

I. CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on April 7 2015, at the Assembly Chambers, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 5 p.m. by Mayor DeVilbiss for the purpose of discussing the Big Lake Incorporation and Resolution Serial No. 15-034.

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 (*arrived at 4:03 p.m.*)
Mr. Dan Mayfield, Assembly District No. 5
Ms. Barbara Doty, Assembly District No. 6
Mr. Vern Halter, Assembly District No. 7

Assembly members absent and excused were:

Ms. Barbara Doty, Assembly District No. 6

Staff in attendance were:

Ms. Lonnie R. McKechnie, Borough Clerk
Mr. John Moosey, Assistant Manager
Mr. Nicholas Spiropoulos, Borough Attorney
Ms. Jamie Newman, Deputy Clerk
Ms. Tammy Clayton, Finance Director
Mr. Eric Phillips, Community Development Director

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor DeVilbiss 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. Jim Faiks, a member of the audience.

V. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

The following person spoke to concerns with the Borough's website and public process:
Mr. Eugene Carl Haberman.

VI. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

- A. Discussion On The Big Lake Incorporation
1. Petitioners and Representatives Presentations

Mr. Jim Faiks spoke to the history of the Big Lake incorporation effort.

Mr. Floyd Shilanski spoke to how incorporation would improve services to Big Lake residents.

Mr. Leo von Scheben spoke to road conditions within the Big Lake Road Service Area and the challenges in bringing the roads up to Borough road standards as currently required.

Ms. Casey Steinau spoke to the demographics of the Big Lake community.

Mr. Bill Kramer spoke to the financial resources available to the residents of Big Lake without any tax increase.

Mr. Jim Faiks spoke to the proposed boundaries for the city of Big Lake.

Mr. Darren Zimmer read the testimony of Mr. Bill Allen into the record, which spoke to how incorporation is in the best interest of the residents and land owners of the Big Lake community.

- B. **Resolution Serial No. 15-034:** A Resolution Directing The Manager To Present An Ordinance To The Assembly For The Acceptance Of An Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement Including The Approval Of The Transfer Of Certain City Of Big Lake Powers To The Borough If The Incorporation Is Approved By The Voters. *(Sponsored By Assemblymember Mayfield)*
1. IM No. 15-090

MOTION: Assemblymember Mayfield moved to adopt Resolution Serial No. 15-034.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

VII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENTS

Assemblymember Mayfield:

- thanked the petitioners and representatives for coming out today; and
- congratulated them on the incorporation effort.

Assemblymember Beck stated he is thankful for the work done by the petitioners and representatives in the incorporation effort.

Assemblymember Halter expressed that Assembly District 7 will be pleased to have Big Lake as an incorporated city.

Mayor DeVilbiss:

- expressed his support of the incorporation effort;
- opined that it may be a hard sell to the residents of Big Lake; and
- wished the petitioners well in the effort.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The special meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.


LARRY DEVILBISS, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:


LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved: 04/21/15