

**MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING
OF SELDOVIA CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Wednesday
April 26, 2017
7:30pm**

LETHIN SWEATT COLBERG PATRICK MORRISON ROJAS

- A. Call to Order & Roll Call: MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:30 PM BY MAYOR LENT
- B. Pledge of Allegiance: Held
- C. Excused Absences: ROJAS, PATRICK
- D. Agenda Approval: SWEATT/COLBERG MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA
VOICE VOTE/ UNANIMOUS/ MOTION PASSED

- E. Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the Regular Meeting, April 12, 2017

SWEATT/MORRISON MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF APRIL 12, 2017
VOICE VOTE/ UNANIMOUS/ MOTION PASSED

- F. Treasurer's Report/ Utility Report: None
- G. Voucher/Payroll Report :

SWEATT/MORRISON MOVED TO APPROVE THE VOUCHER/PAYROLL REPORT OF
APRIL 20, 2017
VOICE VOTE/ UNANIMOUS/ MOTION PASSED

- H. Ordinance Introduction:

- 1. ORDINANCE 17-20 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SELDOVIA, ALASKA, AMENDING TITLE 13 UTILITIES BY ADDING SECTION 13.72.045 LATE PAYMENT PENALTY TO THE SELDOVIA MUNICIPAL CODE

MORRISON/COLBERG MOVED TO INTRODUCE ORDINANCE 17-20 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SELDOVIA, ALASKA, AMENDING TITLE 13 UTILITIES BY ADDING
SECTION 13.72.045 LATE PAYMENT PENALTY TO THE SELDOVIA MUNICIPAL CODE
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- 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)
CALEB BILLMEIER- Spoke to Council to consider leasing City property for a community garden project.
CINDY MOM – Spoke to Council in support of considering City property for a community garden.
RAEWYN WEYER – Spoke in support of the community garden proposal.
CHRIS LILO- Spoke in favor of a community garden project.
ALEX CHARTIER- Spoke in favor of Council supporting a community garden on City land.
- L. Committee and Advisory Board Reports: (each member has 5 min)
JEREMIAH CAMPBELL- Gave and update on the water project.
- M. Unfinished Business: None
- N. New Business:
 - 1. ORDINANCE 17-18 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SELDOVIA, ALASKA, AMENDING TITLE 5 BUSINESS LICENSES AND REGULATIONS BY ADDING A PENALTY FOR CONDUCTING BUSINESS IN THE CITY OF SELDOVIA WITHOUT A CITY OF SELDOVIA BUSINESS LICENSE AND ADDING AN EXEMPTION FOR SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS For Council Review
 - a. Presentation by Staff or Council
CLERK/STANISH- Discussed the issues which were brought it light in discussions on this Ordinance.
 - b. Public Presentation (public has 3 min each)
LAUREL HILTS- Asked how many more businesses still need a license.

VAL HENNING- Asked Council how this effects commercial water and sewer rates. Spoke to clerk Stanish to clarify KPB tax id.

ZANE HENNING- Spoke in favor of pulling Title 5 business licenses.

LAUREL HILTS- Spoke in opposition of adding a penalty for not having a business license and keeping City Licenses in the code.

JEREMIAH CAMPBELL- Spoke to Council in support of repealing City business licenses.

c. Council Discussion

MAYOR LENT- Spoke in opposition of repealing business licenses. He feels the City license helps to insure the City will receive the sales tax revenues due.

LETHIN- Disagreed with Mayor Lent. Businesses need a State license and Borough tax id, and the City would still receive the tax revenues. The State is the enforcement for those licenses.

MORRISON- Asked if the Chamber of Commerce requires businesses to report their State lic.? He spoke in support of repealing business licenses.

COLBERG- Agreed with Lethin.

SWEATT- Spoke in favor of repealing the need for City business licenses. She was surprised to see so many communities in the State do not require a local license. For the time it takes to aquire these, it's not worth the effort.

