

MINUTES FROM A REGULAR MEETING
OF SELDOVIA CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Wednesday
October 25, 2017
7:30pm

MORRISON ROJAS LETHIN SWEATT COLBERG CAMPBELL
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- A. Call to Order & Roll Call: MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR LENT AT 7:30 PM
IN ATTENDANCE; MORRISON, LETHIN-telephonic, SWEATT, COLBERG, CAMPBELL-telephonic, MAYOR
LENT
- B. Pledge of Allegiance: Held
- C. Excused Absences: ROJAS
- D. Agenda Approval:
COLBERG/MORRISON MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA
VOICE VOTE/UNANIMOUS/MOTION PASSED
- E. Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the Special Meeting, October 09, 2017 and Regular Meeting, October 11, 2017
MORRISON/COLBERG MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF
OCTOBER 09, 2017
VOICE VOTE/UNANIMOUS/MOTION PASSED
- MORRISON/COLBERG MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 11, 2017
- SWEATT/MORRISON MOVED TO AMEND THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 11,
2017 TO HAVE THE LINE CALL TO ORDER TO READ 7:30 NOT 6:00
VOICE VOTE/UNANIMOUS/MOTION PASSED
- CAMPBELL/SWEATT MOVED TO AMEND THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER
11, 2017 TO AMEND ITEM E, OVER 3 YEARS SHOULD SAY 3 MONTHS, AND TO AMEND ITEM 2D,
PAGE 7, THE BASE RATE SHOULD BE \$4500.00.
VOICE VOTE/UNANIMOUS/MOTION PASSED
- F. Treasurer's Report/ Utility Report: See laydown
F/O TAYLOR- Discussed the treasurer's report as written is for the months of August and September.
SWEATT- Asked how many hours a day one maintenance man spends on water, and how it affects the other
maintenance person when they are unavailable. She asked what the schedule is for the harbor lights and where the
money for it is coming from.
F/O TAYLOR- Discussed that 4 or 5 hours are spent on water, and that while they still have Cole he can help
whoever isn't up there. It is something they may need to look into in the future.
CM LARSON- Clarified that the harbor lights are going to be an additional \$969.00 dollars, in order to put in a lower
kelvin bulb, they went from a 5000 to a 3000 with a soft white. They have been ordered and have a four week
shipping period. There will need to be a budget amendment from the new city manager to take funds from the
unencumbered fund for the project.
- G. Voucher/Payroll Report : See laydown
SWEATT- Asked about the purchase from Alaska Health Consortium, and how long it would last?
CLERK/GEAGEL- Explained that the purchase was for chemicals for the water treatment plant.
CM CAMERON- Discussed that it was the first order since the new plant came on line and they will have to check
with the guys to get an ordering schedule.
MORRISON- Asked if the electric on dock was referring to the City dock.
SWEATT/COLBERG MOVED TO APPROVE THE VOUCHER REPORT OCTOBER 1ST- OCTOBER 31ST
VOICE VOTE/UNANIMOUS/MOTION PASSED
- H. Ordinance Introduction: None
- I. Proclamations: None

J. Public Presentation Prior Notice: (each presenter has up to 10 min) None

K. Public Presentation for Items not on Agenda: (public has 3 min each)

LAUREL HILTS- Discussed upcoming events include the fall carnival November 4th and the Veterans luncheon November 9th.

L. Committee and Advisory Board Reports: (each member has 5 min)

M. Unfinished Business:

1. Trafficability Workshop Recommendations to Council

a. Presentation by Staff or Council

CM CAMERON- Asked if Council would consider breaking the recommendations into pieces to get them into a public forum for consumption. She suggests taking them two at a time instead of breaking off a big piece and she didn't feel like there was a consensus on what ones they want and don't want. Does council want to pursue all 12 recommendations? Do they need to go through the list to accept the recommendations and then break them down and advertise to the community? The DOT has not received an official recommendation yet because they have not been officially accepted.

b. Public Presentation (public has 3 min each)

c. Council Discussion

SWEATT- Spoke in agreement and suggested going through and some that shouldn't be in there then work on it from there. She doesn't want it to drag too long; it should be posted on chatterbox a couple at a time. 1 and 2 go together but it's been discussed before that the state is not going to have the funds. We would have to by the signs, 25 is already on the books.

