Attachments: [Ordinance #2017-14](#)

After discussion regarding concern over the quorum requirements, the Ordinance passed its first reading 6-1, Member Strand opposed. Clerk Thompson was instructed to research what would be required for the quorum requirements stated to apply only to other boards and commissions and not to the Assembly.

- C. Resolution #2017-18: A Resolution of the Petersburg Borough in Support of the Enforcement of the Boundary Waters Treaty in the Southeast Alaska/Northwest British Columbia Transboundary Region

Attachments: [Resolution #2017-18.PDF](#)
 [Map of SE AK Transboundary Watersheds.PDF](#)
 [Red Chris Mine Tailings Dam.PDF](#)
 [Salmon Beyond Borders, Sept 2017.PDF](#)
 [ADN Article re Safeguard Fisheries.PDF](#)
 [Salmon Beyond Borders, June, 2017.PDF](#)
 [Summary of Brief re Mines on Transboundary Rivers.PDF](#)

Resolution #2017-18 was amended to include the request for "long term water quality monitoring" to the last paragraph.

- D. Petersburg Volunteer Fire Firefighter, Search and Rescue, and Emergency Medical Services Officer Stipend Increase

Attachments: [Manager Giesbrecht Memo & Stipend Sheet.PDF](#)

An increase of \$20 per month in the Fire and EMS officers' stipend was granted.

- E. Appointment of 2017 Municipal Election Officials and Setting Date and Time for Election Certification Meeting

Erica Worhatch, Mary Leonard, and Kathy O'Rear were approved as the 2017 election officials. Friday, October 6, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. was set as the date and time for the election canvass meeting.

16. Communications

Mayor Lagoudakis mentioned that the Governor recently sent out a transboundary rivers letter addressing ongoing efforts in that matter. She expressed her gratitude to Lt. Governor Mallott for his concern for public safety issues, demonstrated in his discussions with Chief Swihart during his recent visit to Petersburg. Mayor Lagoudakis also mentioned that the Norwegian Ambassador spoke at the school on changes in the Arctic during his trip to town.

17. Assembly Discussion Items**A. Recognitions**

Member Stanton Gregor thanked all those voters who will turn out for the 2017 municipal elections. Member Castro recognized the girls' Cross Country Team who had the top five best times at regional competition and wished them luck at state. Mayor Lagoudakis thanked the school district for showing the film Screenagers. She also noted that October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

18. Executive Session

Meeting went into Recess

After a five minute break, the Assembly went into executive session to discuss the status of and strategy with respect to the ongoing Petersburg Municipal Employees Association negotiations, and to discuss Manager Giesbrecht's evaluation.

19. Adjourn

The Assembly returned from Executive Session at 1:55 p.m. No action was taken. The meeting was adjourned at 1:56 p.m.