



Petersburg Borough

12 South Nordic Drive
Petersburg AK, 99833

Meeting Minutes Borough Assembly

Monday, April 3, 2017

12:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

1. Call To Order/Roll Call

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

Present: 5 - Vice Mayor Cindi Lagoudakis, Assembly Member Bob Lynn, Assembly Member Jeigh Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Nancy Strand and Assembly Member Kurt Wohlhueter

By Phone: 1 - Mayor Mark Jensen

Excused: 1 - Assembly Member Eric Castro

2. Voluntary Pledge

The Pledge was recited.

3. Approval of Minutes

A. March 20, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [March 20, 2017 Assembly Meeting Minutes.PDF](#)

The March 20, 2017 regular meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

4. Amendment and Approval of Meeting Agenda

The agenda was approved as submitted.

5. Public Hearings

A. Public Hearing on Ordinance #2017-03: An Ordinance Amending Petersburg Municipal Code Sections 14.20.070 and 14.20.390A(1), Municipal Harbors, to Eliminate a Prepayment Discount on Annual Moorage Rates, and to Increase the Minimum Rental Term to Qualify for the Annual Moorage Rates

No testimony was given during the public hearing.

6. Bid Awards

None.

7. Visitors' Views Related to Agenda

Bo Varsano, Becky Knight, Mike Stainbrook, Brian Lynch, Doug Fleming, and Jim Schramek spoke in

opposition of H.R. 232. David Beebe spoke regarding recusing/abstaining from voting. Sarah Reid, Alex Helms, and Dana Thynes spoke in opposition to the addition of fluoride to the municipal water supply. Clerk Thompson read a letter from Marja Smets and a letter from Tor Benson into the record, both in opposition of H.R. 232.

8. Visitors' Views Unrelated to Agenda

No views were shared.

9. Board, Commission and Committee Reports

None.

10. Consent Agenda

No items.

11. Report of Other Officers

A. Update on Board of Equalization

Borough Assessor, Arne Erickson, informed the Assembly there were 54 appellants (of 74 properties) for property assessments, and there were approximately 16 unresolved appeals currently. Mr. Erickson reviewed the State of Alaska's criteria that would be necessary for the Board of Equalization to overturn an assessment.

B. Southeast Alaska Power Agency Presentation

Trey Acteson, CEO of the Southeast Alaska Power Agency (SEAPA), provided a brief history of SEAPA, a wholesale power provider for Ketchikan, Wrangell and Petersburg. Mr. Acteson shared current projects and future plans for the agency.

12. Mayor's Report

A. April 3, 2017 Mayor's Report

Attachments: [April 3, 2016 Mayor's Report.PDF](#)

Vice Mayor Lagoudakis read the report.

13. Manager's Report

A. Manager's Report 04-03-2017

Attachments: [Manager report 04032017](#)

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

- A. Ordinance #2017-03: An Ordinance Amending Petersburg Municipal Code Sections 14.20.070 and 14.20.390A(1), Municipal Harbors, to Eliminate a Prepayment Discount on Annual Moorage Rates, and to Increase the Minimum Rental Term to Qualify for the Annual Moorage Rates

Attachments: [Ordinance #2017-03.PDF](#)

Ordinance #2017-03 was unanimously adopted in its second reading.

- B. Resolution #2017-07: A Resolution Opposing H.R. 232 (A Bill Authorizing States to Select and Acquire Certain National Forest System Lands to be Managed and Operated by the State for Timber Production and Other Purposes Under the Laws of the State)

Attachments: [Resolution #2017-07.PDF](#)
[H.R. 232.PDF](#)

Resolution #2017-07 was adopted by a vote of 5-1, Mayor Jensen opposed.

15. New Business

- A. Ordinance#2017-04: An Ordinance Amending Petersburg Municipal Code Section 14.16, Electricity, to Add a Municipal Power Rate for Certain Municipal Buildings of the Petersburg Borough as Designated and Approved by Borough Assembly

Attachments: [Ordinance #2017-04 for 3rd Reading.PDF](#)
[Impact of Proposed Municipal Power Rate for Schools.PDF](#)

Motion was made to amend the ordinance to specifically offer the municipal rate to school-related buildings (the Aquatic Center Boiler Room, the Aquatic Center, the High School/Middle School/High School Gym, and the Elementary School) and the hospital; however, the amendment failed by a vote of 3 - 3, Mayor Jensen, and Assembly Members Lynn and Strand opposed.

Motion was made to amend the ordinance to specifically offer the municipal rate to the school-related buildings only. The amendment passed by a vote of 4 - 2, Mayor Jensen and Assembly Member Lynn opposed.

The ordinance, as amended, was adopted in its first reading by a vote of 4 - 2, Mayor Jensen and Assembly Member Lynn opposed.

- B. Ordinance #2017-05: An Ordinance Proposing an Amendment to the Home Rule Charter of the Petersburg Borough to Allow the City of Kupreanof to Own and Operate a Harbor Within the Petersburg Borough, and Directing that the Proposed Charter Amendment be Submitted to the Qualified Voters of the Borough

Attachments: [Ordinance #2017-05.PDF](#)

Ordinance #2017-05 was unanimously approved in its first reading.

- C. Proposed FY 2018 Enterprise Funds and Motor Pool Budgets

Motion was made to amend the Electric Department's proposed budget to remove a \$775,000 project to purchase property adjacent to the Power & Light building to be used for a parking lot and to provide easier

access for Borough trucks and equipment. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made to increase the fee to use the Drive Down Dock facility by 10% and charge a flat fee of \$50 per use of the Bulkhead in January of 2018. After learning that the Harbor Department will be increasing all fees across the board by 12% in July of 2018, the amendment failed unanimously.

A motion to bring forward the proposed FY 2018 Enterprise Funds and Motor Pool Budgets, as amended, in ordinance form passed unanimously.

16. Communications

Vice Mayor Lagoudakis reported on communications from Representative Kreiss-Tomkins regarding float houses on the Stikine River, from an individual concerned about potential conflicts between cruise lines and outfitter guide use in the Tracy Arm / Endicott area, and from Tamara Evens and Teresa Pfundt in opposition to the addition of fluoride to Petersburg's municipal water supply.

17. Assembly Discussion Items

A. Recognitions

Assembly Member Strand thanked the members of the fire department who give their time to train new members, and the new members for being willing to volunteer as a Petersburg firefighter.

B. Fluoridation of the Municipal Water Supply

There was no discussion on this agenda item.

18. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:32 p.m.