MAYOR LENT- Suggested the 1 and 8 will solve a lot of problems immediately.

COLBERG- Agreed with 1 and 8 and then they can plug away. If the DOT won't budge, they can go over their heads to the State of Alaska. They can't ticket people the way it is now because if they let one person slide then they have to let others slide. If they are going to enforce then they need to enforce for everyone. They have to start enforcing at some point and time. 5 and 6 would be easiest.

CAMPBELL- Requests that in the future they fix the sound system. He discussed that they need a written response from the state before they put those items on the agenda. They can't do number one on state roads, what does it take to reduce the speed limit from the DOT? 5 and 8 are pretty straightforward, they need to have the discussion, these are ordinances, and then discuss the language and then introduce them.

CM LARSON- Discussed that the DOT has a copy of the recommendations, he was given a response from George that the state doesn't have the money but not offense to him he is not a decision maker. He asked for a written response back from the DOT and Cassidi will be in contact.

LETHIN- These need to be placed on the chatterbox and they need to have longer conversations.

MORRISON- Discussed that he thought they had been discussed last time and it was decided which ones they want and don't want and that it had been placed on the chatterbox.

d. Action/Disposition

SWEATT/COLBERG MOVED TO PLACE ITEMS 5 AND 8 ON THE NEXT AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION
VOICE VOTE/UNANIMOUS/MOTION PASSED

N. New Business:

1. ORDINANCE 18-03 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE RECODIFICATION OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE SELDOVIA MUNICIPAL CODES

a. Presentation by Staff or Council

CLERK/GEAGEL- There was an administrative error where not all of Ordinance 16-14 was placed in the updated code, I have remedied the situation and brought everyone their updated copies of the recodification. Title 12 also needs to be discussed there is a duplicate which I have marked in the code books here today. I was able to research back to 1996 when it was first introduced and track all the changes since, except for the second Title 12. It appears someone tried to update the format during a recodification, but somehow both copies ended up in the code book. If you guys would like to keep the updated format I can have the ordinance ready to introduce at the next council meeting.

b. Public Presentation (public has 3 min each)

c. Council Discussion

d. Action/Disposition

COLBERG/MORRISON MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 18-03 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE RECODIFICATION OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE SELDOVIA MUNICIPAL CODES
VOICE VOTE/UNANIMOUS/MOTION PASSED

SWEATT/COLBERG MOVED TO HAVE THE CITY CLERK DRAFT AN ORDINANCE TO CORRECT THE FORMAT OF TITLE 12
VOICE VOTE/UNANIMOUS/MOTION PASSED

2. "Small" Boat Harbor Discussion

a. Presentation by Staff or Council

CLERK/ GEAGEL- It was mentioned at the last council meeting by John that he would like to see an ordinance on the agenda that gets rid of the word "small" in "small" boat harbor. I did some research and found the definition of small boat harbor by the Army Corp of Engineers and placed it on page 12 of your packet and Layla sent an email out to other harbors in the state to gather information on if it matters if the word "small" is in our code, their responses are in your laydown pages 20-22, she is also here for to answer any questions you may have, I'll turn it over to John now to discuss.

COLBERG- Discussed that a boat harbor is a boat harbor, there is no need for the word small, and every harbor in the state of Alaska is a small boat harbor. When applying for grants it's through the state or federal not through the Army Corp. When applying for federal grants and it says small then they think where is your large harbor?

b. Public Presentation

c. Council Discussion

SWEATT- No thought one way or another as long as there is no problem with the terminology.

