



**Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly
Special Meeting Minutes - *DRAFT***
Monday, June 15, 2016 – 9:00 A.M.
Assembly Chambers – Kotzebue, AK

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

Member Cleveland provided invocation.

ROLL CALL

Assembly Members present at the time of roll call:

Miles Cleveland	Elmer Armstrong Jr.	Lucy Nelson	Peter Schaeffer
Hannah Loon	Walter Sampson	Carl Weisner	Austin Swan
Larry Westlake	Nathan Hadley Jr.		

Assembly Members Absent at the time of roll call:

Clyde Ramoth (unexcused)

Introduction of Staff and Guests

Clement Richards Sr.	Matt Mead	Rosny Rizk	Fred Smith
Patrick Savok	Noah Naylor	Eugene Smith	Angie Sturm
Helena Hildreth	Brad Reich	Evik Henry	John Baker
Jenny Bedford, Red Dog			

A quorum was present to conduct business.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Member Nelson requested to add BAF report as Item E. and Executive Session as Item F. By unanimous consent of the committee, the agenda as approved as amended.

Member Westlake motioned, Member Loon seconded to approve the agenda as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

B.A.F. Committee Work session Report

BAF Madam Chair Nelson provided a brief report on the BAF Work session Meeting on June 2, 2016. The Committee reviewed Ordinance 16-04 and reviewed the budget until the meeting adjourned abruptly.

Executive Session

The Assembly entered into Executive Session at 9:20 A.M. The meeting reconvened from Executive Session at 10:05 P.M. No decision was made.

A recess was taken at 10:05 A.M. and the meeting resumed at 10:03 P.M.

ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCES

1. **Ordinance 16-04** *an ordinance of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly providing for the establishment and adoption of the line item budget for the Fiscal Year 2017.*

Mayor Clement Richards recommended to approve Ordinance 16-04. Ms. Rosny Rizk provided a brief summary of the revised line item budget and provided highlights in the general fund revenue and expenditures account.

Member Nelson commented about her concern about the process and the three budget scenarios that were supposed to be discussed at the last BAF Work session. Member Nelson reported that she cannot support the budget due to the increases and not being conservative about managing our resources until our severance tax is final.

Mayor Richards commented that our staff worked very diligently on the budget through the scenario processes and commends the administration for their hard work in their effort to balancing the budget.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Member Schaeffer commented that he appreciates the work that administration and finance have done. He also commented that we have some assurance of funding for the villages. We are going to have to do more to support the village governments whether we like it or not. With that Member Schaeffer expressed his concern that until he is certain that the funding is secure he feels hard pressed to support the budget at this time.

Member Cleveland commented that we need to approve the budget and work together so that we can support our villages.

Member Loon commented that the reserve fund should be continued and thanked the administration for their hard work with the budget and at this time she would be opposing it.

Member Cleveland motioned, Member Schaeffer seconded to approve Ordinance 16-04 for enactment. A roll call was conducted and the motion passed by a majority with 6 YES votes Assembly members Lucy Nelson, Walter Sampson, Hannah Loon and Peter Schaeffer voting NO.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of June 27-28, 2016 was discussed for the next Assembly Meeting.

ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

Member Armstrong commented that he looks forward to working with the Administration in terms of needs for all our communities.

Member Loon thanked the Mayor and Staff for their hard work. She understands that there is amendments later on and to watch our children as they stay up late.

Member Swan commented that we do have a questionable future but as we all work together we will get through it.

Member Cleveland thanked everyone for a good meeting and stressed the importance of working together.

Member Hadley thanked the Finance and Administration for their hard work and is looking forward to a bright future.

Member Schaeffer requested that the entirety of the assembly be informed from the chairs of the committees of any information.

Member Nelson thanked Rosny for her work and thanked everyone for their comments.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Richards thanked the administration, B.A.F. Committee for their cooperation in working together with the budget and is disappointed about Rosny's resignation.

Ms. Sturm commented that Rosny has been a phenomenal asset to our administration and has done a lot of work in the finance department and is sad to see her go.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 12:43 P.M.