

MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING
OF SELDOVIA CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Wednesday
May 24, 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
- B. Pledge of Allegiance: Held
- C. Excused Absences: None
- D. Agenda Approval:

SWEATT/COLBERG MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA
VOICE VOTE/UNANIMOUS/MOTION PASSED

- E. Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the Regular Meeting, May 10, 2017

PATRICK/SWEATT MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MAY 10, 2017
VOICE VOTE/UNANIMOUS/MOTION PASSED

- F. Treasurer's Report/ Utility Report: None

- G. Voucher/Payroll Report :

DEPUTY CLERK SWICK- Total includes Smokey Bay check added to correct error voided from last report

ROJAS/SWEATT MOVED TO APPROVE THE VOUCHER/PAYROLL REPORT OF MAY 22, 2017
VOICE VOTE/UNANIMOUS/MOTION PASSED

- H. Ordinance Introduction:

- 1. 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

ROJAS/PATRICK MOVED TO INTRODUCE 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
VOICE VOTE/ UNANIMOUS/ MOTION PASSED

- 2. 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

SWEATT/COLBERG MOVED TO INTRODUCE 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
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- 3. 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

DEPUTY CLERK SWICK- Requests an amendment to renumber the new sections to keep the repealed sections listed in the code for reference as needed

ROJAS/COLBERG MOVED TO INTRODUCE 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

ROJAS/COLBERG MOVED TO AMEND ORDINANCE 17-22 TO CREATE NEW SECTION NUMBERS IN CHAPTER 5.04 AND 5.08 FOR NEW LANGUAGE BEING ADDED IN ORDER TO PRESERVE REPEALED SECTION NUMBERS FOR HISTORICAL REFERENCE
VOICE VOTE/ UNANIMOUS/ MOTION PASSED

ROJAS/PATRICK MOVED TO INTRODUCE ORDINANCE 17-22 AS AMENDED
VOICE VOTE/ UNANIMOUS/ MOTION PASSED

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

1. Scott Ogan- Economic Development Proposal

SCOTT OGAN- Spoke to the council requesting the council authorize the city manager to enter into negotiations to lease 60 acres of land below the reseviior for a zipline/canopy tour. He is asking for council support and the city manager to write a letter of support to DOT and University of Alaska for the leases needed to access their land. Phase two will be on 160 acres of department natural resources land. Consultant is coming to check forest health and verify the trees are not diseased, as well as helping to design a feasibility market study. He would like an MOU to develop terms then turn it into a signed contract.

JEREMIAH CAMPBELL- Spoke in support of the concept, saying it is a good one, activity is low impact. He is pro business. Scott has done tremendous amount of homework and is doing it right.

ROJAS- Spoke in support and in favor of the city manager setting up an MOU, is concerned that rocky ridge trail and reservoir remains public access and accessible to hikers.

MORRISON- Spoke in favor of negotiations.

LETHIN- Spoke in support of the idea.

CONSENSUS OF COUNCIL TO HAVE CITY MANAGER ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS

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

SUZIE STRANIK- Requested to plant a 3 foot area in front of lollipop park and possibly on the waterfront side to soften the exterior and to enhance the beauty of the community. The existing rock would be dug out and peat added to plant in. Livesay has volunteered to maintain the area as it would end at her property line, but would like it placed before her deck is finished.

MORRISON- Spoke in concern that it would eliminate parking, and wanted to do some measuring on it. Also concerned they would need a locate. He would like to go look at it first.

LAUREL HILTS- Spoke in support of the area being planted. She has heard the public say they would rather not have parking there.

ROJAS- Spoke in concern about maintenance and does not want this to come back on city to maintain as they do not have the personnel to do so. She is in support of the idea if Livesay will maintain it but would like to go look at it first.

JEREMIAH CAMPBELL- Spoke in favor. He stated the fence is fairly ugly, flowers in front of it would go a long way and a locate is easy.

PATRICK- Asked for clarification on whether it will be shrubs or perennials, and does not want the city to maintain.

NO ACTION TAKEN UNTIL CONCERNS ARE INVESTIGATED

LAUREL HILTS- Seldovia Arts Council performance Friday. Human Powered Derby this weekend, fish fry 4 pm Sunday. Fast ferry starts tomorrow.

