



Petersburg Borough

12 South Nordic Drive
Petersburg AK, 99833

Meeting Minutes Borough Assembly

Monday, April 15, 2019

6:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

1. Call To Order/Roll Call

Note: The Borough's audio recording system was unavailable for this meeting. To hear a recording of the meeting, please visit KFSK's website at kfsk.org.

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

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

By Phone: 1 - Assembly Member Jeffrey Meucci

2. Voluntary Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge was recited.

3. Proclamation of Appreciation for Doug Welde

A. Proclamation of Appreciation for Doug Welde

Attachments: [Proclamation of Appreciation - D. Welde.PDF](#)

Mayor Jensen read aloud and presented to retired Fire Chief Doug Welde a Proclamation of Appreciation for his 50+ years of service to Petersburg.

4. Approval of Minutes

A. April 1, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes and April 5, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [April 1, 2019 Assembly Meeting Minutes.PDF](#)
[April 5, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes.PDF](#)

The April 1, 2019 regular meeting minutes and April 9, 2019 special meeting minutes were unanimously approved by the Assembly.

5. Amendment and Approval of Meeting Agenda

The agenda was approved as submitted.

6. Public Hearings

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- A. Public Hearing for Ordinance #2019-02: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 4.28, Titled "Sales Tax" of the Borough Code Regarding the Collection of Local Sales Tax on Internet Sales
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Bill Tremblay, representing himself, spoke in favor of Ordinance #2019-02

7. Bid Awards

There were no bid awards.

8. Persons to be Heard Related to Agenda

Becky Knight, Dave Beebe, and Bill Tremblay, all representing themselves, spoke regarding the USFS Tonka / Big Thorne timber sales and the lack of response received from the USFS to Borough inquiries on the subject.

Chelsea Tremblay spoke in favor of Resolution #2019-06 proposing Governor Dunleavy's proposed FY 2020 budget for the State of Alaska and stated she was disappointed the designated Assembly seat idea was not moving forward.

Bill Tremblay, representing himself, remarked that public broadcasting funding was not currently listed on Resolution #2019-06 and shared that without State funding, our local radion station, KFSK, will lose its Federal grants.

9. Persons to be Heard Unrelated to Agenda

Melinda Hofstad, representing herself, asked the Assembly if power was being sold to Wrangell and Ketchikan while Petersburg was running the diesel generators for power.

Dave Berg, Aaron Hankins, Sheena Canton, Henry Schildbach, Rexanne Stafford and Bill Tremblay, representing the Petersburg Volunteer Fire Department, all spoke in favor of filling the EMS Coordinator/Fire Fighter position.

Clerk Thompson read a letter into the record from Ruth Johnson, who spoke in opposition of the Advanced Metering Infrastructure project for the North Harbor electric meters.

10. Board, Commission and Committee Reports

No reports.

11. Consent Agenda

No items.

12. Report of Other Officers

- A. Petersburg Medical Center Update

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

13. Mayor's Report

A. April 15, 2019 Mayor's Report

Attachments: [April 15, 2019 Mayor's Report.PDF](#)

Mayor Jensen read his report aloud.

14. Manager's Report

A. April 15, 2019 Manager's Report

Attachments: [Manager Report 04152019](#)

Manager Giesbrecht read his report into the record, a copy of which is attached and made a permanent part of these minutes.

15. Unfinished Business

Ordinances for Second Reading

A. Ordinance #2019-02: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 4.28, Titled "Sales Tax" of the Borough Code Regarding the Collection of Local Sales Tax on Internet Sales

Attachments: [Finance Director Tow Memo.PDF](#)
[Ordinance #2019-02.PDF](#)

Ordinance #2019-02 was unanimously approved in its second reading.

16. New Business

A. Resolution #2019-06: A Resolution Opposing Governor Dunleavy's Proposed FY 2020 Budget

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

Resolution #2019-06 was amended to add language regarding the impact Governor Dunleavy's proposed budget will have on KFSK. The resolution, as amended, was unanimously approved.

B. Resolution #2019-08: A Resolution Declaring the Eligibility of the Petersburg Borough to Submit an Application to the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (ADOT&PF) for the Community Transportation Program for the South Harbor North Gangway Replacement Project in Petersburg and Authorizing the Borough Manager to Sign the Application and Future Project Agreements

Attachments: [Resolution #2019-08.PDF](#)
 [Harbormaster Wollen & Director Cabrera Memo.PDF](#)
 [South Harbor North Gangway Replacement Estimate.PDF](#)
 [South Harbor North Gangway Replacement Site Plan.PDF](#)
 [Letter of Support from Viking Travel.PDF](#)

By roll call vote, the Assembly unanimously approved Resolution #2019-08.

C. Follow-up Letter to USFS Chief Christiansen Regarding Review of Timber Sales Administration

Attachments: [4.16.19 Letter to USFS Chief Christiansen re Tonka Thorne Timber Sales.PDF](#)
 [11.6.18 Letter to USFS Chief Christiansen re Tonka Thorne Timber Sales.PDF](#)
 [1.14.19 Email to USFS Chief Christiansen re Tonka Thorne Timber Sales.PDF](#)

With the addition of carbon copying our federal delegation, the follow up letter to USFS Chief Christiansen was unanimously approved.

D. Selection of Assembly Member to Participate in Manager Giesbrecht's Performance Evaluation Conference with Mayor Jensen

Attachments: [Manager Performance Evaluation Process.PDF](#)

The Assembly unanimously supported Member Meucci to participate in Manager Giesbrecht's performance evaluation along with Mayor Jensen.

17. Communications

Assembly Member Norheim noted there would be a 50 year volunteer celebration for Doug Welde at the Elks Club on Saturday, May 4th at 6:30 p.m.

18. Assembly Discussion Items

A. Recognitions

No recognitions.

19. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.