



**Northwest Arctic Borough  
Regulation & Taxation of Tobacco & Marijuana/Regulation & Alcohol  
Meeting Minutes**

Monday, April 2, 2017– 12:00 P.M.  
Assembly Chambers – Kotzebue, AK

**CALL TO ORDER**

Acting Chair Hannah Loon called the meeting to order at 12:38 P.M.

**INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Member Loon gave the invocation.

**ROLL CALL**

Members preset at the time of roll call:

Hannah Loon	Dood Carr	Sandy Shroyer Beaver
Austin Swan Sr. (telephonic)		Elmer Armstrong Jr. (late – weather)

Assembly Members present:

Kirk Oviok Jr. (telephonic)	Carl Weisner	Nathan Hadley Jr.
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Introduction of Staff and Guests:

Angie Sturm	Matt Mead	Patrick Savok	Nate Kotch
Greta Schuerch	Clement Richards	Casen Weisner	Dennis Jennings
Helena Hildreth	Grant Hildreth		

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

President Weisner requested to consider ideas regarding the tobacco tax revenue and would like it to be added to the agenda for consideration. Acting Chair Loon reported that it can be added to Item G (1). Member Carr motioned, Member Shroyer Beaver seconded to approve the agenda as amended. By unanimous consent of the committee, the agenda was approved as amended.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

### January 29, 2018 Regulation & Taxation of Tobacco & Marijuana

Member Carr motioned, Member Shroyer Beaver seconded to approve the January 29, 2018 Regulation & Taxation of Tobacco & Marijuana meeting minutes as presented. By unanimous consent of the committee, the minutes were approved.

## **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

**Ordinance 18-05** *an ordinance of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly amending Title Seven of the Borough Code to adopt a marijuana excise tax and for related purposes.*

Member Weisner thanked for the committee for considering this ordinance and he is interested in receiving the framework on it.

Member Carr commented that this Ordinance is a good start for discussion purposes and the sale of marijuana has been going on for years in our region.

Member Swan asked about the requirement to obtain a tobacco or marijuana license.

Member Carr motioned, Member Shroyer Beaver seconded to recommend do pass of Ordinance 18-05 for first reading by the full assembly. By unanimous consent of the committee, the motion was approved.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

1. Tobacco tax revenue
2. Review of Alaska marijuana regulation and taxation
3. Review of alcohol taxation options.

Assembly Member Weisner recommend the committee consider an alcohol sales tax to be put before the voters.

Mr. Matt Mead provided an update on the Alaska Marijuana Regulations and briefly updated the committee on AS 17.38.210 regarding local control of marijuana.

Assembly Member Weisner consider the tobacco tax revenue allocation that the

borough received last year and would like to suggest the committee consider options to bring to the assembly.

### **COMMITTEE COMMENTS**

Member Shroyer Beaver commented that we should get a recommendation from the budget committee. The monies are hard to come by and they should be specific. She recommended summer employment opportunities for youth in the villages such as clean up.

Member Carr commented that she is glad we are moving forward with the ordinance and that the discussion with the tobacco tax revenues was good. We should be more specific where the priorities should be in terms of the donation amounts. She likes the idea of spring cleanup and the villages can benefit from it and agrees that we should bring this to the budget committee.

Acting Chair Loon commented that we have obligations to the school and the village needs. She thanked everyone for their attendance and comments.

### **AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

Mr. Dennis Jennings, Public Works Director, commented applications will be available soon for marijuana businesses in Kotzebue and the consideration for this ordinance is timely.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Member Shroyer Beaver motioned, Member Carr seconded to adjourn the meeting, the meeting adjourned at 1:37 P.M. with no objection.