1. Letter to Council from Sandy and Bill Livesay
DEPUTY CLERK SWICK- Explained letter in the packet

CONSENSUS OF THE COUNCIL TO HAVE CITY MANAGER DRAFT A LETTER

L. Committee and Advisory Board Reports: (each member has 5 min)
JEREMIAH CAMPBELL- Spoke about the water project. There is new filtered water as of yesterday, they started training yesterday with Tyler and Randy. More extensive training is coming up. Engineers will be out of here Friday. They are going to start demoing inside of the old plant. All the levels and turbidity look great. Three different meters are going, and they should know in 30 days where the leaks are at and will formulate a plan from there.
LENT- Thank you, you finished ahead of schedule and under budget
SWEATT- Good job

M. Unfinished Business: None

N. New Business:

1. City Manager, Tod Larson Contract Renewal

a. Presentation by Staff or Council

DEPUTY CLERK SWICK- Spoke to the contract, it is as discussed last meeting. Official approval is needed this evening.

b. Public Presentation (public has 3 min each)

c. Council Discussion

ROJAS- Asked if all issues discussed were resolved, if we are liable for retirement

SWEATT- Asked if there were issues with the retirement.

CM LARSON- Spoke on why retirement is not a requirement, it is a bonus.

d. Action/Disposition

ROJAS/COLBERG MOVED TO ACCEPT CITY MANAGER EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT AS DISCUSSED PROIR AND IF CITY IS FOUND LIABLE TO PROVIDE RETIREMENT WHICH IS BELIEVED NOT IT WILL BE ADDRESSED AT THAT TIME
VOICE VOTE/UNANIMOUS/MOTION PASSED

2. Discussion on Creating a Cemetery Board

a. Presentation by Staff or Council

MAYOR LENT- Discussed creating a cemetery board so that donations can be taken. Right now donations can be taken personally which gives them the liability, but he would like to get a board set up before the 4th so that donations can be legally excepted. He spoke about the plan to continue clean up and and raise money for medallions and markers.

b. Public Presentation (public has 3 min each)

SUZIE STRANIK- Spoke of pulling out stumps for landscaping, immediate action would be painting the sign

c. Council Discussion

LETHIN- Asked about where it says city cannot take donations, equipment or money. He believes that anyone can make a donation to the community.

CM LARSON- Discussed needing a board to manage it, like the firehall. City will look into it. A lot of work has been done already, the amount of work still needed is enormous. There is a plan but it will take a few years.

ROJAS- Spoke in favor of creating a board, would like the City look into excepting donations. Would like to see it move forward.

LETHIN- Spoke in support of the idea of a cemetery board, thinks it is a great idea.

DC SWICK- Spoke of a Homer parks and rec ordinance with a section on donations, we can consult with them and look into resources about how best to do this. It will have to be an ordinance. After it is established we should discuss plot reservations and fees.

MAYOR LENT- Discussed fees he had heard other places ranging between \$1000-\$1400. He has heard of people here being charged \$25, that may be part of why the cemetery has no money for maintenance.
COLBERG- Spoke in support of a cemetery board, could help prevent this from happening again.
SWEATT- Discussed since we are speaking about this we should think about the fee.
d. Action/Disposition

CONSENSUS OF THE COUNCIL TO INTRODUCE ORDINANCE AT NEXT MEETING

3. Priority of Projects: Dam/Water Line to Plant vs. Wastewater

a. Presentation by Staff or Council

CM LARSON- Spoke on the the priority of projects. With the water treatment plant coming to an end, he has been in discussion with VSW about the next potential project to begin. The wastewater or the dam are the next potential projects. He puts forth to the council to pick a priority.

b. Public Presentation (public has 3 min each)

JEREMIAH CAMPBELL- Spoke that they are two definite distinct projects. Wastewater is a problem in communities all over, when the tank fills it spills over into the bay. The dam is paper thin steel with enormous pressure on it and would also probably be less money to fix. His opinion is to focus on the wastewater. The waterline has been repaired as needed and can continue to be for less cost. If waterline busts, you shut it off at dam and have a three day supply of water, you find the leak, dig it up and fix it. It's not real deep.

SCOTT OGAN- Stated that there might be some low cost smaller interm fixes for wastewater system to help mitigate some of the environmental damage to the bay and show DEC we are doing something in the interm.

c. Council Discussion

ROJAS- Asked if priority from council is being asked for because of the capital?

CM LARSON- Discussed that VSW is looking at their next projects, to make a decision soon. A study needs to be conducted first, which is what they are shooting for now and then phase two.

COLBERG- Supports the wastewater project. You get out what you put in, we need to fix it.

SWEATT- Agreed top priority should be the wastewater.

