



Petersburg Borough

12 South Nordic Drive
Petersburg AK, 99833

Meeting Minutes Borough Assembly

Monday, March 5, 2018

12:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

1. Call To Order/Roll Call

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

2. Voluntary Pledge

The pledge was recited.

3. Approval of Minutes

There were no minutes to approve.

4. Amendment and Approval of Meeting Agenda

Assembly Member Meucci added two items under Assembly Discussion Items (actually discussed during Communications) to include: LEPC and an email of public interest.

5. Public Hearings

None.

6. Bid Awards

None.

7. Visitors' Views Related to Agenda

John Murgas read a letter from Reid Brothers Construction in support of Island Ventures' Scow Bay tidelands lease application.

Bob Ziemke, Stan Hjort, Suzanne Wood, Mike Woodworth, Ole Whitethorn, Shelley Hjort, and George Rice Jr. each spoke against the proposed restructuring of the Public Works and Electric departments.

Chelsea Tremblay and John Havrilek each spoke in support of the restructuring.

Clerk Thompson read three (3) letters and an unofficial petition from the public.

8. Visitors' Views Unrelated to Agenda

None.

9. Board, Commission and Committee Reports

None.

10. Consent Agenda

None.

11. Report of Other Officers

None.

12. Mayor's Report

The Mayor gave a verbal report.

13. Manager's Report

No report.

14. Unfinished Business

Ordinances for Third and Final Reading

- A. Ordinance #2018-02: An Ordinance Adopting a New Petersburg Municipal Code Chapter 4.80, To Impose a Marine Passenger Fee, In Order to Address the Costs Incurred by the Borough for Services and Infrastructure Rendered to Cruise Ships and Cruise Ship Passengers Visiting the Borough

Attachments: [Ordinance #2018-02 Final Reading.PDF](#)

After discussion regarding home porting boats, Ordinance #2018-02 was approved in its third and final reading by a vote of: 4-2, Mayor Jensen and Assembly Member Wohlhueter opposed.

- B. Ordinance #2018-04: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 3.08 of the Municipal Code, Entitled "Assembly and Mayor", to Add Agenda Formation Language and to Amend the Deadline for Submission of Items to be Included on an Agenda

Attachments: [Ord #2018-04](#)
 [Agenda Items Poll.PDF](#)

This Ordinance #2018-04 was approved in third and final reading by a vote of 5-1, Mayor Jensen opposed.

- C. Ordinance #2018-05: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 14.16 of the Municipal Code, Entitled "Electricity", to Amend the Title to "Electric Utility", to Provide for a Utility Director as Head of the Electric Utility Department, and to Establish Fines for Violations of Provisions of Chapter 14.16

Attachments: [Ordinance #2018-05.PDF](#)

Ordinance #2018-05 was approved in third and final reading by a vote of 4-2, Mayor Jensen and Member Wohlhueter opposed.

- D. Ordinance #2018-06: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 14.04 of the Municipal Code, Entitled "Water", to Amend the Title to "Water Utility", to Provide for a Utility Director as Head of the Water Utility Department, and to Establish Fines for Violations of Provisions of Chapter 14.04

Attachments: [Ordinance #2018-06.PDF](#)

Ordinance #2018-06 was approved in third and final reading by a vote of 4-2, Mayor Jensen and Member Wohlhueter opposed.

- E. Ordinance #2018-07: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 14.08 of the Municipal Code, Entitled "Sewer", to Amend the Title to "Sewer Utility", to Provide for a Utility Director as Head of the Sewer Utility Department, and to Establish Fines for Violations of Provisions of Chapter 14.08

Attachments: [Ordinance #2018-07.PDF](#)

Ordinance #2018-07 was approved in third and final reading by a vote of 4-2, Mayor Jensen and Member Wohlhueter opposed.

- F. Ordinance #2018-08: An Ordinance Providing for Chapter 3.76 of the Municipal Code, Entitled "Administrative Officers and Appeals Process", Updating Current Language to Reflect Borough Incorporation

Attachments: [Ordinance #2018-08.PDF](#)

Ordinance #2018-08 was approved in third and final reading by a vote of 4-2, Mayor Jensen and Member Wohlhueter opposed.

