



Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly
Special Meeting Minutes
Friday, Sept 22, 2023 – 1:00 P.M.
Assembly Chambers – Kotzebue, AK

CALL TO ORDER

Vice President Shroyer-Beaver called the meeting to order at 1:05 P.M.

INVOCATION/MOMENT OF SILENCE

Member Loon provided an invocation.

ROLL CALL/MEMBER EXCUSAL

Assembly Members present at the time of roll call:

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| <i>Austin Swan Sr.</i> | <i>Dood Lincoln Carr</i> | <i>Walter Sampson</i> | |
| <i>Miles Cleveland Sr.</i> | <i>Hannah Loon</i> | <i>Delores Barr</i> | <i>Tanya Ballot</i> |
| <i>Sandy Shroyer Beaver</i> | <i>Nathan Hadley Jr.</i> | | |

Excused

Elmer Armstrong Jr.
Reid Magdanz

Introduction of Staff and Guests

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| Fritz Westlake | Clara Jones | Matt Mead |
| Dickie Moto | Stella Atoruk | Chris Hatch |

A quorum is present to conduct business. Member Lincoln Carr motion to excuse Elmer Armstrong Jr and Reid Magdanz. Member Loon second the motion. Motion passed unanimous.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda presented for approval for September 22, 2023

Member Lincoln Carr motioned to approve as presented; Member Cleveland seconded; passed unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTIONS

1. **Resolution 23-54** a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly approving a contract with Northern Contractors and Consulting, LLC for construction services for the Borough's Public Safety/VPSO Housing building in Noorvik, Alaska.
Acting Mayor Hatch summarized Resolution 23-54, recommend do pass. Member Lincoln Carr raised concern of timeline of the project because of social media comments. Also raised concern of the building being a renovation project or addition to an existing building.

Member Ballot raised concern about following the codes and the procurement purposes that were multiple bids needed or we are sole sourcing this. She wanted to make sure doing the codes and processed things properly. Member Loon raised concern about the funding of this project.

Member Lincoln Carr motion to approve Resolution 23-54 as presented, seconded by Member Barr: motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

None presented.

ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

Member Sampson requested to be excused for the rest of the meeting.

Member Swan mentioned it was a good short meeting and have a good afternoon.

Member Loon mentioned it was a good meeting and thanked the staff that work hard for the funding and the Resolution. Thank you to the Assembly and safe travels.

Member Barr thanked everyone for the work that being done and see you next week.

Member Lincoln Carr thanked assembly members and the Mayor and everyone for calling in. She did a small presentation of her trip to Red Dog. She wished all the Assembly would have been there, but they had a good turn out that everything was very informative and as far as this Resolution 23-54 she wanted to ask the questions because that's what she saw on social media, and she wanted up and open and cleared. So, we don't have to answer any of the comments. The last thing that she thanked Member Ballot and Member Shroyer-Beaver and that they will be missed.

Member Ballot thanked everyone for a good quick meeting and for the information and she is glad to see projects in the region happening for the better helping our communities with these facilities. She told everyone to have a good trip next week.

Member Shroyer-Beaver appreciate the work that you are doing at the Borough. Thank you very much. It's nice to see that we are doing work for our VPSO's housing. It's very much needed.

President Hadley thanked Member Shroyer-Beaver for running the meeting.

MAYORS COMMENTS

Mayor Moto thanked the Assembly for all the good questions today. And make sure the staff follows the process and works with Legal Mead for questions that need to be answered. We don't want to go down the wrong road and social media shouldn't be a problem for us. He thanked the Assembly again for a good job supporting the VPSO program and asked Public Safety Director Hatch to give an update on how much VPSO we will have on had by October. Public Safety Director Hatch provided an update of VPSO on hand. That one VPSO will sign an offer letter that will bring it up to six VPSO officers. Of those six officers we have five that will be fully trained or at least trained at the academy level, and they may need to finish their fire academy which is being done here in Kotzebue in October. At the beginning of October, we have those officers on staff.

ADJOURNMENT

Before Member Lincoln Carr made a motion to adjourn the meeting. She thanked the Mayor for calling in and sending condolences to his family for the loss of their family member.

Member Lincoln Carr moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:24 pm. Member Barr seconded the motion.

