



Petersburg Borough

12 South Nordic Drive
Petersburg AK, 99833

Meeting Minutes Borough Assembly

Monday, May 20, 2019

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, Assembly Member Brandi Marohl, Assembly Member Jeffrey Meucci, Assembly Member Jeigh Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Kurt Wohlhueter and Assembly Member Taylor Norheim

By Phone: 1 - Assembly Member Bob Lynn

2. Voluntary Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge was recited.

3. Approval of Minutes

- A. April 15, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes; April 17, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes; and, May 6, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [April 15, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes.PDF](#)
 [April 17, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes.PDF](#)
 [May 6, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes.PDF](#)

The April 15, 2019, April 17, 2019 and May 6, 2019 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 #2019-03: An Ordinance Adopting the Budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2019 Through June 30, 2020

Tom Abbott, representing local radio station KFSK as its General Manager, and Karen Malcom, representing herself and KFSK as a Board Member, testified in support of the proposed Community Services budget for FY 2020.

- B. Public Hearing for Ordinance #2019-04: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 9.28, Titled Fireworks, of the Borough Code to Update Language and Declare its Application within Service Area 1 Only

Richard Burke, representing himself, provided testimony in favor of adding language allowing the use of

fireworks inside Service Area 1 back into Ordinance #2019-04.

Pat Blair, representing himself, testified in favor of allowing the use of fireworks inside Service Area 1.

6. Bid Awards

There were no awards.

7. Persons to be Heard Related to Agenda

Martin Odegaard, representing the Public Works Department in his capacity as Heavy Equipment Operator, spoke in favor of replacing the aging excavator the department currently utilizes for safety reasons.

Blake Buotte, representing the Water Department in his capacity as Water/Wastewater Operator III, supported the Public Works Department in their quest for reliable equipment.

David Beebe, representing himself, spoke regarding past Tongass Timber Sales management by the US Forest Service.

Becky Knight, representing herself, shared her thoughts regarding past Tongass Timber Sales management by the US Forest Service and recent correspondence between the Forest Service and the Borough.

Bob Martin, representing himself and the Harbor Board in his capacity as Board Chair, supported KFSK and the important role they play in our community and spoke in favor of the land exchange between the Borough and Petro 49.

James Kerr, representing himself, supported the replacement of the Public Works excavator for safety reasons.

8. Persons to be Heard Unrelated to Agenda

Joe Sebastian, representing himself and his family, spoke to the subject of climate change and requested the Assembly oppose, by resolution, Senator Murkowski's attempt to repeal the Roadless Rule.

9. Board, Commission and Committee Reports

No reports.

10. Consent Agenda

No items.

11. Report of Other Officers

A. Petersburg Medical Center Update

PMC CEO Hofstetter provided the Assembly with an update on current events at the Medical Center.

12. Mayor's Report

A. May 20, 2019 Mayor's Report

Attachments: [May 20, 2019 Mayor's Report.PDF](#)

Mayor Jensen read his report out loud.

13. Manager's Report

No report - Manager Giesbrecht is out of town.

14. Unfinished Business

Ordinances for Second Reading

- A. Ordinance #2019-03: An Ordinance Adopting the Budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2019 Through June 30, 2020

Attachments: [Ordinance #2019-03 for Second Reading.PDF](#)
[Amendments to Proposed FY 2020 Budget.PDF](#)

Ordinance #2019-03 was unanimously amended to allocate for a PILT payment for the City of Kupreanof (approximately \$4,000) and to include updated employee health insurance costs (which will reduce the expense by approximately \$200,000). A motion to remove \$10,000 added to the budget in the first reading of the ordinance to pay for snow plow services in the Papke's Landing area failed by a vote of 6-1, Assembly Member Meucci in favor. A motion to reduce Assembly Member's compensation for attending meetings to \$50 per meeting failed by a vote of 4-3, Assembly Members Meucci, Norheim and Wohlhueter in favor. The ordinance, as amended, was unanimously approved in its second reading.