CAMPBELL- Still trying to understand, small will be removed from where, everywhere in the code?

CM CAMERON- Title 15 is Harbors and Moorage

HARBORMASTER PEDERSEN- Homer is Homer Small Boat Harbor, been that way forever and they like it; there is no reason to change. The Port of Homer is the deepwater dock. We have a deepwater dock too. She discussed a list of current harbors in Alaska named small boat harbor.

MORRISON- Spoke in favor of leaving it alone.

SWEATT- Agreed with leaving it alone.

d. Action/Disposition

DIED ON THE TABLE

3. Morrison Request to lease City Property

a. Presentation by Staff or Council

MORRISON- Discussed that there is a lot of beetle kill coming and he has 3 people lined up wanting him to mill for them and he doesn't have enough space. He would like to obtain a lease if it is economically viable for the community and would like it close to home. It would be a great development for the community, a lot of lumber comes off the ferry that could be milled right here. On page 13 of the packet he is requesting about half of the highlighted area. It is for business, if the Council is interested he will go deeper and get a business plan; he could possibly employ a couple of people and himself.

b. Public Presentation

c. Council Discussion

MORRISON INFORMED THE CITY CLERK THAT HE WILL ABSTAIN FROM THE VOTE

LETHIN- Asked what size area, if it was all the area between the Sea Otter Recovery Center and the Value-Added building. He is in favor as long as it doesn't interfere with the area that maintenance needs.

SWEATT- Asked if it was for business or personal use. She is in favor of opening it up for lease.

CAMPBELL- Asked the size of the lot and referred to Title 6.18.010 to see what it takes to do this. There needs to be a value established prior and notice posted three places, it is pretty long. He spoke in support of the idea, the city manager needs to take a look at the value.

CM LARSON- Discussed this would be the same procedure as Scott (Ogan). They have to vote to open the land first. Scott's lease is being written by the attorney and can serve as a template, which will be a big advantage for the next City Manager.

CM CAMERON- She suggests they just follow City code if that is what they decide.

d. Action/Disposition

SWEATT/COLBERG MOVED TO OPEN UP THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH PROPERTY BLOCK 4 LOT 1 IN THE CITY IN CONSIDERATION FOR A LEASE
VOICE VOTE/UNANIMOUS/MORRISON ABSTAINED/MOTION PASSED

4. Bear Attraction Ordinance Consideration

a. Presentation by Staff or Council

CLERK/GEAGEL- This issue was brought forth by a concerned member of the community in an email with a copy of Homer's Bear Attraction Offense Code which is on pages 14-15 of your packet. I was also emailed a letter of support from Fish and Game which is in the laydown pages 23-24. They would request that the council consider creating a bear attraction offense code for Seldovia.

b. Public Presentation

LAUREL HILTS- Discussed that it would be a significant cultural shift to go with the recommendations from Fish and Game. She is opposed personally at this time to taking on these recommendations.

JACKIE TAYLOR- Spoke in agreement with Laurel.

c. Council Discussion

SWEATT- Discussed that people can use common sense, if you don't want bears don't have garbage and bird feeders around. 8.12 garbage disposal is already on the books. Why can't that be enforced? She would be willing to consider proper storage and bear resistant cans, but it is already on the books and should be enforced.

LETHIN- Discussed that it is great to have rules, but he is concerned about what it would mean for the bee hives and bird feeders. Who is going to make this determination? He spoke against the ordinance.

MORRISON- Spoke with Robin. Is it a public safety issue, is it getting to be more and more of an issue then it has been in the past? An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. Electric fences are easy to install, he would hate to see a child get hurt by a bear looking for something to eat. He is on the fence; they have always dealt with bears in the past. How many ordinances do we need?

CHIEF DANIELS- Discussed that during peak times he gets up to 6 calls a day. He hears them saying common sense but people aren't doing it. Have had several issues with dogs as well. Bear traps have a very high liability, if someone wants to pet a bear how much is our responsibility. People are not being responsible. It specifies a waterproof container, Fish and Game actually recommends bear proof containers.

