

**MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF SELDOVIA CITY COUNCIL  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**Wednesday  
May 10, 2017  
7:30pm**

ROJAS LETHIN SWEATT COLBERG PATRICK MORRISON
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- A. Call to Order & Roll Call: MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR LENT AT 7:30 PM
- B. Pledge of Allegiance: Held
- C. Excused Absences: None
- D. Agenda Approval: ROJAS/PATRICK MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA

SWEATT/ROJAS MOVED TO AMEND THE AGENDA BY ADDING N7 ORDINANCE 17-22 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SELDOVIA, ALASKA, AMENDING TITLE 5 BUSINESS LICENSES AND REGULATIONS, CHAPTER 5.04 GENERAL PROVISIONS, CHAPTER 5.08 PUBLIC SOLICITING AND VENDING AND REPEALING CHAPTER 5.12 COIN-OPERATED MACHINES AND MUSIC BOXES FOR COUNCIL REVIEW AND RENUMBERING ACCORDINGLY  
VOICE VOTE/UNANIMOUS/MOTION PASSED

ROJAS/SWEATT MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED  
VOICE VOTE/UNANIMOUS/MOTION PASSED

- E. Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the Regular Meeting, April 26, 2017

SWEATT/COLBERG MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF APRIL 26, 2017  
VOICE VOTE/UNANIMOUS/MOTION PASSED

- F. Treasurer's Report/ Utility Report: None
- G. Voucher/Payroll Report :

ROJAS/SWEATT MOVED TO APPROVE THE VOUCHER/PAYROLL REPORT OF MAY 8, 2017  
VOICE VOTE/UNANIMOUS/MOTION PASSED

- H. Ordinance Introduction: None
- I. Proclamations: None
- J. Public Presentation Prior Notice: (each presenter has up to 10 min)

1. Assembly member, Willy Dunne

WILLY DUNNE- Spoke to the Council updating them on the Borough Budget discussions, comprehensive plan revision, proposed sales tax revision being discussed and Assembly member seats which will be up for election this October.

ROJAS- Asked Mr. Dunne about the senior exemption.

JEREMIAH CAMPBELL- Asked Mr. Dunne about school funding.

ROJAS- Encouraged the public to contact the Borough Assembly with their thoughts on school funding.

- K. Public Presentation for Items not on Agenda: (public has 3 min each) Hearing None

- L. Committee and Advisory Board Reports: (each member has 5 min)

WALT SONEN- Spoke to the Council with information on the current projects of the Cook Inlet Citizens Adviosry Council. CIRCAC will be conducting a study on the existing pipelines in the Cook Inlet. The hope is to map the location of both currently used and abandoned lines. There were Geographic Response Exercises in Seldovia Bay recently which deployed boom with the intent of protecting Seldovia River from a potential spill.

- M. Unfinished Business: None
- N. New Business:

*Additions to the agenda are reflected in italics*

1. ORDINANCE 17-20 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SELDOVIA, ALASKA, AMENDING TITLE 13 UTILITIES BY ADDING SECTION 13.72.045 LATE PAYMENT PENALTY TO THE SELDOVIA MUNICIPAL CODE

a. Presentation by Staff or Council

CLERK/STANISH- Discussed the Ordinance presented.

b. Public Presentation (public has 3 min each) Hearing none

c. Council Discussion

ROJAS- Asked how this will affect billing.

MORRISON- Spoke in favor of the charge.

FINANCE OFFICER/LITTLE- Informed the Council that bills go out 30 days before they are due. Billing discrepancies can be handled on a case by case basis and can be adjusted.

COLBERG/LETHIN MOVED TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 17-20 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SELDOVIA, ALASKA, AMENDING TITLE 13 UTILITIES BY ADDING SECTION 13.72.045 LATE PAYMENT PENALTY TO THE SELDOVIA MUNICIPAL CODE AS AMENDED (EFFECTIVE DATE JULY 1, 2017).

d. Action/Disposition

VOICE VOTE/UNANIMOUS/MOTION PASSED

2. RESOLUTION 17-11 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL, OF THE CITY OF SELDOVIA, ALASKA, ESTABLISHING THE DELINQUENT ACCOUNT PENALTY FOR FY18

a. Presentation by Staff or Council

CLERK/STANISH- Presented the Resolution explaining this is the Resolution which establishes the late penalty which was just passed in Ordinance 17-20.

b. Public Presentation (public has 3 min each)

KAREN SWEARINGEN- Spoke in favor of the Resolution

c. Council Discussion

ROJAS/COLBERG MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 17-11 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL, OF THE CITY OF SELDOVIA, ALASKA, ESTABLISHING THE DELINQUENT ACCOUNT PENALTY FOR FY18 AS AMENDED (PER OCCURANCE).

d. Action/Disposition

VOICE VOTE/UNANIMOUS/MOTION PASSED

3. ORDINANCE 17-21(A) A NON-CODE ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SELDOVIA, ALASKA, ACCEPTING FY 2018 FEE SCHEDULE, APPENDIX A, OF THE FY2018 BUDGET

a. Presentation by Staff or Council

FO/LITTLE- Discussed the fee schedule with the proposed increase %'s which were considered in the budget workshops.

b. Public Presentation (public has 3 min each)

JEREMIAH CAMPBELL- Spoke to the Council to consider how increases in water and sewer hit businesses harder.

