

**MINUTES FROM A SPECIAL MEETING
OF SELDOVIA CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**Wednesday
August 30, 2017
7:30pm**

MORRISON ROJAS LETHIN SWEATT COLBERG PATRICK

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

ROJAS/LETHIN MOVED TO AMEND THE AGENDA BY CORRECTING THE NUMBER SEQUENCE, AND ADDING N6. CEMETERY PLOT FEE DISCUSSION, N7. COOK INLET ICE GUIDELINES FOR REVIEW, AND N8. DISCUSSION ON KPB ORDINANCE 2017-23 SALES TAX TO \$1000
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, August 9, 2017
ROJAS/PATRICK MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 9, 2017
VOICE VOTE/UNANIMOUS/MOTION PASSED

F. Treasurer's Report/ Utility Report: None

G. Voucher/Payroll Report :

ROJAS/SWEATT MOVED TO APPROVE THE VOUCHER REPORT FOR 08/10/17 TO 08/31/17
VOICE VOTE/UNANIMOUS/MOTION PASSED

H. Ordinance Introduction: None

I. Proclamations: None

J. Public Presentation Prior Notice: (each presenter has up to 10 min) None

K. Public Presentation for Items not on Agenda: (public has 3 min each)

LAUREL HILTS- Spoke about the Chainsaw Carving Competition coming up that weekend. The City has been actively helping, the carvers will arrive Thursday. Saturday will be a 5k and 10k that Tania Spurkland helped put together. Sunday will be the Chainsaw Carving Potluck followed by the Guitar Master Concert. There will be a wedding Saturday evening and the Seldovia Bay Ferry extended their schedule through September 15th.

L. Committee and Advisory Board Reports: (each member has 5 min) None

M. Unfinished Business: None

N. New Business:

- 1. Resolution 18-02 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Seldovia Appointing Election Judges for the Regular Municipal Election to be Held on October 3, 2017
 - a. Presentation by Staff or Council
 - b. Public Presentation
 - c. Council Discussion
 - d. Action/Disposition

ROJAS/COLBERG MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 18-02 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SELDOVIA APPOINTING ELECTION JUDGES FOR THE REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON OCTOBER 3, 2017.
VOICE VOTE/UNANIMOUS/MOTION PASSED

2. ORDINANCE 18-01 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SELDOVIA, ALASKA, AMENDING TITLE 15 HARBORS AND BOAT MOORAGE BY ADOPTING A NEW CHAPTER 15.18 JAKOLOF BAY DOCK AND AMENDING CHAPTER 15.08 DEFINITIONS

- a. Presentation by Staff or Council
- b. Public Presentation (public has 3 min each)
- c. Council Discussion
- d. Action/Disposition

ROJAS/LETHIN MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 18-01 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SELDOVIA, ALASKA, AMENDING TITLE 15 HARBORS AND BOAT MOORAGE BY ADOPTING A NEW CHAPTER 15.18 JAKOLOF BAY DOCK AND AMENDING CHAPTER 15.08 DEFINITIONS
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3. Discussion on Lollipop Flower Garden: the two sides running parallel of the harbormaster and of the right-of-way

- a. Presentation by Staff or Council

CM/LARSON- Discussed that it was a continued issue. Only the front of Lollipop Park had been approved for a flower bed and it ended up a U- shape around the park.

- b. Public Presentation (public has 3 min each)

SUZIE STRANIK- Clarified one more time that it was not intentional and that she had thought that she was approved for all three sides. She does not believe the city could ever take over what she does, if she died another volunteer would have to. She stated it was put in by equipment, none of which was hers. Her woofers and volunteers leave in September and she is not volunteering to take it out by herself.

SANDY LIVESAY- Thanked Suzie, the Harbormaster, Doug and all the planters for all the hard work that they do.

MARY PEDLOW- Asked if anyone was impeding the right of way.

CM/LARSON- Discussed that he believed that the park itself was in the right of way. It has been mentioned that there was a petition to vacate the row in the past, but they need more time to research.

GERRY STRANIK- Discussed that he believed the City had choose that spot in order to not have to petition to vacate.

