



Petersburg Borough

12 South Nordic Drive
Petersburg AK, 99833

Meeting Minutes Borough Assembly

Monday, October 1, 2018

12:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

1. Call To Order/Roll Call

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

2. Voluntary Pledge

The Pledge was recited.

3. Approval of Minutes

A. September 17, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [September 17, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes.PDF](#)

The meeting minutes for September 17, 2018 were unanimously approved.

4. Amendment and Approval of Meeting Agenda

The agenda was amended to remove item 17B, a discussion item regarding Viking Cruise Lines. Later in the meeting under Assembly Discussion Items Member Meucci also added discussion regarding an Assembly / Hospital Board work session and a work session with the visitor industry.

5. Public Hearings

There were no public hearings.

6. Bid Awards

There were no bid awards.

7. Visitors' Views Related to Agenda

No views were shared.

8. Visitors' Views Unrelated to Agenda

David Whitethorn, representing himself, spoke in opposition of a 900 passenger tour ship visiting Petersburg and of a pay cut for the Community Cold Storage manager.

Brian Lynch, representing the Petersburg Economic Development Council, shared that the possibility of a

larger cruise ship visiting Petersburg will need a public discussion in the future; and, discussed the financial situation of the Community Cold Storage.

Mara Lutomski, representing the Chamber of Commerce, thanked the Assembly for removing the discussion regarding Viking Cruise Lines from the agenda and shared that Viking Travel and the Chamber are willing to host a community discussion on the subject.

9. Board, Commission and Committee Reports

No reports were given.

10. Consent Agenda

A. Support of Chief Kerr's Appointment to the Local Emergency Planning Commission

Attachments: [J. Kerr LEPC Membership Application.PDF](#)

Chief Kerr's appointment to the LEPC was unanimously approved.

B. Appointment of Election Officials

The Election Officials were unanimously approved.

11. Report of Other Officers

A. Petersburg Medical Center Update

PMC CEO Hofstetter updated the Assembly on the state of the medical facility infrastructure and the strategic planning session recently held by the Hospital Board which identified PMC's 5 top priorities, discussed an upcoming Community Cafe PMC will be hosting, and requested a work session with the Assembly sometime in October.

12. Mayor's Report

A. October 1, 2018 Mayor's Report

Attachments: [October 1, 2018 Mayor's Report.PDF](#)

Mayor Jensen read his written report into the record and gave reports on his recent trips to the Alaska Municipal League Summer Conference and the Southeast Conference Annual Meeting.

13. Manager's Report

Manager Giesbrecht is currently out of the office so no report was given.

14. Unfinished Business

None.

15. New Business

- A. Resolution #2018-12: A Resolution in Support of the Alaska Salmon Hatchery Program and Urging the Alaska Board of Fisheries to Further its Understanding of the Importance of the Program to All Alaskans

Attachments: [Resolution #2018-12.PDF](#)

Resolution #2018-12 was amended to add statistics about Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association in addition to the statistics provided for Southern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association. The resolution, as amended, was unanimously approved.

- B. Certification of the October 2, 2018 Election

Friday, October 5, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. was chosen for the Certification of the 2018 Election meeting.

- C. Proposed Development Code Schedule for Review

Attachments: [Schedule for Review of Proposed Development Code.PDF](#)

The proposed schedule for review of the new Development Code was unanimously approved.

16. Communications

There were no communications.

17. Assembly Discussion Items

- A. Recognitions

Mayor Jensen recognized Eric Castro for his time on the Assembly.

Member Stanton Gregor thanked the US Postal Service employees for their hard work and dedication to serving Petersburg even during difficult times.

Member Meucci recognized Eric Castro for his time serving on the Assembly and wished Member Strand luck in the upcoming election.

Member Castro thanked members of the public who have taken a stance on any issue during this election cycle.

- B. Petersburg's Recycling Program

Member Meucci requests the recycling program subject on the October 15 meeting agenda. He would like to hear a report from Public Works Director Cotta regarding the recycling program, and would also like to discuss solid waste in general and composting.

C. Forensic Audit of the USFS Tonka and Big Thorne Integrated Resource Timber Contracts Resolution

Member Meucci requests Assembly support for consideration of a resolution that will be on the October 15 agenda regarding the USFS Tonka and Big Thorne timber contracts.

D. Appointed Assembly Representatives

Member Meucci shared his concern that when the Assembly voted to nominate Member Meucci for a seat on the Southeast Conference Board of Directors Mayor Jensen was not willing, as the Southeast Conference voting representative from Petersburg, to vote for Member Meucci's appointment to the seat. Member Meucci feels Assembly representatives should vote the will of the majority of the Assembly. Mayor Jensen stated there was no direction given by the Assembly on how he should cast his vote at the Southeast Conference meeting. Member Stanton Gregor inquired whether Mayor Jensen voted for Member Meucci and Mayor Jensen replied that he did not vote for Member Meucci.

E. Robert's Rules of Order

Member Stanton Gregor clarified that assembly members are not required by Robert's Rules of Order to second a motion for the sake of discussion. He also clarified that Robert's Rules of Order does not allow personal innuendos and that in situations where those occur, point of order can be used to halt inappropriate discussion.

F. Work Session with Hospital Board

Member Meucci requested that Clerk Thompson send out an email to the Assembly and the Hospital Board to find an available date for a work session between October 9 and October 17.

G. Work Session with the Visitor Industry

Member Meucci recommended that Clerk Thompson send an email to the Assembly and the Chamber of Commerce to schedule a work session regarding the visitor industry between October 6 and November 21.

18. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 1:06 p.m.