- B. Ordinance #2019-04: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 9.28, Titled Fireworks, of the Borough Code to Update Language and Declare its Application Within Service Area 1 Only

Attachments: [Ordinance #2019-04 for Second Reading.PDF](#)

A motion to allow the use of consumer fireworks inside Service Area 1 on July 4th and December 31st from noon to 1:00 a.m. the following day was approved by a vote of 4-3, Mayor Jensen and Assembly Members Lynn and Stanton Gregor opposed. Ordinance #2019-04 was approved as amended in its second reading by a vote of 4-3, Mayor Jensen and Assembly Members Lynn and Stanton Gregor opposed.

Other Unfinished Business Items

- C. Land Selection Prioritization

Attachments: [Director Cabrera Memo Land Selection Priorities.PDF](#)
[Maps.PDF](#)

The Assembly unanimously adopted the prioritized land selection suggestions provided by Director Cabrera.

- D. The Fox Group Incidental Costs

By unanimous roll call vote, the Assembly approved the incidental costs to engage The Fox Group to provide consulting services to Mountain View Manor Assisted Living for an estimated total cost of \$22,050.

E. Caterpillar 320 Excavator

A motion to rescind the action taken by the Assembly at the May 6th meeting approving the purchase of a Caterpillar 320 Excavator failed by a vote of 6-1, Mayor Jensen in favor.

F. Petersburg Borough / Petro 49, Inc. Land Exchange

Attachments: [Manager Giesbrecht Memo on Land Exchange.PDF](#)
 [Director Tow Email & 10 Year Financial Comparison.PDF](#)

A motion to

1. Authorize Manager Giesbrecht to have a Phase 1 Environmental Assessment completed on the Petro Warehouse property, at the Borough's expense;
2. Authorize Manager Giesbrecht to order a full title search on the Petro Warehouse property;
3. Authorize Manager Giesbrecht to make a formal offer to Petro that includes paying Petro \$80,000, elimination of the berthing dolphin proposal, and transfer of ownership for the properties involved; and
4. Authorize Manager Giesbrecht to have the Borough Attorney prepare all documents needed to cancel the existing lease, sell the leased property and purchase the Petro Warehouse and property.

was approved by a vote of 4-3, Mayor Jensen and Assembly Members Lynn and Marohl opposed.

15. New Business**A. Resolution #2019-09: A Resolution Approving the Single Supplier Purchase of Pump Station Electrical Controls**

Attachments: [Resolution #2019-09.PDF](#)
 [Director Hagerman Memo for Scow Bay 1PS.PDF](#)

Resolution #2019-09 was unanimously approved.

B. Blind Slough Hydroelectric Project Professional Services

Attachments: [Director Hagerman Memo for Blind Slough.PDF](#)
 [Blind Slough Hydro Project Proposal for Design Improvements.PDF](#)

The Assembly unanimously approved funding for McMillen Jacobs to complete the first 3 tasks of the engineering proposal for the Blind Slough Hydroelectric Project (Preliminary Engineering, Equipment Procurement Documents and Equipment Bidding Assistance) for an estimated cost of \$547,635.

C. Approval for Minor Subdivision Application

Attachments: [S. Dwyer Land Use Application.PDF](#)

By unanimous roll call vote, the Assembly approved Sally Dwyer's request to apply for a minor subdivision of a Borough owned lot.

D. Reschedule June 3, 2019 Regular Assembly Meeting to June 10, 2019

The regular Assembly meeting scheduled for June 3, 2019 at noon was rescheduled to June 10, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.

16. Communications

- A. Response to the Borough from USFS Chief Christiansen Regarding Tonka & Big Thorne Timber Sales

Attachments: [Letter from USFS Chief Christiansen re Timber Sales.PDF](#)

17. Assembly Discussion Items

- A. Recognitions

Assembly Member Meucci thanked the Planning Commission for their ongoing work on rezoning issues. He also shared that May 19 - 25 is National Emergency Medical Services Week and encouraged the public to thank our local EMS providers.

Public Works Director Cotta recognized long-time employees Ron Ware and Don Duke who will be retiring May 31, 2019.

18. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.