RAEWYN WEYER- Spoke to Council in support of Mr. Campbell's comment.

c. Council Discussion

ROJAS- Spoke in favor of the 12% increase to keep from running in the red.

SWEATT- Spoke in favor of the 6% increase in water and sewer. There were no increases for years and now the community is playing catch up.

PATRICK- Reminded the Council that last year the decision was to raise at 6% last year and 6% this year. We gave the community our word.

ROJAS- Spoke to the idea of giving year around businesses a break somehow. Possibly a free month of water and sewer or some sort of incentive. She believes 12% is solid, but 6% is okay.

d. Action/Disposition

CONSENSUS OF THE COUNCIL TO INCREASE THE HARBOR RATES BY 17%, INCREASE THE WATER AND SEWER RATES BY 6% AND INTRODUCE THE FEE SCHEDULE AT THE NEXT MEETING.

4. ORDINANCE 17-21 (B) A NON-CODE ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SELDOVIA, ALASKA, APPROPRIATING FUNDS, APPENDIX B, ANNUAL BUDGET, FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2018

a. Presentation by Staff or Council

FO/LITTLE- Presented the budget with the adjustments as discussed in the workshops over the past several months.

b. Public Presentation (public has 3 min each) Hearing none

c. Council Discussion

SWEATT- Asked about the funds put into the MMR.

d. Action/Disposition

CONSENSUS OF THE COUNCIL TO INTRODUCE ORDINANCE 17-21 (B) AT THE NEXT MEETING

\*\*\* MAYOR LENT CALLED FOR A 10 MINUTE RECESS AT 8:40PM  
MEETING CALLED BACK TO ORDER AT 8:50 PM BY MAYOR LENT \*\*\*

5. RESOLUTION 17-12 A RESOLUTION TO REPAIR AND REOPEN RED MOUNTAIN ROAD AND ROCKY RIVER ROAD ON STATE OF ALASKA EASEMENT

a. Presentation by Staff or Council

LETHIN- Discussed the possible, economic benefit to Seldovia by reopening the road to Red Mt. The Resolution would direct the City Manager to proceed with the Federal DOD Program application as supported by the Council.

b. Public Presentation (public has 3 min each)

WILLY DUNNE- Spoke to Council in support of the Resolution. The public/private partnership is great way to go and the Borough Administration supports the project.

JEREMIAH CAMPBELL- Spoke in support of the Resolution.

KEVIN VANDEGRIFF- Spoke in support of the Resolution.

KAREN SWEARINGEN- Spoke in support of the Resolution.

CALEB BILLMEIR- Spoke in support of the Resoultion.

c. Council Discussion

ROJAS- Spoke in favor of the returned access to Red Mt.

LETHIN- Discussed the project is lengthy and would have many phases.

MORRISON- Spoke in concern for the possible cost to the City with materials and maintaining the road after construction.

ROJAS- It will be a long process, perhaps SVT can help. She is still in support.

SWEATT- Spoke in support with the need to understand the future costs.

PATRICK- Spoke in support of the idea of the project, but has concerns if there are financial costs to the City.

ROJAS/SWEATT MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 17-12 A RESOLUTION TO REPAIR AND REOPEN RED MOUNTAIN ROAD AND ROCKY RIVER ROAD ON STATE OF ALASKA EASEMENT

d. Action/Disposition

ROLL CALL VOTE/ ROJAS-YES/ LETHIN-YES/ SWEATT-YES/ COLBERG-YES/ PATRICK-YES/  
MORRISON-NO/ MOTION PASSED

6. DISCUSSION ON POSSIBLE CITY LAND LEASE FOR A COMMUNITY GARDEN PROJECT

a. Presentation by Staff or Council

MAYOR LENT- Discussed he contacted the owners of the property next to the Snack Shack. They have agreed to allow the garden group to use the property. They are asking for a release of liability for any users of the lot.

b. Public Presentation (public has 3 min each)

CALEB BILMEIR- Explained the thinking was to not use private property as they don't want to see them lose the availability of the use if the ownership was to change. He spoke of other communities across the State who could be used as models. There are a lot of opportunities with this project. He would like to take time to find the right spot which would support the whole project. He and his wife own a nonprofit group whose goal is to enhance the wellbeing of communities. They would be interested in seeking grants to support the project as it is proven to work.

