



Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, January 22, 2019 – 9:00 A.M.  
Assembly Chambers – Kotzebue, AK

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Nathan Hadley Jr. called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

**INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Member Cleveland provided invocation.

**SAFETY MOMENT**

Member Loon mentioned it's January now, try to spread out our food for the month; for those that have we need to share to those that don't have a way to gather. Good to have a tote of necessities.

**ROLL CALL/MEMBER EXCUSAL**

Assembly Members present at the time of roll call:

Elmer Armstrong Jr.	Kirk Oviok Jr.	Dood Carr	Austin Swan Sr.
Hannah Loon	Sandy Shroyer Beaver	Larry Westlake Sr.	Walter Sampson
Reggie Joule III	Miles Cleveland Sr.	Nathan Hadley Jr.	

Introduction of Staff and Guests

Lucy S. Nelson	Nelda Swan	Matt Mead	Christine Hess
Nate Kotch	Ryan Hellman	Martha Whiting	Samantha Schaeffer
Chuck Greene	Silvano Viveiros	Laura Orenge de Gaffory	
Brad Reeve	Stella Atoruk		

**A quorum present to conduct business.**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Agenda presented for January 22, 2019.

**Member Sampson motioned, Member Carr seconded to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.**

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

December 18, 2018 regular meeting minutes presented for approval.

**Member Sampson motioned, Member Cleveland seconded to approve the minutes as presented; motion passed unanimously by roll call.**

**COMMUNICATIONS AND APPEARANCES**

None presented.

## **BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES**

Madam Chair Carr provided a summary of Budget, Audit & Finance Committee meeting held the previous day along with all Assembly members present.

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

1. **Ordinance 18-13** *an ordinance of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly amending Title Two of the Borough Code to set the base salary of the Mayor.*

Mayor Nelson mentioned this was discussed in Executive Session during last meeting; second reading of Ordinance 18-13.

**Member Sampson motion to enact Ordinance 18-13, seconded by Member Shroyer Beaver; motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.**

2. **Ordinance 18-04am02** *an ordinance of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly approving and adopting an amended line-item budget for Fiscal Year 2019.*

Mayor Nelson noted no increases or decreases; move monies around to meet the needs of departments.

**Member Carr motion to enact Ordinance 18-04am02, seconded by Member Cleveland; motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.**

3. **Ordinance 18-14** *an ordinance of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly amending Section 6.16.350 of the Borough Code to increase the credit card limit for the Borough Clerks.*

Mayor Nelson summarized Ordinance 18-14.

**Member Sampson motion to enact Ordinance 18-14, seconded by Member Carr; motion passed unanimously.**

## **ASSEMBLY REPORTS**

None presented.

## **MAYORS REPORT**

Mayor Nelson summarized her written report for the listening audience. Excited about the upcoming Assembly Retreat. Member Sampson raised concern regarding brochure; is that like what previous Mayor Joule distributed, used for part of engagement with State and Fed. Member Carr thank Mayor for budget amendment, also putting information on the website.

## **TIME & PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

Member Sampson mentioned February 25-26, 2019 for next regular meeting.

## INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

None presented.

### RESOLUTIONS

1. **Resolution 19-01** *a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly approving a professional services agreement with McClintock Land Associates for consulting, mapping, and surveying services related to the Borough's Municipal Land Entitlement, and for related purposes.*

Siikauraq, Planning Director summarized Resolution 19-01, updating contract to continue working on getting lands surveyed which has been budgeted. Member Sampson encourage Administration to move forward; at some point in time we may be challenged.

Siikauraq is planning a Spring meeting along with Planning Commission and Borough Land to work with McClintock. Member Carr suggests coordinate and if willing to work with other entities to ensure residents get surveys.

**Member Sampson motion to approve Resolution 19-01, seconded by Member Carr; motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.**

2. **Resolution 19-02** *a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly approving the purchase of Firefighting Equipment and for related purposes.*

Chris Hatch provided a summary of Resolution 19-02. Member Swan verified if for all the villages.

**Member Shroyer Beaver motion to approve Resolution 19-02, seconded by Member Sampson; motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.**

3. **Resolution 19-03** *a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly approving Village Improvement Fund Applications from Ambler and Kotzebue.*

Silvano Viveiros, VIF Coordinator provided a summary of Resolution 19-03. Vice President Westlake verified whom owns KOTZ. Member Carr verified with Mr. Reeve of how many members KOTZ has. Member Sampson thank Mr. Reeve for application; search and rescue utilizes for communication. Member Westlake raised concern if the membership includes the villages.

Member Cleveland verified if all the communities are contributing funding? The community monies? Region? Member Oviok mentioned it would be good for Selawik and other NIHA homeowners it would be nice to include LED lighting too.

**Member Carr motion to approve Resolution 19-03, seconded by Vice President Westlake; motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.**

4. **Resolution 19-04** *a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly confirming the Mayor's appointments to the Northwest Arctic Borough Planning Commission.*

Mayor Nelson summarized Resolution 19-04.

