Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly

Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 – 9:00 A.M.

Assembly Chambers – Kotzebue, AK

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Hadley called the meeting to order at 9:02 A.M.

**INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Member Sampson provided the invocation.

**SAFETY MOMENT**

Member Armstrong encouraged boaters and the subsistence fisherman to always use a Personal Flotation Device (PFD) and to be sure and carry a pocket knife incase it is needed. He also encouraged gun safety for the young hunters. Member Loon also encouraged safety while out boating and to carry essential items such as tarp, rope and a communication device and be sure you let someone know your travel plans. Member Sampson also encouraged everyone to be aware of the surroundings while you are out exercising on the new road as there has been bear sitings.

**ROLL CALL/MEMBER EXCUSAL**

Assembly Members pre*sent* at the time of roll call:

Elmer Armstrong Jr.  Delores Barr *Miles Cleveland* Dood Lincoln Carr

Sandy Shroyer Beaver Hannah Loon Walter Sampson Reid Magdanz

Nathan Hadley Jr. *Austin Swan Sr.*

Assembly Members ab*sent* at the time of roll call:

Tanya Ballot (exc.)

**Member Carr motioned to excuse Member Ballot, Member Loonseconded the motion. A roll call was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously.**

**A quorum was present to conduct business.**

Introduction of Staff and Guests

Dickie Moto Sr. *Matt Mead* Angie SturmClay Nordlum

Helena Hildreth Shayne Schaeffer *Ingemar Mathiasson* Nettie Allen

Fritz Westlake Tessa Baldwin Kristen Walker Greta Schuerch

Carl Weisner Helena Hildreth Sarah Bether Hiram Walker

*Wendy Chamberlain*

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

President Hadley requested to add Ms. Sarah Betcher.

**Member Sampson motioned to approve the agenda as amended; Member Shroyer Beaver *se*conded. A roll call was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously.**

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

Regular meeting minutes of May 24, 2022, as presented.

**Member Carr motioned to approve the May 24, 2022, Regular minutes as presented*,* Member Loonseconded the motion. A roll call was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously.**

**COMMUNICATIONS AND APPEARANCES**

1. Wendy Chamberlain – Lobbyist Update

Ms. Wendy Chamberlain, Lobbyist, provided a brief update on lobbying efforts.

1. Sarah Betcher – Documentary Filmmaker

Ms. Betcher, Farthest North Films, Filmmaker reported that she has been making documentary films in Kotzebue for about ten years and they are now showing a film called Ice Edge at the Heritage Center.

**A Ten-minute break was taken at 10:43 am.**

**The meeting reconvened from break at 10:56 am.**

**BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES**

1. Budget, Audit and Finance Committee

Madam BAF Chair Shroyer Beaver reported the committee met and reviewed the resolutions, ordinances and recommended for approval by the full assembly.

1. Financial Report, Angie Sturm, Borough Treasurer

Ms. Angie Sturm, Borough Treasurer, provided a summary of Expenditure and Revenue Financials for the month ending May 31, 2022.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS, ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCES & EMERGENCY ORDINANCES**

1. ***Ordinance 22-06*** *an ordinance of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly*

*approving a three-year participation agreement with Alaska Municipal League Joint Insurance Association, and for related purposes.*

Mayor Moto summarized Ordinance 22-06 and recommended approval.

**Member Sampson motioned to approve Ordinance 22-06 for enactment, seconded by Member Carr. A call was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously.**

**ASSEMBLY REPORT**

Member Shroyer Beaverreported that she attended the Selawik Atautchigun grand opening and the community showed up for this event. She commended Tanya Ballot and her team for their hard work making this happen for the community.

Member Loon reported that she also attend the Selawik Atautchigun grand opening in Selawik, Alaska. The leaders in Selawik were very visionary and new what was needed in the new community building and she commended that for that. She thanked the Borough for allowing them to attend and the Village Improvement Fund that helped make this happen for the community of Selawik.

**MAYORS REPORT**

Mayor Dickie Moto Sr. allowed each Department Director to provide updates from their respective departments. Mr. Clay Nordlum, Planning Department Director, Mr. Carl Weisner, Public Services Director, Mr. Fritz Westlake, Community and Economic Development Director, and Ms. Tessa Baldwin, Public Safety Director briefly highlighted their reports as presented in the meeting packet.

**TIME & PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

Mayor Moto recommended a Regular meeting on July 25-26, 2022, with the BAF Work session Meeting on Monday, July 25, 2022, at 1:00 pm and the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, July 26, 2022, at 9:00 am.

**By unanimous consent of the Assembly the next meeting dates of July 25-26, 2022, were recommended, as set in code.**

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

* + - 1. ***Ordinance 21-05am01*** *an ordinance of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly*

*approving and adopting an amended Line-item Budget for Fiscal Year 2022.*

Borough Treasurer Ms. Angie Sturm highlighted the major changes in Ordinance 21-05am01 and Mayor Moto recommended approval.

School Board Member Mr. Brad Reich commented about the prior partnership they had with the Northwest Arctic Borough until COVID came in and that we need to have it back for the great things we can do for our kids.

School Board Member Ms. Millie Hawley encourage the members to fund their efforts to support the school kids especially in sports programs.

**Member Armstrong motioned to approve Ordinance 21-05am01 for first reading, seconded by Member Swan. A roll call was conducted, and the motion passed by a majority 7-1, with Member Magdanz and Member Shroyer Beaver abstaining from action and Member Ballot absent during action.**

* + - 1. ***Ordinance 22-02*** *an ordinance of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly*

*Approving and adopting an amended Line-Item Budget for Sulianich Association for Fiscal Year 202.*

Mayor Moto summarized Ordinance 22-02 and recommended approval.

