Minutes of the Public Hearing
Denali Borough Assembly
Cantwell School
November 11, 2015

CALL TO ORDER: The public hearing was called to order by Presiding Officer Jared Zimmerman at 6:08 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Assembly members present: Jared ZIMMERMAN, Don DEBLAUW, David EVANS, Tallon SHREEVE, Kimberly BURROWS, Joe CHATFIELD, Absent: Krista ZAPPONE, Jill BOELSMA, and Paddy TATUM.

ORDINANCE 15-12, Version A: An ordinance amending Denali Borough Code 2.15.030 titled Regular Assembly Meetings to change the rotation order

There were no comments.

ORDINANCE 15-14, Version A: An ordinance amending the Denali Borough Code of Ordinances, Chapter 3.20.040 titled Investments

There were no comments.

ADJOURNMENT: The public hearing was adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
Jared Zimmerman, Presiding Officer

ATTEST: _____ Date Approved: DECEMBER 9, 2015
Gail Pieknik, Borough Clerk

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Denali Borough Assembly
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CALL TO ORDER: Presiding Officer Jared Zimmerman called the regular meeting to order at 6:10 PM. Mayor Clay Walker led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Oath of Office
Borough Clerk Gail Pieknik led newly elected members Jared Zimmerman, Kimberly Burrows and Tallon Shreeve in the Oath of Office.

Roll Call
Assembly members present: Tallon SHREEVE, Don DEBLAUW, David EVANS, Jared ZIMMERMAN, Kimber BURROWS and Joe CHATFIELD. Absent: Paddy TATUM, Krista ZAPPONE and Jill BOELSMA. Mayor Clay Walker was also present.

Kimber BURROWS MOVED to excuse Ms. Tatum, Ms. Zappone and Ms. Boelsma. David EVANS seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

Selection of Presiding Officer and Deputy Presiding Officer
Kimber BURROWS MOVED to nominate Jared Zimmerman for Presiding Officer. Joe CHATFIELD seconded.

Joe CHATFIELD MOVED to nominate Kimber BURROWS for Deputy Presiding Officer. David EVANS seconded.

Kimber BURROWS nominated David EVANS for Deputy Presiding Officer. Tallon SHREEVE seconded.

Kimber BURROWS MOVED to close nominations. Joe CHATFIELD seconded. The VOTE by show of hands to close nominations was unanimous.

Jared Zimmerman was declared Presiding Officer by acclamation.

In the VOTE by paper ballot to select Deputy Presiding Officer, Kimber Burrows received 4 votes, David Evans received 1 vote, and Jared Zimmerman received 1 vote as follows: Voting for Burrows – Joe CHATFIELD, Jared ZIMMERMAN, Tallon SHREEVE and David EVANS; Voting for David Evans – Kimber BURROWS; Voting for Jared Zimmerman – Don DEBLAUW. Kimber Burrows was declared Deputy Presiding Officer.

PUBLIC COMMENTS
Dorothy DeBlauw, Kobe Subdivision resident, commented that many people did not know there was a November election.

AGENDA

Kimber BURROWS MOVED to approve the meeting agenda as presented. Don DEBLAUW seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

MINUTES

October 14, 2015 Denali Borough Assembly Public Hearing and Regular Meeting

Kimber BURROWS MOVED to approve the minutes of the October 14, 2015 public hearing and the edited regular meeting minutes as presented. Tallon SHREEVE seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

REPORTS

September 2015 Financial Report

Kimber BURROWS MOVED to receive the September 2015 financial report. Tallon SHREEVE seconded. The Borough Treasurer noted that there is a report of the Borough's check registers as required by Denali Borough Code 2.26.020(F) alongside meeting handouts. The VOTE by show of hands to receive the financial report was unanimous.

PLANNING COMMISSION SEAT APPOINTMENTS

Mayor appoints and assembly confirms per DBC 5.25.050(A)

Seat B: Steve Jones
Seat F: Barbara Brease
Seat G: Susan Braun

Mayor Clay Walker reported that three open planning commission seats had been posted, and the commissioners holding the seats were all interested in continuing, with no other applications received.

Kimber BURROWS MOVED to confirm the appointment of Steve Jones to Seat B. Don DeBlauw seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

Don DEBLAUW MOVED to confirm the appointment of Barbara Brease to Seat F. Kimber BURROWS seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was 4 – 2 as follows: Yes – Don DEBLAUW, Kimber BURROWS, Tallon SHREEVE and Jared ZIMMERMAN; No – Joe CHATFIELD and David EVANS. The motion passed.

Kimber BURROWS MOVED to confirm the appointment of Susan Braun to Seat G. Tallon SHREEVE seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Clay Walker thanked those veterans present for their service, wished all present a happy Veteran's Day, and congratulated newly elected assembly members. Mayor Walker noted that recent agendas have not included a separate planning commission report, and that he has included planning commission updates in the Mayor's report. On future agendas, the planning commission report will be listed as a separate report.

