



Petersburg Borough

12 South Nordic Drive
Petersburg AK, 99833

Meeting Minutes Borough Assembly

Friday, February 14, 2014

12:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

1. Call To Order/Roll Call

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

2. Voluntary Pledge

The Pledge was recited.

3. Oath of Office

By anonymous paper ballot, the Assembly appointed Jeigh Stanton Gregor to fill the empty Assembly seat until the October 2014 election. Stanton Gregor was sworn in by Deputy Clerk Debra Thompson and took his seat on the Assembly.

4. Approval of Minutes

A. Regular Meeting Minutes of February 3, 2014

Attachments: [2-3-2013 Minutes.pdf](#)

The minutes of the February 3, 2014 meeting were unanimously approved.

5. Amendment and Approval of Meeting Agenda

The agenda was amended to appoint Assembly Member Stanton Gregor immediately following the Voluntary Pledge. The agenda was approved as amended.

6. Public Hearings and Bid Awards

A. Public Hearing on Ordinance #2014-04 - An Ordinance Providing for Title 2 (Elections) of the Municipal Code, and Updating Current Language to Reflect Borough Incorporation

No comments were received.

B. Public Hearing on Ordinance #2014-05 - An Ordinance Providing for Title 10 (Criminal Code) of the Municipal Code and Updating Current Language to Reflect Borough Incorporation

No comments were received.

7. Visitors' Views Related to Agenda

No comments.

8. Visitors' Views Unrelated to Agenda

No comments.

9. Board, Commission and Committee Reports

No reports.

10. Consent Agenda

No items.

11. Report of Other Officers**A. Petersburg Economic Development Council**

Liz Cabrera will update the Assembly on PEDC activities

Liz Cabrera, PEDC Coordinator, gave an overview of the PEDC's program of work and activities.

12. Mayor's Report**A. Mayor's Report**

Attachments: [2-14-2014 Mayor's Report.pdf](#)

[A. Dwyer Letter of Interest.pdf](#)

[S. Erickson Letter of Interest.pdf](#)

[G. Ohmer Letter of Interest.pdf](#)

[Notice of Precinct Boundary Changes.pdf](#)

[DNR Seeking Public Input on Use of State Lands Designated for Timber Harvest.pdf](#)

[University of Alaska 2014 Timber Sale.pdf](#)

Mayor Jensen read his written report which informed of: receipt of a letter of interest from Sue Erickson to continue her seat on the Transient Room Tax Committee; receipt of a letter of interest from Gloria Ohmer who would also like to continue as a member of the Transient Room Tax Committee; notice of voting precinct boundary changes due to the Alaska Redistricting Board's adoption of new boundaries for the Alaska legislative house and senate districts; reminder to the Assembly that mandatory Public Official Financial Disclosure paperwork is due to the Alaska Public Offices Commission by March 15; the Mayor and Manager will be traveling to Juneau next week to meet with our legislators and lobby for Borough projects; the Mayor has been invited to testify to the Fisheries Committee on the effect of sea otters on

southeast fisheries and will do so representing himself, not the Borough; and, Board of Equalization training will be conducted immediately before the March 17 regular Assembly meeting, and the Assessor is requesting to have the Board of Equalization hearings on Wednesday, April 2, 2014.

Without objection, Susan Erickson and Gloria Ohmer were appointed as members of the Transient Room Tax Committee. Board of Equalization training will be conducted beginning at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, March 17, 2014, and Board of Equalization hearings will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 2, 2014.

13. Manager's Report

No written report for this meeting.

14. Unfinished Business

Ordinances for Third and Final Reading

- A. Ordinance #2014-01: An Ordinance Providing for Chapter 3.50 (Hospital Board) of the Municipal Code, Updating Current Language to Reflect Borough Incorporation; and Providing Provisions for the Hospital Board for the Borough. Third and Final Reading.

The ordinance was amended after its first reading to repeat the Charter requirement that the Hospital Board prepare, adopt and submit to the Borough a six-year capital project improvements plan for equipment and buildings along with its annual budget.

Attachments: [Amended for Second Read #2014-01.pdf](#)

Ordinance #2014-01 was unanimously adopted in its third and final reading by roll call vote.

Ordinances for Second Reading

- B. Ordinance #2014-04: An Ordinance Providing for Title 2 (Elections) of the Municipal Code, and Updating Current Language to Reflect Borough Incorporation. Third and Final Reading.

The ordinance retains all processes and functions for in-person voting that our residents are accustomed to.

Attachments: [Ord. 2014-04.pdf](#)

Ordinance #2014-04 was approved by unanimous roll call vote in its second reading.

- C. Ordinance #2014-05: An Ordinance Providing for Title 10 (Criminal Code) of the Municipal Code and Updating Current Language to

Reflect Borough Incorporation. Third and Final Reading.

This ordinance has been revised to remove outdated and unused portions of the previous code. Also, portions of the code have been updated to allow the police department to process minor crimes as Borough ordinance violations. Under this revision, officers would have the discretion to issue a Borough citation, in lieu of arrest, for common offenses. Allowing for the disposition of cases in this manner will provide defendants with a speedier process and will reduce the amount of police, prosecutor, and court resources needed to process what were traditionally criminal cases. Nothing in this revision prevents officers from making physical arrests and processing criminal violations in the current manner.

Other revisions include the adoption of current state watercraft statutes similar to the Borough's previous adoption of traffic administrative codes and statutes.

Attachments: [Ord. 2014-05.pdf](#)
 [Map for Ordinance #2014-05 Sections 10.20.020 & 10.20.021.pdf](#)

Ordinance #2014-05 was approved in its second reading by unanimous roll call vote.

- D.** Resolution #2014-03 - A Resolution in Support of City and Borough of Wrangell Resolution #12-13-1290, Recommending the Operations and Management of the Tyee Hydroelectric Project be Transferred from Thomas Bay Power Authority (TBPA) to Southeast Alaska Power Authority (SEAPA).

On February 6, 2014 Mayor Jensen and Manager Giesbrecht met with Wrangell Manager Jabusch to discuss the next steps in the transfer of the Tyee Hydroelectric Facility operation and management duties from TBPA to SEAPA. Resolution #2014-04 supports Wrangell's Resolution #12.13.1290 in its entirety.

Attachments: [Resolution #2014-03.pdf](#)
 [Resolution #2013-21.pdf](#)

Resolution #2014-03 was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

- E.** Municipal Building Renovation Design and Cost Estimate

Corey Wall with MRV Architects will present the proposed design for renovation of the Municipal Building to include the Police, Finance, Administration, and the Community Development Departments.

Corey Wall with MRV Architects presented the proposed design for renovation of the Municipal Building to include space for the Police, Finance, Administration, and Community Development departments to the Assembly.

By unanimous roll call vote, the Assembly authorized the Mayor and Manager to present the municipal building renovation design to the Legislature and to request funding to complete the project.

F. Juneau Appeal of Petersburg Borough Boundaries

No court decision yet.

15. New Business

No new business.

16. Communications

No communications.

17. Assembly Discussion Items

No discussion items.

A. Recognitions

No recognitions.

18. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 1:43 p.m.