



Petersburg Borough

12 South Nordic Drive
Petersburg AK, 99833

Meeting Minutes Borough Assembly

Friday, August 16, 2019

9:00 AM

Assembly Chambers

1. Call To Order/Roll Call

Mayor Jensen called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Present: 6 - Mayor Mark Jensen, Assembly Member Brandi Marohl, Assembly Member Jeffrey Meucci, Assembly Member Jeigh Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Bob Lynn and Assembly Member Taylor Norheim

Excused: 1 - Assembly Member Kurt Wohlhueter

2. Voluntary Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge was recited.

3. Approval of Minutes

A. July 18, 2019 Assembly Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [July 18, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes.PDF](#)

The July 18, 2019 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 for 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

No testimony was given.

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

No testimony was given.

6. Bid Awards

None.

7. Persons to be Heard Related to Agenda

Alice Williams, representing herself, spoke regarding the proposed age limit for unaccompanied minors and facility closures at the Community Center.

Assembly Member Meucci read a communication from Niccole Olsen regarding the proposed age limit for unaccompanied minors at the Community Center.

8. Persons to be Heard Unrelated to Agenda

David Whitethorn, a local business owner representing himself, shared his concern with tour boats discharging their sewage in our harbors. He requested the Assembly create an ordinance against the practice.

Marc Martinsen, representing himself, reiterated what Mr. Whitethorn shared saying he has seen the discharge first hand over the years he was employed in the business.

David Berg, representing himself and his business, Viking Travel, joined the meeting at 9:25 a.m. (after this agenda item was completed). Mayor Jensen allowed Mr. Berg to give his comments. Mr. Berg shared he is in favor of the Assembly taking a position on the discharge of sewage by tour ships while inside the Petersburg Borough. He pointed out that the National Geographic tour ships have made arrangements to pump their sewage directly into our sewer system rather than discharge into the ocean.

9. Board, Commission and Committee Reports

No reports.

10. Consent Agenda

A. Island Ventures, LLC Lease Amendment

Attachments: [Island Ventures Lease Amendment #1.PDF](#)

The Island Ventures, LLC lease amendment was unanimously approved by the Assembly.

B. Retail Marijuana Store Renewal Application - The 420

Attachments: [Marijuana License Renewal - The 420](#)

The Assembly unanimously approved The 420's retail marijuana store license renewal.

11. Report of Other Officers

No reports.

12. Mayor's Report

A. August 16, 2019 Mayor's Report

Attachments: [August 16, 2019 Mayor's Report.PDF](#)

Mayor Jensen read his written report into the record, discussed his concerns regarding the tour ship sewage discharge issue and determined there would be a quorum for an August 22, 2019 Assembly meeting.

13. Manager's Report

A. August 16, 2019 Manager's Report

Attachments: [Manager Report 08082019](#)

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

Ordinances for Second 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 second reading.

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

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

Ordinance #2019-06 was approved in its second reading by unanimous roll call vote.

15. New Business

- A.** 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 was amended in its first reading to remove wording that a person may request an assembly member read their written comments aloud in a public meeting by a vote of 4-2, Members Marohl and Meucci opposed. The ordinance, as amended, was approved in its first reading by a vote of 5-1, Member Meucci opposed.

B. Cost Proposal for Inspection of the Petro Marine Building the Borough may be Acquiring

Attachments: [Cost Proposal for Services](#)

By a vote of 5-1, Member Meucci opposed, the Assembly approved spending \$3,180 for indoor environmental consultation services on the Petro Marine building the Borough may acquire.

C. Water, Wastewater and Sanitation Department Rate Studies Proposal - FCS Group

Attachments: [Memorandum - Rate Study Recommendation](#)
[Utility Rate Study Proposal - FCS Group](#)

The Assembly unanimously awarded a contract for rate studies for the Water, Wastewater and Sanitation Departments to FCS Group in an amount not to exceed \$39,695.

16. Communications

A. Response to the Assembly's Letter to Kake Regarding the Proposed Kake to Petersburg Road

Mayor Jensen shared he will be meeting with Kake's City Manager Rudy Bean and Mayor Lloyd Davis while attending the Southeast Conference Annual Meeting in Sitka in September to talk about the proposed Kake to Petersburg road.

17. Assembly Discussion Items

A. Parks and Recreation

Attachments: [Heideman Memo re P&R Minimum Age.PDF](#)
[Director Thornburg 8.9.2019.PDF](#)
[K. Wood 8.8.2019.PDF](#)
[N. Olsen 8.8.2019.PDF](#)
[R. Dormer 8.8.2019.PDF](#)
[S. Pawuk 8.7.2019.PDF](#)
[C. Worhatch 8.6.2019.PDF](#)
[J. Walker 8.6.2019.PDF](#)
[C. Martinsen 8.5.2019.PDF](#)
[J. Tagaban 8.5.2019.PDF](#)
[H. Cabral 8.3.2019.PDF](#)
[L. Thompson 8.3.2019.PDF](#)
[K. Wood 8.3.2019.PDF](#)
[H. Boggs 8.3.2019.PDF](#)
[C. Worhatch 8.2.2019.PDF](#)
[N. Olsen 7.27.2019.PDF](#)
[K. Eddy 7.25.2019.PDF](#)

Assembly Member Marohl stated she felt there are issues in the Parks & Recreation Department. She relayed the Assembly needs to tell the manager what direction they think Parks & Recreation should be going. Discussion ensued.

B. Recognitions

Assembly Member Stanton Gregor urged eligible citizens to run for an office in this year's Municipal Election.

Assembly Member Lynn announced that the Petersburg Medical Center Master Planning Design Team will hold a public meeting on Monday, August 19, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Assembly Chambers.

18. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.