

SITKA POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION

Wednesday, January 22, 2020

Centennial Hall – 6:00 PM

Regular Meeting Minutes

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Present: Loyd Platson, Gregg Olson, Neil Akana and James Mellema
City Staff: Chief Miller, Chief Baty, Exc. Assistant Serena Wild and Assembly Member Nelson

B. AGENDA CHANGES/CORRESPONDENCE

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 18, 2019

Motion: M-Mellema/S-Akana approved the December 18, 2019 minutes.

Action: Motion passed by unanimous consent.

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Joel Hanson – came forward and read a statement on Climate Emergency and how it relates to social instability which in turn effects Public Safety. There is a group studying how it will effect Sitka.

E. PARKING CITATION HEARING BOARD

F. REPORTS

1. Chief Baty – applying for a Department of Homeland Security Grant for a communications repeater site to increase radio coverage out towards Katlian Bay and to cover other dead zones in town. A&E TV station is interested in Sitka PD for their show Alaska PD. Baty believes it could be a good PR move for the PD as well as recruitment. New RMS will be installed in February. Lyn Blankenship will be retiring in June.
2. Chief Miller – new ambulance as arrived and will be put into service. New fire engine is on track to arrive in April. Had one engineer transfer to the PD. A Rural Resilience class will be put on in March with Mother Nature's wrath as the main topic. Will start advertising the Fire Chief's position in February.

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. Annual Review of By-Laws
Motion: M-Akana/S-Olson approved the 2019 By-Laws.
Action: Motion passed by unanimous consent.
2. Elect Chair
Motion: M-Akana/S-Mellema to nominate Gregg Olson as Chair.
Action: Motion passed by unanimous consent.
3. Elect Vice-Chair

Motion: M-Akana/S-Olson to nominate James Mellema as Vice-Chair.

Action: Motion passed by unanimous consent.

4. Department Liaison Selection

Olson volunteered to be the PD liaison and Akana volunteered to be the FD liaison.

I. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Olson raised a concern about the snow acclimation on the sidewalks from the plows and how it forces people to walk in the roadway.

J. NEXT MEETING DATE AND AGENDA ITEMS

Next meeting: **Wednesday, February 26, 2020 @ Harrigan Centennial Hall**

Agenda items:

K. ADJOURNMENT

Chair adjourned the meeting at 6:41 PM.