CAMPBELL- Spoke in agreement with Lethin. He is sympathetic to Robin, when he moved here the bear issues were down, now they are back up. In four years he has had no problems with bears and the hotel probably has more trash cans then most. He is not willing to support the ordinance at this time.

d. Action/Disposition

DIED ON THE TABLE

*** MAYOR LENT CALLED FOR A TEN MINUTE RECESS AT 8:44PM***

*** MEETING CALLED BACK TO ORDER BY MAYOR LENT AT 8:54pm***

5. Police Contract Renewal and Negotiation- Possible Executive Session

a. Presentation by Staff or Council

CM CAMERON- Robins contract is up in the next couple weeks and they have been talking about plans for Seldovia and his plans, this is a brief on where they are for his salary and recommendations and consideration for renewal.

b. Public Presentation

c. Council Discussion

SWEATT/CAMPBELL MOVED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR POLICE CONTRACT RENEWAL DUE TO SUBJECTS THAT TEND TO PREJUDICE THE REPUTATION AND CHARACTER OF ANY PERSON, PROVIDED THE PERSON MAY REQUEST A PUBLIC DISCUSSION AND INVITED IN CASSIDI AND ROBIN

VOICE VOTE/ UNANIMOUS/ MOTION PASSED AT 8:57PM***

SWEATT/CAMPBELL MOVED TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 9:12PM
VOICE VOTE/ UNANIMOUS/ MOTION PASSED

d. Action/Disposition

SWEATT/COLBERG MOVED TO HAVE CASSIDI CAMERON THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER TO GO INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH ROBIN DANIELS OUR POLICE CHIEF FOR HIS CONTRACT
VOICE VOTE/UNANIMOUS/MOTION PASSED

6. City Manager Position Discussion and Considerations:

Candidates, Salary Requirements- Possible Executive Session

a. Presentation by Staff or Council

CLERK/GEAGEL- Discussed that the application period for city manager closed on October 18th, this will be the first review and what your desire is for where we are headed in the future.

b. Public Presentation

CASSIDI CAMERON- Went on record to say that through this process she has not been involved at all, she has abstained from the process in terms of applicants, schedules, anything, Heidi has been heading up this whole process; since Cassidi is a candidate, she has stayed away from it all.

LISA STANISH- Discussed that she hadn't seen any applications, she heard there were seven but she does know one applicant. She would ask council to consider where they are from, where they have to bring them too. Consider saving some money on this round, it is possible to hire straight from the applications and not hold interviews. Save money from flying people up here. She knows they at least have one candidate who is local and very fit for the position.

c. Council Discussion

LETHIN- Discussed continuing on with their present status for at least 90 days and then if the other candidates are available at that time, that's fine, they can look at that then. He spoke in preference of having Cassidi Cameron have the chance to do the job as city manager.

CAMPBELL- Asked to have a discussion first before going into executive session. Spoke in agreement with Kris. He has been thinking long and hard about the process and what they went through last time, fair amount of expense and time involved and it makes sense to stay status quo for right now. Doesn't know how to get there, needs to think on it some more. He is in favor of letting the interim city manager stay on for at least the next 90 days until the figure out with what system if any they want to use to move forward.

SWEATT- Spoke in agreement.

MORRISON- Discussed that he was undecided, they have the applications. Can they do it sooner than 90 days; can we make a decision on who they want to interview? He doesn't yet know how it works.

COLBERG- Discussed that he hadn't seen the applications yet. He can wait for a little bit. There are only two meetings in the next two months. We should probably start moving forward.