**Member Swan motion to approve Resolution 19-04, seconded by Member Cleveland; motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.**

5. **Resolution 19-05** *a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly certifying that the Municipality did suffer significant effects during the Program base year from Fisheries Business Activities that occurred within the Kotzebue-Northern Fisheries Management Area 12.*

Mayor Nelson summarized Resolution 19-05.

**Member Shroyer Beaver motion to approve Resolution 19-05, seconded by Member Loon; motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.**

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

None presented.

Mayor Nelson verified with Assembly if they had any questions regarding the Mayor's report. Member Loon mentioned she is on Borough Land committee and request Member Sampson to be on that committee since he has experience on Lands.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None held.

#### **AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

None provided.

#### **ASSEMBLY COMMENTS**

Member Swan mentioned he received an email from a NANA employee which have been forwarded to Department heads and Mayor. Provided an update regarding the Kivalina activities; day and night shift going.

Member Shroyer Beaver remind everyone of the government shutdown; knows that food bank is for people and some aren't qualified. Be prepared. Also, Ed Boericke passed away; lifelong resident of Kotzebue. Before technology was here, he knew everything about computers. He was a good man, we are his family.

Member Armstrong mentioned good meeting, thank Mayor and Administration to make improvements to VPSO, Fire Program for the villages. Let's continue to work together. Thank you.

Member Joule condolences to those that lost loved ones, some maybe mentors and friends. Thank Mayor for report. Look forward to Retreat to see what is brought forward.

Member Swan no comment.

Member Cleveland thank everyone for prayers during loss of granddaughter during Christmas week. Behalf of Clarence Wood's family, thank you for prayers for our community. Also, to those that lost loved ones; continue to pray for them. Cousin's daughter in Shungnak had committed suicide; heard an attempt in Ambler. Continue to pray. As for the food bank; if we do that those that need it. It shouldn't be a hand out; do a little bit for the community possibly pump fuel. Believes government spoiled residents with hand out.

Member Oviok thank Mayor for good updates. Main subjects to find funding for our Elders that needs wood or stove oil. Those that live alone, need help. Look forward to Retreat. Condolences to families that lost loved ones. Thank you Pookie, at Boys & Girls Club they use LED lights which warm the room on a cold day. Thank you, good meeting.

Member Sampson in Inupiaq. Thank you for the opportunity for a good meeting; through the years as members of this Region we've heard from our Elders about hard times which we are experiencing with the shut-down. Our Elders always encourage to share, look after each other at the community level. When you give, it comes back to you. Glad we can reinforce. Regarding KOTZ Radio Station, thank you for funding that; used to be at the corner of the Elementary School. As far as Economic Development, we need to continue to pursue other sources of creating for this Region. Subsistence is certainly becoming harder to hunt; Feds and State is continuing to enforce regulations. There are needs at the community level; encourage you all to share. Thank Mayor and staff for good work; things aren't getting easier. This governance will face challenges from the outside as we try. Thank you.

Member Loon thank President and Mayor Nelson for leadership. Thank staff for presence; good organized meeting. She raises concern to erosion; some houses are close to edge. Friendly reminder to NANA lands to work with the communities dealing with erosion. She suggests Mayor to get a group to attend Federal Subsistence Board and Western Arctic Herd to answer any questions to caribou status. Thank you.

Member Carr thank Mayor and Administration. She expressed her gratitude to Governor Dunleavy and team for holding meeting here; important time with discussions of domestic violence and sexual abuse. Hope can discuss at Retreat about whether Assembly should be at these meetings; communication have come a long way. She had been asked why she isn't at meetings. Thankful for accountability from Mayor, constituents are happy with getting busy and moving forward with issues that affect us. Commend the Kotzebue involved with homeless; we see those that have coffee at hospital. Thank KOTZ, Mr. Reeve for your work to make it possible. She encourages an effort on weather, critical for residents to hear. Thank Assembly for attending BAF committee, moves along well. Condolences to those that

lost loved ones. If you have the time, call friends and family which goes a long way. Look forward to Retreat.

Vice President Westlake thank Mayor for honoring request from villages; public safety is one of important issues in villages. Glad Noorvik is getting a VPSO. Good meeting, thank you.

President Hadley thank Assembly for presence; look forward to Retreat. We do have a subsistence committee that can be active during the Feds and State regulations; important along with food security. He heard Selawik School is having a freeze up, they are in need of help.

Elder Representative Swan thank you for good meeting, thank Mayor, Staff and Assembly members. Possibly look at vision and mission to revisit; so many suicides. Pray for all.

### **MAYORS COMMENTS**

Mayor Nelson thank Member Sampson for comments on KOTZ; appreciate your support. Thank the administration for support, teamwork effort. All you input is valuable, good or bad call. Together let's move forward, no one person can move an organization forward. Look forward to the Retreat to set short- and long-term goals. Looking at services we can collaborate with NWALT. Working with Governor, high priority is Public Safety. Thank Member Swan for pictures. Condolences to that are impacted. Be safe, any trips advise others. Good meeting, thank you.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Member Loon motion to adjourn, seconded by Member Carr to adjourn at 10:14 A.M.