CLERK/STANISH- Asked the Council to consider how this would effect Vending Licenses in the City. The vending charges came about during discussions on the vending area on City property. These charges are in lieu of property rental for the venders to sell goods on City lands. Businesses in the City who have invested in property, buildings, contribute to sewer and water ext. this is a way to bring a little fairness for those who've invested so much. If Council wants to continue vending licenses, there will need to be changes in the vending code.

d. Action/Disposition

ORDINANCE 17-18 DIED ON THE TABLE

CONSENSUS OF THE COUNCIL TO DIRECT THE CLERK TO DRAFT AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL THE CITY BUSINESS LICENSE SECTION IN TITLE 5, MAKE ADJUSTMENTS TO VENDING REQUIREMENTS AS NEEDED AND PRESENT IT AT THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING.

2. ORDINANCE 17-19 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SELDOVIA REPEALING ORDINANCE 16-04 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 6, PURCHASING AND CONTRACTS, AND REPLACING TITLE 6 WITH THE LANGUAGE ATTACHED TO THIS ORDINANCE TO BECOME PART OF THE SELDOVIA MUNICIPAL CODE

a. Presentation by Staff or Council

CLERK/STANISH- Discussed the revisions suggested by City attorney, Joe Levesque, and the sections which needed Council action.

b. Public Presentation (public has 3 min each)

Hearing None

c. Council Discussion

LETHIN- Suggested the duration of a lease could read, "upon approval by the City Council on a case by case basis."

SWEATT- Agreed with Councilman Lethin

MORRISON- Felt it would encourage people to stay interested if they were locked into a 10 year contract.

LETHIN- Stated those terms could be worked out through the lease negotiation process.

SWEATT/LETHIN MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 17-19 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SELDOVIA REPEALING ORDINANCE 16-04 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 6, PURCHASING AND CONTRACTS, AND REPLACING TITLE 6 WITH THE LANGUAGE ATTACHED TO THIS ORDINANCE TO BECOME PART OF THE SELDOVIA MUNICIPAL CODE AS AMENDED

d. Action/Disposition

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3. RESOLUTION 17-10, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SELDOVIA, ALASKA, ESTABLISHING THE MIL RATE FOR FY 2018.

a. Presentation by Staff or Council

FINANCE OFFICER/LITTLE- Explained this Resolution is presented again tonight for public comment. She will make a recommendation if asked. The Resolution needs to be passed by May 12, 2017. If there is not a consensus to pass the Resolution this evening, it would need to be passed on the meeting of May 10.

b. Public Presentation (public has 3 min each)

LAUREL HILTS- Spoke to Council in opposition of raising the mil rate and in support of reducing it.

ZANE HENNING- Spoke to the Council about fiscal constraint, opposition to raising the mil rate and reducing the mil rate.

ALEX CHARTIER- Spoke in opposition of raising the mil rate.

VAL HENNING- Spoke in opposition of raising the mil rate.

JEREMIAH CAMPBELL- Spoke in opposition of increasing the mil rate and eventually reducing it down.

c. Council Discussion

SWEATT- She has been in support of raising the mil in the past years to balance the budget. She has seen the City streamlining and making cuts where they can to close the deficit gap. She is not in favor of an additional raise in the mil rate for this year.

LETHIN- Spoke in opposition of an increase this year.

MORRISON- Addressed he's not in favor of an increase, but is also not in favor of staying in the hole either.

COLBERG- Mentioned he hopes there could be a decrease in the future.

SWEATT/MORRISON MOVED TO ESTABLISH THE MIL RATE AT THE CURRENT RATE OF 7.5 MIL FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2018

d. Action/Disposition

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O. Informational Items Not Requiring Action:

1. Community Cleanup is scheduled for May 13, 2017

P. City Manager's Report: As written

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

SWEATT- Asked to add the City Manager's contract renewal to the next agenda. She thanked everyone for coming to the meeting tonight. Thanked Caleb for his thoughts on the community garden.

LETHIN- Asked to have a Red Mountain Road Repair Resolution added to the next agenda. He will email his Resolution draft to the clerk.

MORRISON- Thanked the public for coming. The Council works for the people and it's nice to have their opinions and views.

R. Next Meeting: Regular Meeting will be held on May 10, 2017 at 7:30 pm

S. Adjournment:

SWEATT/LETHIN MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 8:45 PM

VOICE VOTE/ UNANIMOUS/ MOTION PASSED

I certify the above represents accurate minutes of City of Seldovia Council meeting of April 26, 2017.





Lisa Stanish, City Clerk

Approved by Council May 12, 2017