- G. Ordinance #2018-09: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 3.38 of the Municipal Code, Entitled "Public Works Department", to Remove Operation Responsibilities for the Water Utility and Sewer Utility from the Public Works Director Duties

Attachments: [Ordinance #2018-09.PDF](#)

Ordinance #2018-09 was approved in third and final reading by a vote of 4-2, Mayor Jensen and Member Wohlhueter opposed.

- H. Ordinance #2018-10: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 3.40 of the Municipal Code, Entitled "Electric Utility", to Amend the Title to "Electric Utility, Water Utility, and Sewer Utility Departments", and to Provide for the Three Utilities to be the Operation Responsibility of the Utility Director

Attachments: [Ordinance #2018-10.PDF](#)

Ordinance #2018-10 was approved in third and final reading by a vote of 4-2, Mayor Jensen and Member Wohlhueter opposed.

15. New Business

- A. Resolution #2018-07: A Resolution Requesting the United States Congress to Support Sea Otter Management in Southeast Alaska by Amending the Marine Mammal Protection

Act and Urging the United States Department of the Interior to Permit Alaska Native Organizations and the Alaska Department of Fish and Game to Co-Manage, Take, and Study Marine Mammals Under the Marine Mammal Protection Act

Attachments: [Resolution #2018-07.PDF](#)
 [12.19.2017 Boro Sea Otter Letter.PDF](#)
 [W. Ware Email re Sea Otters.PDF](#)
 [PVOA Sea Otter Letter.PDF](#)
 [USAG Sea Otter Letter.PDF](#)
 [SARDFA Sea Otter Letter.PDF](#)
 [W. Ware Sea Otter Letter.PDF](#)

After discussing the co-management wording, Resolution #2018-07 was passed unanimously.

B. Appointment of Utility Director and Public Works Director Positions

Attachments: [Utility Director Job Description.PDF](#)
 [Public Works Director Job Description.PDF](#)

After discussion, the appointment of the Utility Director and Public Works Director was approved by a vote of 4-2, Mayor Jensen and Member Wohlheuter opposed.

C. Ratification of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2020 Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Petersburg Borough and the Petersburg Municipal Employees Association

Attachments: [J. Hoag Memo.PDF](#)
 [PMEA Collective Bargaining Agreement Changes.PDF](#)

After discussion, the Ratification of the PMEA Collective Bargaining Agreement was approved unanimously.

D. FY 2019 Mayor and Assembly Travel and Training Budget

Attachments: [FY 2019 Mayor & Assembly Travel & Training Budget.PDF](#)

The FY19 Mayor and Assembly Travel and Training budget was approved unanimously.

E. Island Ventures, LLC Scow Bay Tidelands Lease Application

Attachments: [Island Ventures LLC Lease Application.PDF](#)
 [1.30.2018 Harbor Board Minutes.PDF](#)
 [PEDC Letter re Island Ventures Lease App.PDF](#)
 [2018 Island Ventures LLC Scow Bay Ramp Tidelands Lease.PDF](#)

The Assembly unanimously approved for Island Ventures, LLC to lease Scow Bay tidelands.

16. Communications

Member Meucci informed the Assembly that he had recently attended the LEPC meeting regarding the Petersburg Borough Hazard Mitigation Plan, which was currently being reviewed by the State. It is anticipated to come back for the Assembly's review in May.

Member Meucci read an email in regards to employees of the Electric Department circulating a petition using Borough time and resources.

17. Assembly Discussion Items

A. Recognitions

Member Meucci informed the Assembly that KFSK had planned a celebration for Hoopie Davidson as a thank you for 30+ years of service to the community.

B. Communication from the Public

The Assembly discussed their hope that written communication from community members would be presented in a respectful manner.

There was also discussion regarding attendance at upcoming meetings.

18. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 1:59 PM.