



Petersburg Borough

12 South Nordic Drive
Petersburg AK, 99833

Meeting Minutes Borough Assembly

Monday, May 16, 2016

6:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

1. Call To Order/Roll Call

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

Present: 6 - Mayor Mark Jensen, Vice Mayor Cindi Lagoudakis, Assembly Member Bob Lynn, Assembly Member Jeigh Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Nancy Strand and Assembly Member Kurt Wohlhueter

Excused: 1 - Assembly Member Eric Castro

2. Voluntary Pledge

The Pledge was recited.

3. Approval of Minutes

A. 5-2-2016 Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [5-2-16 Meeting Minutes](#)

The regular meeting minutes for May 2, 2016 were unanimously approved.

4. Amendment and Approval of Meeting Agenda

Assembly Member Wohlhueter requested to add Opt Out of Marijuana Establishments under Assembly Discussion Items, Agenda Item 16(B). The amendment to the agenda was unanimously approved.

5. Public Hearings

A. Public Hearing for Ordinance #2016-06: An Ordinance Adding Marijuana Regulations to Chapter 6.04, Alcoholic Beverages & Marijuana

Attachments: [Ordinance #2016-06 Alcoholic Beverages and Marijuana](#)

Testimony regarding the proposed marijuana ordinance #2016-06 and possible opt out of marijuana establishments in Petersburg was given in person by Gary Morgan, Brian Lynch, Suzanne Wood, Sheri Wohlhueter, Mike Tolson, Susan Burrell, Sheri Wikan, Tom Marsh, Michael Mullen, Harvey Gilliland, Richard Burke, and Ross Nannauck III. Clerk Thompson also read letters into the record from Liz Bacom, Rick Fish, Jill Williams, Rick Dormer, Bill Tremblay, Dan McMahon, Robin and Jim Roberts, Barb Fish, Katie Yeckley, William Earl and Shannon Midkiff, and Anne Renda.

Susan Burrell also provided the Assembly with an unofficial petition against a retail marijuana opt out vote with signatures.

- B. Public Hearing for Ordinance #2016-07: An Ordinance Adding Fines for Marijuana Violations to Chapter 1.16, General Penalty and Interest

No testimony was received.

6. Bid Awards

- A. Public Safety Communications System Upgrade Proposal Award Recommendation

Attachments: [Communications System Award Recommendation](#)

After some explanation by Chief Swihart of the selection process and the cost savings, the Assembly voted unanimously to award the upgrade project to ProComm Alaska.

7. Visitors' Views Related to Agenda

None.

8. Visitors' Views Unrelated to Agenda

Brian Lynch spoke regarding the Alaska Congressional delegations's request to Senator Kerry for more federal involvement in the Canadian transboundary mine issues. He also thanked the Assembly for their support and efforts in bringing awareness of the issue and discussed a recent audit on mines.

Borough Attorney Jim Brennan introduced himself.

Richard Burke requested consideration of legalizing the use of ATVs on the streets in Petersburg.

9. Board, Commission and Committee Reports

- A. Southeast Conference Committee Report

Attachments: [SE Conference Report](#)

Clerk Thompson read the Southeast Conference Committee Report.

10. Consent Agenda

None.

11. Report of Other Officers

None.

12. Mayor's Report

- A. 5-16-2016 Mayor's Report

Attachments: [5-16-2016 Mayor's Report](#)

The Mayor read his report into the record.

13. Manager's Report

Report 5-16-2016

Attachments: [Manager report 05162016](#)

Manager Giesbrecht read his written report, which is attached and made a permanent part of these minutes.

14. Unfinished Business

Ordinances for Second Reading

- A. Ordinance #2016-07: An Ordinance Adding Fines for Marijuana Violations to Chapter 1.16, General Penalty and Interest

Attachments: [Ordinance #2016-07 General Penalty and Interest Rate.pdf](#)

Ordinance #2016-07 passed in its second reading by unanimous roll call vote.

15. New Business

- A. Resolution #2016-12: A Resolution of the Petersburg Borough Setting the Millage Rates for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2016 Through June 30, 2017

Attachments: [Res 2016-12 Property Tax Mill Rate](#)
 [Attachment to Resolution 2016-12](#)

Resolution #2016-12 passed by unanimous roll call vote.

- B. Approval of Pump Station 1 and Force Main Upgrade, Phase II - Change Order No. 1

Attachments: [Pump Station 1 Change Ord Memo](#)
 [Pump Station 1 Change Ord](#)

After explanation of the need by Assistant Public Works Director Cotta, approval was granted for the change order.

- C. Haugen Drive Sewer Improvements RSA - Final Change Order

Attachments: [Haugen Dr Change Ord Memo](#)
 [Haugen Dr Sewer Change Ord](#)

Assistant Public Works Director Cotta explained the need for the final change order, and the Assembly voted unanimously to approve it.

D. Confirmation of Support for Raven's Trail Project

Attachments: [Raven's Trail Letter of Support](#)

Support was granted.

16. Communications

Mayor Jensen discussed potential visitors to the MayFest celebration.

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

Vice Mayor Lagoudakis thanked the drivers in Petersburg who are careful not to use their cell phones while behind the wheel, and she commended Kupreanof for the nice anniversary celebration they put on recently.

Assembly Member Lynn wanted to recognize the community for their fundraising efforts for The Children's Center.

Assembly Members Lagoudakis, Lynn, Stanton-Gregor, Wohlhueter, and Mayor Jensen each thanked Parks & Recreation Director Hayes for all he's done during his time with the Borough. Clerk Thompson informed the Assembly and the public of a reception for Director Hayes on June 3, 2016 from noon to 3:00.

B. Opt Out Option for Legal Marijuana Establishments

There was discussion about the possibility of putting an opt out option on the ballot for the next election. Clerk Thompson encouraged the Assembly to make a decision about which direction they would like to go with the marijuana issue. It was decided that the next agenda will have the first reading of the smoking ordinance, the second reading of the marijuana regulations ordinance, and a public hearing on the marijuana regulations ordinance.

18. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.