LAUREL HILTS- Stated that she thought the decision had taken place in 2004 or 2005. She asked if maintenance had decided if they were able to remove snow on the Harbormaster's side.

JENNY CHISSUS- Discussed that anything Suzie does around town is as a volunteer, like Dean and Johnny. Rain, sleet, snow or shine she is working and housing and feeding woofers. It makes a difference around town and she implored the council to find a way to work with her. She hopes they see that value and the benefit from it.

- c. Council Discussion

LETHIN- Discussed renewing his motion to approve all three sides. He asked if the issue needed to be tabled until they could get a clearer answer from maintenance.

MAYOR LENT- Asked if the discussion needed to be tabled until the row issue was resolved.

COLBERG- Discussed that when Lollipop was originally being discussed to move, he had motioned to move it to the lot next to the Harbormasters office, then it was moved to the row because not everyone wanted it on the lot right next to the Harbormaster. It doesn't matter if flowers are there when the whole park may need to be moved. Stated it shouldn't take that much extra time to plow, it won't make that much of a difference.

ROJAS- Discussed that her biggest concern is that maintenance can plow. If maintenance says it is an issue to plow after this winter they can take the flower bed out before next winter. She appreciates Suzie but also all the hard work that maintenance does. Suzie has beautified the city. She would like to make sure that the garden is always maintained by volunteers, because the city would be unable to take over. She asked Suzie if the council decides not to have the third side who will remove it?

SWEATT- Spoke in agreement with Rojas and in support of the flower beds. At this point the issue is irrelevant.

MORRISON- Spoke in agreement of the issue being irrelevant. Stated that maintenance can get around but why should they have too, and you cannot lean on the fence there. He doesn't think it would be a big deal to anyone to

take that side down and it would be easier on maintenance. He says two sides, also he thought in the beginning it was not suppose to be dug in, he must have misunderstood. It is ugly and one side should be removed.

CM/LARSON- Stated there was enough room to plow.

PATRICK- Spoke in agreement with Morrison, it was not what was discussed and is a different type of garden. She asked how much extra time it would take maintenance to plow.

LETHIN/COLBERG MOVED TO APPROVE ALL THREE SIDES OF THE LOLLIPOP FLOWER BED.

d. Action/Disposition

ROLL CALL VOTE:

MORRISON- NO

ROJAS- YES

LETHIN- YES

SWEATT- YES

COLBERG- YES

PATRICK- NO

MOTION PASSED

4. Discussion on Trafficability Across Seldovia Workshop

a. Presentation by Staff or Council

CM/LARSON- Discussed the workshop from August 22nd, nothing was decided except to have another meeting next Tuesday the 5th at 6:30pm. He wrote a letter to the state to resolve the post office, the blind corner and the seat belt issues in the city.

b. Public Presentation (public has 3 min each)

GERRY STRANIK- Asked if there were statistics from police, of accidents in the area or hurt pedestriains. Andy's 30 years of service would be valuable. It is a dangerous town with no sidewalks for children. You cannot go to the post office without being in multiple violations.

c. Council Discussion

ROJAS- Would encourage everyone not at the last meeting to go to the next meeting Tuesday the 5th. They either need to put it on the books or follow the books.

MAYOR LENT- Discussed that common sense was the big answer that came from the meeting.

d. Action/Disposition

NO ACTION TAKEN

5. Discussion on Seldovia Clinic Workshop

a. Presentation by Staff or Council

CM/LARSON- Discussed that a two question survey should have been received by everyone. First question was about wanting the same medical services as before. Second question was about using the old clinic space for a new purpose such as city offices. Twenty- four (24) have been received, nineteen (19) for the clinic and five (5) for using the space for a different purpose. That is 80% for the clinic. He recommends the Council wait for more surveys to come in.

b. Public Presentation (public has 3 min each)

LAUREL HILTS- Asked where it will go from here, will they have another meeting, or form a committee to start discussion? She encouraged information about the survey be put on the Seldovia Chatterbox.

MARY PEDLOW- Asked if there was a deadline and if the survey was only for people in town.

