

I. CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on May 2, 2014, at the Willow Community Center, Mile 69 Parks Highway, Willow, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. by Deputy Mayor Ronald Arvin.

II. ROLL CALL

Assembly members present and establishing a quorum were:

- Mr. Jim Sykes, Assembly District No. 1
- Mr. Matthew Beck, Assembly District No. 2
- Mr. Ronald Arvin, Assembly District No. 3 (*Deputy Mayor*)
- Mr. Steve Colligan, Assembly District No. 4
- Mr. Darcie K. Salmon, Assembly District No. 5 (*entered at 6:20 p.m.*)
- Mr. Jim Colver, Assembly District No. 6 (*entered at 6:21 p.m.*)
- Mr. Vern Halter, Assembly District No. 7

Staff in attendance were:

- Ms. Lonnie R. McKechnie, Borough Clerk
- Mr. John Moosey, Borough Manager
- Mr. George Hays, Assistant Borough Manager
- Mr. Nicholas Spiropoulos, Borough Attorney
- Ms. Jamie Newman, Deputy Borough Clerk
- Ms. Tammy Clayton, Finance Director
- Ms. Eileen Probasco, Planning and Land Use Director
- Ms. Patty Sullivan, Public Affairs Director
- Mr. Eric Phillips, Community Development Director
- Mr. James Wilson, Internal Auditor
- Mr. Stefan Hinman, Media Design Specialist
- Ms. Hilary Schwaderer, Secretary I

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Deputy Mayor Arvin inquired if there were any changes to the agenda.

GENERAL CONSENT: The agenda was approved as presented without objection.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. John Anderson, a member of the audience.

V. PUBLIC HEARING (Three Minutes Per Person)

- A. **Ordinance Serial No. 14-014:** An Ordinance Appropriating Monies From The Central Treasury For The Borough Operating Funds, Enterprise Funds, Education Operating Fund, And Capital Funds And Establishing The Rate Of Levy For All Borough Functions For The Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2014, And Ending June 30, 2015, And Setting The Surcharge Rate For The Wireline And Wireless Enhanced 911 Systems For The Period Of July 1, 2014, Through June 30, 2015.

Deputy Mayor Arvin opened the public hearing continued from May 1, 2014.

The following person spoke in support of funding for the Health and Social Services Community Matching Grant Program, specifically funding for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Alaska: Ms. Rita Goetz, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Alaska Director of Development, Recruitment and Partnership.

The following persons spoke in support of funding for trail grooming and management in the Willow area: Mr. Randall Kowalke; Mr. Steve Charles; and Ms. Jenny Cooper.

The following person spoke in support of funding for a heating system upgrade for the Willow Community Center: Mr. John Anderson.

Deputy Mayor Arvin asked if there was objection to continuing the public hearing to May 5, 2014.

There was no objection noted.

VI. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Ms. Marian Charles spoke in support of libraries.

VII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENTS

Assemblymember Sykes:

- thanked the public for attending the meeting;
- spoke to the proposed fiscal year 2015 budget;
- spoke to Audit Reports and undesignated funds; and
- opined that the budget is unsustainable.

Assemblymember Beck thanked the community of Willow for hosting tonight's meeting.

Assemblymember Colver:

- related that it is good to see the people in attendance at tonight's meeting;
- related that it is not going to be an easy budget; and
- apologized for his tardiness to the meeting due to heavy traffic.

Assemblymember Salmon:

- spoke to Assemblymember Halter's commitment to the residents of Assembly District 7; and
- apologized for his tardiness this evening.

Assemblymember Colligan:

- thanked the public for attending the meeting;
- thanked library staff for the tour of the Willow Library;
- spoke to the Health and Social Services Community Matching Grant Program; and
- spoke in support of investing in E-government.

Assemblymember Halter:

- thanked the Borough Clerk and her staff for organizing tonight's meeting; and
- spoke to the Borough's budget in relation to school funding.

Deputy Mayor Arvin:

- spoke to Assemblymember Halter's dedication to the constituents of Assembly District 7;
- expressed appreciation to those that attend tonight's meeting; and
- spoke to legislation he will be sponsoring regarding lapse funding to the School District.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The special meeting recessed at 6:38 p.m. to be reconvened on May 5, 2014, at 6 p.m.


LARRY DEVILBISS, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:


LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved: 05/20/14