ROJAS- Asked about the dam/waterline project. Supports the wastewater project in hopes the dam holds steady.

MORRISON- Spoke in support of the priority being the wastewater project.

PATRICK- Spoke in favor of the wastewater project.

d. Action/Disposition

CONSENSUS OF THE COUNCIL TO HAVE THE CITY MANAGER PURSUE THE WASTEWATER PROJECT

4. City Manager Proposal to Change Council Meetings to Once a Month

a. Presentation by Staff or Council

CM LARSON- Spoke of the office transitioning from 3 positions to 2 and the City has absorbed the water treatment plant operator position. Do we have enough business in town to hold two regulary scheduled meetings a month or one? Most towns this size have one but we are pretty active. Lisa does mostly meeting minutes and packets. New clerk is going to have to do a lot more. Don't need a decision today, but its something to think on.

b. Public Presentation (public has 3 min each)

JEREMIAH CAMPBELL- Spoke in support of the idea. Somewhere has to give.

JERRY STRANIK- Spoke about the process already being slow. A second meeting is needed for action and to move things along.

SCOTT OGAN- Dicussed holding special meetings when necessary.

c. Council Discussion

ROJAS- Spoke in favor of trying but does not want the process to slow.

LETHIN- Asked if maybe the city manager could look at the agenda and see if second meeting is necessary and then it would be at his a call.

COLBERG- Discussed using special meetings just to introduce things.

MORRISON- Discussed hating to see things take to long, maybe special meetings is the way to go.

SWEATT- Spoke in support of trying, but if there are too many special meetings, it may need rethought.

d. Action/Disposition

ROJAS/MORRISON MOVED TO DRAFT ORDINANCE TO BRING BACK TO COUNCIL
VOICE VOTE/UNANIMOUS/MOTION PASSED

5. LaMaestra Clinic Departure Discussion

a. Presentation by Staff or Council

CM LARSON- Spoke about the clinic pulling out on the 31st. He has been in contact with Zara and Crystal about the space and possible options for the community. Recommends that the City not be in the medical business, and only be the ones to lease the space.

b. Public Presentation (public has 3 min each)

STRANIK- Discussed that it used to be the only hospital. It has been operated privately for 40 years in a public facility. Used to get contracts from others to see patients, not anymore. No need for two clinics. If others want to come in and use space and given same benefit as private, great. Don't rush into anything. Don't want to see clinic go away. Lethin and him have been talking with La Maestra and Crystal about keeping dental going.

c. Council Discussion

ROJAS- Discussed not rushing. An open invitation to SVT to use the building would be perfect. Do not close the building or move City offices there, right now stick with the option as using it for medical care. Also consider keeping part of the space available for EMS in the event they cannot get out in the middle of the night so they do not have to sit in the ambulance the whole time.

LETHIN- Spoke about the huge amount of inventory that belongs to the City, La Maestra needs to be asked for an inventory list of what they brought in and what they plan to take out.

CM LARSON- Hearing that you are open to having someone in the clinic, keep close inventory control, need to figure out disposition of medical records.

SWEATT- Spoke in support of hearing a proposal from SVT otherwise get a paying customer in there.

City should absolutely not get into anything medical besides a lease of the space.

MORRISON- Asked if there is current advertising for a doctor? When this all started, it seemed to be a wish of the people to have a doctor. It is no longer an option.

ROJAS- Spoke in support of moving forward with discussions with SVT to use the clinic. Figure out inventory with La Maestra and it's up the individuals to figure out their patient records

PATRICK- Spoke in support of seeing a different entity in there. Does not want to see City hung out to dry for expenses of a clinic.

d. Action/Disposition

NO ACTION TAKEN

O. Informational Items Not Requiring Action:

1. The City offices will be closed Monday, May 29th in observance of Memorial Day.

P. City Manager's Report: As Written.

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

MORRISON- Thanks. Informative. Good luck Ogan on your project, would be great for community. Jeremiah- bang up job.

ROJAS- Thanks. Glad to have interest, keep coming.

LETHIN/SWEATT/COLBERG- Thank's everyone for coming.

PATRICK- Nice to have input.

R. Next Meeting: Regular Meeting will be held on June 14, 2017 at 7:30 pm

S. Adjournment:

ROJAS/COLBERG MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 9:48 PM

VOICE VOTE/UNANIMOUS/MOTION PASSED

I certify the above represents accurate minutes of City of Seldovia Council meeting of May 24 2017.



Heidi Geagel
Heidi Geagel, City Clerk

Approved by Council 06/14/2017