GERRY STRANIK- Spoke about the questions posed. There are only two choices, office space or same basis for a provider to come in if the city allows it. He thinks as long as someone wants to use it, they should have it, EMT's, Dr. Lethin would use it this winter. A walk in physician toured the clinic with him the pevious weekend and said it was an amazing space. Dr. Barnes is coming the following weeked and wants to move to Seldovia and buy a house.

c. Council Discussion

ROJAS- Spoke in agreement with Laurel, it should be put on the chatterbox. All survey's should be in by the next meeting. If the survey shows the community wants it then a committee can be formed and then Dr. Barnes can negotiate with them.

SWEATT- Spoke in agreement. Postpone until the next council meeting and then if the town wants a clinic a committee will be appointed.

d. Action/Disposition

POSTPONED UNTIL THE FOLLOWING MEETING

6. Cemetery Plot Fee Discussion

a. Presentation by Staff or Council

HARBORMASTER PEDERSEN- Spoke on behalf of the cemetery committee. They propose a plot fee of \$200 be implemented in the fee schedule with a note following that states for opening and closing of burial sites refer to equipment rentals. An opening is normally three hours time and one hour to close. So far they have had \$874 in donations. She clarified that the opening and closing costs would be separate from the purchase of the plot and the opening and closing would be reflected in real time for the equipment rental, because of variables such as winter and frozen ground. There is lots of space available for people to purchase plots. The committee is still in the early stages and this was a priority to get started.

b. Public Presentation (public has 3 min each)

LAUREL HILTS- Asked for clarification that if purchasing a plot it would include the opening and closing. She asked that they look into the agreement made for having the cemetery on the street, she believed there was an agreement specific to the Russian Orthodox Church and families in town. She asked what leveled ground would mean. The decision to level the plots needs to be a large scale community decision.

JENNY CHISSUS- Asked if it was a requirement of the city to implement a fee right now and if there is space available for purchasing plots. Can there be different plot sizes available, for those that do not need the full size? She agreed with Mary, they were willing to donate material to the school shop, why not now to the gentleman in Anchorage who makes them? She asked if boxholders could be notified beforehand of their plans or a personal invitation to grave owners.

SANDY LIVESAY- Asked if there was a plan to revitalize the cemetery, she keeps putting money in the jar at the grocery store.

MARY PEDLOW- Discussed that there is a gentleman in Anchorage who lost his daughter and makes Russian crosses. He could be asked if he would be willing to donate. The crosses are very meaningful to the families who make them.

c. Council Discussion

CM/LARSON- Discussed that they are trying to keep fees down, in some communities burials cost between \$5000 and \$6000. They have tried making head stones with rebar and a mold, but there is a lot of head stones sinking, some out of sight. They have discussed in the past having the kids in woodshop produce some but with Alan gone that is no longer an option. Crosses are rotting and laying on the ground. They can at least be marked for now. He has reached out to the church multiple times with no response. It is everyones cemetery, there are lots of plans, they need additional hands.

MAYOR LENT- Clarified that there is space up there that has not been used yet. In Homer a plot is \$1000. He talked to maintenance, it is about three hours to open to closing could be more. Plots are \$25 dollars now and there is no maintenance fee for anything. A plan to revitalize has been discussed with the city manager and the committee, they would level the ground in order to use a ride on mower to mow, right now they are using weed eaters. Medallions are the least expensive option for unmarked graves at \$4 dollars a piece, for 500 graves it would be \$2000 dollars. They will not remove any head stones though some need to be raised because they have sunk. The closest corners crosses were removed with exact measurements taken and will be replaced, as well as replacing the arch. Anytime someone wants to volunteer he closes his shop to work on the cemetery.