**Member Shroyer Beaver motioned to approve Ordinance 22-02 for first reading, seconded by Member Armstrong. A roll call was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously with Member Ballot absent during action.**

**RESOLUTIONS**

1. ***Resolution 22-06*** *a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly approving*

*an assembly donation under the FY22 budget for the Native Village of Kotzebue Nikaitchuat Ilisagviat.*

Mayor Moto summarized Resolution 22-06 and recommended approval. Member Magdanz declared a potential conflict of interest as he is working in a volunteer capacity regarding printing Nikaitchuat curriculum, and that he does not have a financial contract with Native Village of Kotzebue. Mr. Mead commented that the code is limited to financial interest, and he does not believe that his volunteer work would constitute a substantial financial interest.

**Member Shroyer Beaver motioned to approve Resolution 22-06, seconded by Member Armstrong. A roll call was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously with Member Ballot absent during action.**

1. ***Resolution 22-07*** a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly

Approving an Assembly donation under the FY22 budget for the Aqqaluk Trust.

Mayor Moto summarized Resolution 22-07 and recommended approval. Member

Magdanz declared a potential conflict of interest and that he currently has a financial

contract with Aqqaluk Trust.

**Member Carr motioned to approve Resolution 22-07, seconded by Member Swan. A roll call was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously with Member Magdanz abstaining from action and Member Ballot absent during action.**

1. ***Resolution 22-08*** a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough

Assembly ratifying the NANA Regional Corporation nominee to the Community and Economic Development Commission.

Administrator to the Mayor Ms. Jaylynn Rogers summarized Resolution 22-08 and

recommended approval.

**Member Shroyer Beaver motioned to approve Resolution 22-08, seconded by Member Barr. A roll call was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously Member Ballot absent during action.**

1. ***Resolution 22-09*** a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly

Approving an assembly donation under the FY22 budget for the City of KotzebueFire

Department.

Administrator to the Mayor Ms. Jaylynn Rogers summarized Resolution 22-09 and

recommended approval.

Member Shroyer Beaver declared a conflict of interest as serves on the Kotzebue

City Council.

**Member Sampson motioned to approve Resolution 22-09, seconded by Member Armstrong. A roll call was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously with Member Shroyer Beaver abstaining from action and Member Ballot absent during action.**

1. ***Resolution 22-10*** a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly

Approving an assembly donation under the FY22 budget for the Northwest Inupiat Housing Authority to address homelessness.

Administrator to the Mayor Ms. Jaylynn Roger summarized Resolution 22-10 and

recommended approval.

**Member Sampson motioned to approve Resolution 22-10, seconded by Member Carr. A roll call was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously, with Member Ballot absent during action.**

1. **Joint *Resolution 22-11*** a joint resolution of the City Council of the city of Kotzebue

and the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly supporting the City of Kotzebue’s Grant Application for Cape Blossom Port Site Development

Mayor Moto summarized Joint Resolution 22-11 and recommended approval. Member

Shroyer Beaver declared a conflict of interest as serves on the City of Kotzebue City

Council.

**Member Loon motioned to approve Joint Resolution 22-11, seconded by Member Armstrong. A roll call was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously, with Member Shroyer Beaver abstaining from action and Member Ballot absent during action.**

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

**Teck Update – Mr. Wayne Hall, Ms. Greta Schuerch**

Mr. Hall provided a brief update on plans for a possible access road and deposit underground exploration.

**ASSEMBLY COMMENTS**

Member Armstrong gave his condolences to those who have lost their loved ones recently and also former Congressman Don Young who passed on. He congratulated the basketball teams from Kivalina, Buckland, Noorvik and Noatak who participated in the 1A Basketball tournament. He also reminded everyone to plan for Joint meeting with the North Slope Borough as COVID has slowed down.

Member Barr thanked everyone for their participation in this meeting as there was a lot of good discussion. She looks forward to the joint meeting with the Northwest Arctic Borough School Board.

Member Sampson thanked Mayor Moto and Assembly for a good meeting and he recommended that we go through the process of reviewing ordinances and resolutions in a BAF Work Session meeting.

Member Magdanz expressed his condolences to those who have lost their loved ones and he looks forward to further discussions with the Northwest Arctic Borough School District.

Member Swan thanked Member Armstrong for mentioning the Kivalina basketball team and that their coach has been involved with basketball for awhile when the some of the players were younger.

Member Cleveland thanked everyone for a good meeting and that we need to plan for future resource development.

Member Ballot expressed her condolences to those who have lost their loved ones and that it is important to start working on our strategic plan and to work together.

President Hadley thanked the assembly for working together during couple days of long meetings. He is happy that we had a chance to hear from the school district and he gave his condolences to those who have recently lost loved ones.

Member Loon thanked the presenters who came to share their information and suggested that in the future the auditors should have a shorter presentation. She thanked the Mayor and Director’s for their good reports.

Member Shroyer Beaver expressed her condolences of the late family of Senator Young and she added that he did well for our State. She congratulated the teams that went through the 1A-2A State tournament, and she wished the Kotzebue Team good luck at the upcoming 3A State tournament. She also is looking forward to the Joint meeting and to discuss the usage fee and mining Development.

**MAYORS COMMENTS**

Mayor Moto thanked everyone for a good meeting and that it is important to discuss concerns and to meet the needs of our people.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Member Loon motioned; Member Magdanz secondedto adjourn. With no other business to discuss the meeting adjourned *a*t 2:53 PM.