



Petersburg Borough

12 South Nordic Drive
Petersburg AK, 99833

Meeting Minutes Borough Assembly

Tuesday, October 20, 2020

6:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

1. Call To Order/Roll Call

Mayor Jensen called the meeting to order at 6:13 p.m.

Present: 7 - Mayor Mark Jensen, Assembly Member David Kensinger, Assembly Member Bob Lynn, Assembly Member Jeffrey Meucci, Assembly Member Taylor Norheim, Assembly Member Jeigh Stanton Gregor and Assembly Member Chelsea Tremblay

2. Voluntary Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge was recited.

3. Approval of Minutes

There were no minutes were available for approval.

4. Amendment and Approval of Meeting Agenda

The agenda was amended to add 17B Bears, and 17C Assembly Partisanship Policy. The agenda, as amended, was unanimously approved.

5. Public Hearings

There were no public hearings.

6. Bid Awards

No bid awards.

7. Persons to be Heard Related to Agenda

Kathy O'Rear spoke on behalf of Petersburg Mental Health Services Special Use Permit request. Dana Thynes had three questions regarding COVID for the Assembly. Member Meucci requested a written response for Ms. Thynes from IC Hagerman for the next meeting.

8. Persons to be Heard Unrelated to Agenda

Niccole Hallingstad and Cecilia Tavolerio both spoke in favor of the Landless Natives legislation.

9. Board, Commission and Committee Reports

No reports were given.

10. Consent Agenda

A. Renewal of Trident Seafoods Tidelands Lease

Attachments: [Trident Request for Lease Renewal](#)
 [Trident Lease Amendment #6](#)

The Trident Seafoods tidelands lease renewal was unanimously approved.

11. Report of Other Officers

A. Emergency Operations Center Update

IC Hagerman reported three new positive cases in town with wide ranging contact tracing underway. The EOC feels that it's too early for a repeal of the Emergency Disaster Declaration and is considering a Health Alert strongly recommending all travelers coming into the State be tested.

B. Manager Giesbrecht's Performance Evaluation Process Update

Attachments: [Clerk Thompson Memo](#)

Mayor Jensen read a memo regarding Manager Giesbrecht's Performance Evaluation Process into the record.

12. Mayor's Report

A. October 20, 2020 Mayor's Report

Attachments: [October 20, 2020 Mayor's Report](#)

Mayor Jensen read his report into the record.

13. Manager's Report

A. October 20, 2020 Manager's Report

Attachments: [October 20, 2020 Manager's Report](#)

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

14. Unfinished Business

No items.

15. New Business

A. Resolution #2020-18: A Resolution Approving a Sole Source Contract for Design and

Installation of a Multimedia Audio System in the Borough Assembly Chambers

Attachments: [Resolution #2020-18](#)
 [The Chariot Group Proposal](#)

Resolution #2020-18 was unanimously approved.

B. Assembly Appointments

Mayor Jensen and Assembly Member David Kensinger were appointed as representatives to the Southeast Conference.

Mayor Jensen and Assembly Member Lynn were appointed as representatives to the Alaska Municipal League.

Assembly Member Meucci was appointed as liaison to the Harbor Board.

Assembly Member Lynn was appointed as liaison to the Hospital Board.

Assembly Member Norheim was appointed as liaison to the Public Safety Advisory Board.

Assembly Member Meucci continues to be the elected official on the Local Emergency Planning Committee.

C. Termination of Declaration of Disaster Emergency

Attachments: [Declaration of Disaster Emergency](#)

The motion to terminate the Declaration of Disaster Emergency failed by a vote of 1-6, Assembly Member Norheim in favor.

D. Petersburg Mental Health Services Special Use Permit Request

Attachments: [Planning Commission Report re PMHS SUP](#)
 [PMHS SUP Application](#)

The Petersburg Mental Health Services Special Use Permit was unanimously approved.

E. Manager Giesbrecht's Purchasing Report

Attachments: [10.15.2019 Manager Report to Assembly re Borough Purchasing](#)
 [Appendix A](#)
 [Appendix B](#)
 [Appendix C](#)

The Assembly unanimously agreed to forward Manager Giesbrecht's suggested changes to the Borough's purchasing ordinance to the Attorney for review.

F. State Mandate 10 Airport Support Contract Extension #2

Attachments: [IC Hagerman Memo](#)
 [COVID 19 Screening and Testing Services Contract Amendment 2](#)

State Mandate 10 Airport Support Contract Extension #2 was unanimously approved.

G. Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Letters of Interest

Attachments: [G. Kravitz Letter of Interest](#)
 [M. Marvin Letter of Interest](#)
 [J. Wilkinson Letter of Interest](#)

Desi Burrell, Garrett Kravitz and Malena Marvin were appointed to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board.

H. Harbors and Port Advisory Board Letter of Interest

Attachments: [D. Spigelmyre Letter of Interest](#)

The appointment of Donald Spigelmyer to the Harbor Advisory Board was unanimously approved.

16. Communications

A. Communication Received Since October 1, 2020

Attachments: [Notice of State Land Auction](#)
 [Notice of Forest Land Use Plan for Commercial Timber Sale](#)
 [K. Petersen 10.8.2020](#)
 [Response from DEED Commissioner Johnson](#)

17. Assembly Discussion Items

A. Strategic Plans for the Assembly

Member Meucci spoke on the idea of a Strategic Plan for the Assembly to see what is important to members and what direction they hope to see the Assembly go.

B. Bears

Member Meucci is concerned about recent bear activity with Halloween coming up soon.

C. Borough Assembly Partisanship Policy

Member Tremblay spoke on the issue of Assembly Members endorsing people running for State offices. Manager Giesbrecht stated that it is allowed that the Assembly members, as individuals, may endorse any political candidate they see fit. The only restriction being they may not imply that they speak on behalf of the Petersburg Assembly.

18. Recognitions

Assembly Member Meucci thanked everyone that participated in the recent flu shot clinic.

Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor thanked all the volunteers at the recent local election as well as all those that got out and voted.

Assembly Member Norheim thanked the Petersburg Volunteer Fire Dept Officers for being in charge.

Assembly Member Meucci thanked Brandi Marohl for her time and efforts in serving on the Assembly.

19. Assembly Comments

Member Lynn asked that an outside consultant be brought in to look at the recent fire at the Pool as it's event could have been catastrophic and the rebuild is going to be costly and take quite awhile.

20. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49pm

Debra K. Thompson

Date Approved_____