ROJAS- Discussed that labor would be right around \$800-900 and around \$1000 total with the plot.

d. Action/Disposition

CONSENSUS OF THE COUNCIL TO INTRODUCE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FEE SCHEDULE ADDING A \$200 PLOT FEE AND REFERRING THE OPENING AND CLOSING OF A BURIAL SITE TO EQUIPMENT RENTAL FEES AT THE NEXT MEETING

7. Cook Inlet Ice Guidelines for Review

a. Presentation by Staff or Council

CM/LARSON- Discussed that this was something that came across his desk. It is the public comment period from the Coast Guard about their annual ice guidelines. As he is not a mariner or fisherman, he would give others the opportunity to review and reconvene at the following meeting.

b. Public Presentation (public has 3 min each)

LAUREL HILTS- Suggested not putting the document on the chatterbox but a link.

c. Council Discussion

HM/PEDERSEN- Discussed that the guidelines were for vessels over 300 girth tons, tugs and barges and cargo going into Anchorage

d. Action/Disposition

NO ACTION TAKEN

8. Discussion on KPB ordinance 2017-23 sales tax to \$1000

a. Presentation by Staff or Council

CM LARSON- He received a call from Willy Dunn asking for support on this ordinance. It is another way to plug the hole. The maximum taxable amount was set at \$500 in 1965, that would about \$3085 today, it would not be outrageous to bring the taxable amount to \$1000. Residential rentals would keep the \$500 tax cap. This would be used for education and needs to be approved by voters. It would be on the ballot. He requested a resolution from the City Council if they support the ordinance.

b. Public Presentation (public has 3 min each)

MARY PEDLOW- Asked that everyone look at section 1D, referring to temporary lodging.

CM/LARSON- Clarified that section 1D would only apply if you charged over \$500 dollars a night.

c. Council Discussion

ROJAS- Spoke in support.

COLBERG- Spoke in support.

MORRISON- Spoke in support.

d. Action/Disposition

ROJAS/LETHIN MOVED TO DIRECT THE CITY MANAGER TO WRITE A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF KPB ORDINANCE 2017-23

VOICE VOTE/UNANIMOUS/MOTION PASSED

O. Informational Items Not Requiring Action: None

P. City Manager's Report: As written

CM/LARSON- Gave his report and asked Council to authorize him to use money from the reserve in order to install LED lights in the harbor and begin saving money. He received an estimate of \$16000-\$17000 from Atlas Electric, they would have to put out an RFP for the job. He spoke about the audit terminating early and they will return in October, there was an issue with the conversion from quickbooks to caselle, but the financial reports were stil correct, about 50% of the audit has been done. He has sent emails to the core of engineers about Red Mountain Road asking for an engineer to come down and give an estimate of how much material will be needed but has had difficulty getting a response.

JENNY CHISSUS- Spoke about research she has done on LED lights, they will last longer and save money if replaced with them.

LETHIN- Asked about the streets light, HEA owns them, will they change to LED? Winter is coming and then it will be more expensive, why do we have to wait? He asked about the status of the audit and Red Mountain road.

LAUREL HILTS- Discussed it being the time of year when it gets darker at night and asked to have the street lights accessible to walkers.

HM/PEDERSEN- Discussed that Brian Hawkins with the Homer Harbor is in the process of replacing their lights with LED and even in the beginning of the process they love them and have seen a cost reduction. They are also very pleased with the light that they provide.

SWEATT- Asked who gave the estimate. Spoke in support, if it comes in higher then they can reconvene, if wait costs will go up.

ROJAS- Spoke in support, she is impressed to see these numbers.

CONSENSUS OF THE COUNCIL TO DIRECT THE CITY MANAGER TO PROCEED WITH THE RFP
VOICE VOTE/UNANIMOUS/MOTION PASSED

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

MORRISON- Glad everyone showed up.

ROJAS- Requested her absence be excused while she travels. She will be able to call in at the end of October beginning of November.

LETHIN- Requested an excused absence from September 15th to the end of October. He will be in Anchorage and can call in.

SWEATT- Thank you.

COLBERG- Thank you, he will call in for the next meeting.

PATRICK- Will not be available for the next meeting.

MAYOR LENT- Thank you everyone.

R. Next Meeting: Regular Meeting will be held on September 13, 2017 at 7:30 pm

S. Adjournment:

COLBERG/SWEATT MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 9:08 PM
VOICE VOTE/UNANIMOUS/MOTION PASSED

I certify the above represents accurate minutes of City of Seldovia Council meeting of August 30th, 2017.



Heidi Geagel, City Clerk

Approved by Council 09/13/17