The planning commission has discussed the mapping opportunity presented by the Alaska Division of Community and Regional Affairs (DCRA), and recommends declining the invitation to participate in the mapping project. Mayor Walker, with the consensus of the assembly, will notify DCRA. The planning commission has been discussing three potential locations for a Healy Solid Waste Transfer Station, and cost analysis estimates are being developed by administrative staff. The three sites are Mile 252 and 253 of the Parks Highway, and Alaska Railroad Corporation (ARR) land on the Healy Spur Road. The Railroad is amenable to a five year special use permit for the proposed location, and have developed a draft permit.

Mayor Walker recently met with William O'Leary, Alaska Railroad Corporation (ARRC) President and CEO, and Tim Sullivan, ARRC Corporate Affairs, to discuss relevant topics. The railroad is working with the National Park Service (NPS) to run a special train during Winterfest 2017 to celebrate the NPS Centennial. There has been some relief granted relating to the federally mandated deadline for positive track control. ARRC freight transportation is trending down, while passenger use is increasing. The new Healy wye has been very successful during its first year of use.

Both the dump truck and loader advertised on invitations to bid have been purchased for amounts above the minimum bid. The John Deere loader received a high bid of $10,651 and the Ford dump truck received a high bid of $19,503. Both went to local residents.

Mayor Walker, David Evans, Emergency Services and Special Projects Coordinator Chris Noel, DBSD Superintendent Dan Polta, and Maintenance Manager Curtis Hamel met to review requests for proposals received for the comprehensive assessment of school facilities. A draft ordinance is on this meeting's agenda to fund the assessment, with an amendment of the dollar amount recommended.

The budget for fiscal year 2016 is leaner than previous years, and unexpected expenses have come up. The D8 dozer, a critical piece of landfill equipment, has undergone a transmission rebuild costing approximately $29,000, which will likely overspend the repairs and maintenance line item for Solid Waste. Also, the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation has requested more and more ground water monitoring be performed, which will result in another line item over expenditure.

Mayor Walker reported that a reflective beacon will be installed at the intersection of the Parks Highway and Ranch Road in Healy, in direct response to a request from the Healy Transportation and Pedestrian Safety Committee.

The Alaska Municipal League Fall Conference will be held November 16 – 20 in Anchorage. There will be a Municipal Advisory Gas Project Review Board meeting in Anchorage on December 7, where the report to the legislature will be crafted.

SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORT

Denali Borough School District (DBSD) Superintendent Dan Polta submitted a written report, which contained a facilities update reporting that there are two DBSD projects on the Department of Education and Early Development capital improvement projects list – the Anderson Water Main and roof replacement for Anderson and Cantwell Schools, and the Anderson waterline reimbursement. Both the Cantwell Sprinkler Project and the Tri-Valley Elementary Wing Energy Efficiency Upgrade are online for construction work this summer. Mr. Polta also reported that DBSD enrollment numbers

are slightly above those projected, and that the school board passed a resolution in support of maintaining the current minimum school size of ten students.

ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

Don DEBLAUW thanked those present for attending the meeting, and commented that he appreciates the updates and reports. Mr. DeBlauw further commented that, while people didn't seem to be aware of the recent election, there is always an election held the first Tuesday in November.

David EVANS commented that the finance committee will be meeting December 1 to discuss the capital projects and capital improvement funds.

Joe CHATFIELD thanked those present for attending the meeting, and congratulated the newly elected assembly members.

Kimber BURROWS commented that the HTAPS committee is still working on edits of committee recommendations, and that it may not be too late to include a roadside trail from McKinley Village to the Denali Park entrance in the Milepost 231 developments. An upcoming meeting regarding the developments will be held November 18. There will be a meeting with the Federal Energy Regulating Commission regarding the Alaska liquid natural gas pipeline project on November 17.

Tallon SHREEVE commented positively on the installation of a beacon at the Parks Highway and Ranch Road, noting that people cross at that intersection year round.

Jared ZIMMERMAN commented that he has stepped back from the finance committee, and that Krista Zappone has stepped into his seat, joining committee members Jill Boelsma and David Evans. Mr. Zimmerman further commented that recent voter turn-out were typical for an off-election year.

COMMUNICATION AND APPEARANCES

There were none.

DRAFT ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE 15-15: An ordinance appropriating up to $100,000 from the Major School Maintenance Reserve Fund to conduct a Comprehensive Condition Survey of the Denali Borough School Facilities

David EVANS MOVED to introduce Ordinance 15-15. Kimber BURROWS seconded. Mayor Clay Walker strongly recommended introduction of this ordinance, which is intended to provide funding for a comprehensive condition survey of DBSD facilities. Mayor Walker noted that the specifics of proposals may not be discussed publicly, that the administrative estimate of $100,000 for the survey was based upon limited information, and that a revised estimate of $250,000 is more appropriate. The request for proposals returned 11 proposals, which did not include cost. Cost negotiations with the highest scoring proposal are anticipated.