CLERK/GEAGEL- Discussed that in their laydown pages 25 and 26 there is a calendar of November and December, keeping in mind the holidays, look at the timeline if you guys do decide to go through the process of hiring a city manager, what kind of a time like that would look like. She suggested talking to the current interim city manager to see if she is okay with staying on in that capacity or if she wants them to move forward. Are you looking to stay on a 90 day contract and then just extending month to month, for how long would you want to continue that process, versus going through at least one interview process or even just looking at the applicants and saying we want to hire this person and making a permanent placement with a permanent contract. It's very different than having someone on the line and hoping they are willing to stay month to month, when they can make the decision to back out at any time. She asked the Council to at least consider the applicants and then decide from their what plan they want to make.

LETHIN- Can we go into executive session now? With just the mayor and council is all I want right now.

***SWEATT/COLBERG MOVED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS CITY MANAGER POSITION DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATIONS CANDIDATES, SALARY REQUIREMENTS DUE TO MATTERS WHICH BY LAW, MUNICIPAL CHARTER OR ORDINANCE ARE REQUIRED TO BE CONFIDENTIAL

VOICE VOTE/ UNANIMOUS/ MOTION PASSED AT 9:26PM

COLBERG/CAMPBELL MOVED TO ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 9:45PM

VOICE VOTE/ UNANIMOUS/ MOTION PASSED

COLBERG- NO DECISIONS WERE MADE AT THIS TIME

d. Action/Disposition

SWEATT/COLBERG MOVED TO OFFER CASSIDI CAMERON THE FULL TIME CITY MANAGER POSTION AND IF ACCEPTED THE TERMS OF THE CONTRACT ARE TO NEGOTIATED AT THE NEXT MEETING

VOICE VOTE/UNANIMOUS/MOTION PASSED

O. Informational Items Not Requiring Action:

1. Staff will be absent from the office for the Annual AML Conference- November 13th -15th. The City Office will be closed November 13th and November 15th and open only during ferry hours for the ferry on November 14th.

2. Council meeting for November 22nd is cancelled. Happy Thanksgiving.

P. City Manager's Report: As written in the laydown.

CAMPBELL- Discussed that Steve had painted a bleak picture of the audit. Get with him and make sure that the right decision. It would be prudent to give more time to process. He will look it over and come back with a decision at the next meeting.

Q. Council and Mayor Comments Concerning Items Not on the Agenda:

MORRISON- Would like to thank the people for showing up, it's great and it gets old for him trying to see when Cassidi is talking, can you sit over there? We are the council and she is the staff. He is up for change. He likes to see someone, would like to be able to look at everyone at the table.

MAYOR LENT- Can move the tables like Walter used to do, he doesn't think it's right for a person in power to sit out there.

LETHIN- Very good meeting, thank you staff for working hard and getting things done. See you at the next meeting.

SWEATT- Thank you everyone for coming and staff for all that you do. Like seeing stuff for the finances again. Thank you Jackie and Cassidi, and I hope you make a positive decision.

COLBERG- Thank you everybody for coming and staff. Good meeting.

CAMPBELL- I want to reiterate to the staff thanks for your hard work, between Cassidi and Heidi maybe we can start looking into the sound system here and figure it out a better way, it's hard to hear. I know the options are not cheap but would be worth investing in a little bit better piece of equipment. Maybe we can get some options and review over the next couple meetings.

CLERK/GEAGEL- I ordered those mics you requested on Monday Kris.

LETHIN- Those mics are kind of inbetweeners I don't think they will do the job we really need in terms of hearing everybody and the public being able to talk into the mic.

MAYOR LENT- Thank you everybody, staff is doing a great job. Tod Larson, thank you for everything you have done for the City. You have done a great job. Thank you.

SWEATT- I second that.


R. Next Meeting: Regular Meeting will be held on November 8, 2017 at 7:30 pm

S. Adjournment:

COLBERG/MORRISON MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 10:05PM

VOICE VOTE/UNANIMOUS/MOTION PASSED

I certify the above represents accurate minutes of City of Seldovia Council meeting of October 25, 2017.


Heidi Geagel, City Clerk

Approved by Council 11/8/17