KAREN SWEARINGEN- Spoke in support of the high tunnel project as she has had experience with those.

JEREMIAH CAMPBELL- Spoke on the difficulty of keeping quality produce at the restaurant. Supports the idea of leasing City property vs. private land.

c. Council Discussion

SWEATT- Asked Caleb if they are seeking to lease or have property donated.

CALEB BILMEIR- This is in the infancy stages and he doesn't know the process at this time.

LETHIN- Proposed the City property housing the State staging area.

ROJAS- Supports the concept. She has concerns about liability.

MORRISON- Spoke in support of leasing a City property if one fits the needs. Offered the idea of also looking into Borough land.

SWEATT- Spoke in support of the idea and encouraged Caleb to keep looking for the right spot.

d. Action/Disposition

NO ACTION

7. *ORDINANCE 17-22 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SELDOVIA, ALASKA, AMENDING TITLE 5 BUSINESS LICENSES AND REGULATIONS, CHAPTER 5.04 GENERAL PROVISIONS, CHAPTER 5.08 PUBLIC SOLICITING AND VENDING AND REPEALING CHAPTER 5.12 COIN-OPERATED MACHINES AND MUSIC BOXES*

a. Presentation by Staff or Council

CLERK/STANISH- Discussed the changes to Title 5 which are presented in the Ordinance. This Ordinance becomes effective Jan 1, 2018. There are some highlighted places that need Council input.

b. Public Presentation (public has 3 min each)

JEREMIAH CAMPBELL- Spoke in favor of repealing business licenses. He supports charging vendors who sell on City property.

KAREN SWEARINGEN- Spoke in support of Ordinance 17-22.

c. Council Discussion

Council discussed how many days a year vending was considered a temporary business, and implementing the permit fee for vending on City property.

d. Action/Disposition

CONSENSUS OF THE COUNCIL TO ADD 90 DAYS FOR TEMPORARY BUSINESSES, IMPLEMENT A \$100 FLAT FEE PER YEAR FOR THE VENDING PERMIT, AND INTRODUCE THE ORDINANCE AT THE NEXT MEETING.

8. CITY MANAGER, TOD LARSON CONTRACT RENEWAL; POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR SUBJECTS THAT TEND TO PREJUDICE THE REPUTATION AND CHARACTER OF ANY PERSON, PROVIDED THE PERSON MAY REQUEST A PUBLIC DISCUSSION

a. Presentation by Staff or Council

b. Public Presentation (public has 3 min each)

WALT SONEN- Spoke in support of renewing Tod's contract.

JEREMIAH CAMPBELL- Reminded Council of the tough situations which Tod came into when coming to Seldovia. He feels we're headed in the right direction. He is in support of renewing Tod's contract.

KAREN SWEARINGEN- Spoke in support of renewing Tod's contract.

WILLY DUNNE- Spoke in support of Tod. His working relationship with Tod has been great. He's always accessible and has been in Borough meetings supporting Seldovia.

c. Council Discussion

\*\*\* ROJAS/COLBERG MOVED TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR SUBJECTS THAT TEND TO PREJUDICE THE REPUTATION AND CHARACTER OF ANY PERSON, PROVIDED THE PERSON MAY REQUEST A PUBLIC DISCUSSION AT 9:45 PM

\*\*\* NO ACTION WAS TAKEN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION  
EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNED AT 10:30 PM

ROJAS/LETHIN MOVED TO OFFER TOD LARSON THE CONTRACT DISCUSSED

d. Action/Disposition

VOICE VOTE/UNANIMOUS/MOTION PASSED

O. Informational Items Not Requiring Action:

1. Community Cleanup is scheduled for May 13, 2017
2. Tod Larson's official medical release for light duty.
3. Letter of resignation from Clerk Stanish

P. City Manager's Report: None

Q. Council and Mayor Comments Concerning Items Not on the Agenda:

ROJAS- Thanked Lisa for jumping into this job and doing a very good job. Friday night is the Art's Council's membership drive at the Stranik's.

LETHIN- Thanked Lisa for her service to the community and the City. Lethin will be in Anchorage for the next meeting. He can call in.

SWEATT- Everybody knows LaMaestra is leaving?

COLBERG- Thanked Lisa for her service.

PATRICK- Thanked Lisa. Her smile was always there in the office and it will be missed.

MORRISON- Thanked Lisa. She will be missed.

LENT- Thanked Lisa for a good job.


R. Next Meeting: Regular Meeting will be held on May 24, 2017 at 7:30 pm

S. Adjournment:

ROJAS/SWEATT MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 10:35 PM

VOICE VOTE/UNANIMOUS/MOTION PASSED

I certify the above represents accurate minutes of City of Seldovia Council meeting of May 10, 2017.

  
Lisa Stanish For Lisa Stanish  
Lisa Stanish, City Clerk

Approved by Council May 24, 2017