The roll call VOTE on the motion to introduce Ordinance 15-15 was unanimous.

Kimber BURROWS MOVED to amend Ordinance 15-15 by deleting the amount of $100,000 and inserting $250,000. Tallon SHREEVE seconded. Mayor Walker noted that information gleaned from the survey will be very helpful in developing capital improvement project lists, and that this process follows protocol dictated by Denali Borough Code.

The VOTE by show of hands to amend Ordinance 15-15 was unanimous.

Kimber BURROWS MOVED to postpone Ordinance 15-15 to the next meeting. David EVANS seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

PENDING ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE 15-12, Version A: An ordinance amending Denali Borough Code (DBC) 2.15.030 titled Regular Assembly Meetings to change the rotation order

Kimber BURROWS MOVED to postpone Ordinance 15-12 to the next meeting. David EVANS seconded. It was noted that postponement would allow the public hearings on the ordinance to complete the rotation through Denali Borough communities. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

ORDINANCE 15-14, Version A: An ordinance amending the Denali Borough Code of Ordinances, Chapter 3.20.040 titled Investments

Mayor Clay Walker noted that the proposed changes to DBC 3.20.040 are recommended by the finance committee.

David EVANS MOVED to adopt Ordinance 15-14. Kimber BURROWS seconded. The roll call VOTE to adopt Ordinance 15-14 was unanimous.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 15-12: A resolution to maintain the current minimum school size at ten students necessary to be counted as a school

Kimber BURROWS MOVED to approve Resolution 15-12. Tallon SHREEVE seconded. Points of discussion that followed include DBSD Superintendent Dan Polta's request for such a resolution, the potential for two of the Denali Borough's schools to fall under the increased minimum, the significant number of Alaskan schools that would be affected by an increased minimum, the funding situation for schools that fall under the minimum, and the desire to be proactive to attract young families to our communities. The roll call VOTE to approve Resolution 15-12 was unanimous.

OTHER BUSINESS

Agnew::Beck Consultants update dealing with Denali Borough owned lands

Mayor Clay Walker explained that Agnew::Beck representatives held a workshop prior to, and presented at, the last assembly meeting. A final report from the firm is imminent, which may provide a guide for implementation and further work on code language. There is the potential for further engagement of a consultant to assist in code revisions. Mayor Walker suggested the assembly plan a joint work session with the planning commission to discuss steps forward.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Gordon Carlson, Cantwell resident, commented positively on Resolution 15-12, raising the question of how an increased minimum student enrollment would affect capital projects for school major maintenance. Mr. Carlson spoke in opposition to Ordinance 15-12, commenting that it seemed to be more for convenience and asked for a fiscal note of cost savings.

Rachel Carlson, Cantwell Resident, spoke in opposition to Ordinance 15-12, commenting that there may be a hidden motive to having six meetings a year in Healy. Ms. Carlson thanked the assembly for approving Resolution 15-12 and thanked the assembly for their work.

ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

Don DEBLAUW commented that there is no hidden agenda behind the meeting rotation change, stating that the Panguingue District did not have a meeting in their district. Mr. DeBlauw stated that the rotation of meetings is something that makes our assembly unique.

David EVANS commented that it would be more convenient for staff to hold more meetings in Healy, that there is a cost savings, and that there is a new district that is not included in the current rotation.

Joe CHATFIELD commented that it would be more convenient to hold more meetings in Healy, that there is a cost savings, and that he would like meetings to be streamed via the internet.

Kimber BURROWS thanked her fellow assembly members for their support of Resolution 15-12, as well as thanking borough staff and volunteers for the work they do.

Tallon SHREEVE thanked those present for coming to the meeting, commented that he appreciated getting to see the completed Cantwell shop, and that he likes travelling to borough communities.

Jared ZIMMERMAN thanked those present for coming to the meeting and to the public for their comments. Mr. Zimmerman commented that it is important for topics to be heard in the affected communities.

NEXT ASSEMBLY MEETING

The next regular meeting will be at Anderson School on Wednesday, December 9, 2015: Public Hearing 6:00 PM and the Regular meeting to follow.

David EVANS MOVED that the December meeting agenda include an executive session for the purpose of discussing the proposal received for the comprehensive assessment of Denali Borough School facilities. Kimber BURROWS seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

Kimber BURROWS MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 PM. David EVANS seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

APPROVED: _____
Jared Zimmerman, Presiding Officer

ATTEST: _____ Date Approved: DECEMBER 9, 2015
Gail Pieknik, Borough Clerk