

CONSENT AGENDA

POSSIBLE MOTION

**I MOVE TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA
CONSISTING OF ITEMS A & B**

I wish to remove Item(s) _____

**REMINDER – When making the motion to approve the
consent agenda, please read the title of each item
being voted on that is included in the consent vote.**

Should this item be pulled from the Consent Agenda the following motion is suggested:

POSSIBLE MOTION

I MOVE TO approve the minutes of the
July 13, July 27, and July 29
Assembly meetings.



CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

ASSEMBLY CHAMBERS
330 Harbor Drive
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Minutes - Draft

City and Borough Assembly

*Mayor Steven Eisenbeisz
Deputy Mayor Thor Christianson,
Vice Deputy Mayor Valorie Nelson,
Kevin Knox, Kevin Mosher, Crystal Duncan, Rebecca Himschoot*

*Municipal Administrator: John Leach
Municipal Attorney: Brian Hanson
Municipal Clerk: Sara Peterson*

Tuesday, July 13, 2021

6:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

WORK SESSION 5:00 PM

21-119 Republic Services-Municipal Solid Waste

The Assembly heard from representatives of Republic Services regarding Municipal solid waste.

REGULAR MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. FLAG SALUTE

III. ROLL CALL

Knox and Nelson attended by videoconference. Knox left meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Present: 6 - Christianson, Knox, Mosher, Nelson, Eisenbeisz, and Himschoot

Absent: 1 - Duncan

IV. CORRESPONDENCE/AGENDA CHANGES

No agenda changes.

21-120 Reminders, Calendars, and General Correspondence

V. CEREMONIAL MATTERS

None.

VI. SPECIAL REPORTS: Government to Government, Municipal Boards/Commissions/Committees, Municipal Departments, School District, Students and Guests (five minute time limit)

Emergency Operation Center Incident Commander, Craig Warren told of the Covid-19 case rate increase. He conveyed how to be safe regardless of vaccination status: which was to social distance, wear a mask, and consult a healthcare provider on the vaccination. He stated that the EOC is strongly recommending masking of all Sitkans again. Dr. Bruhl, SEARHC CMO and Incident Commander stated the need for folks to get fully vaccinated. He reminded regardless of vaccination status, if someone had symptoms, they should get tested.

VII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

Laurie Booyse, Director of Visit Sitka reported that Sitka's increase in risk levels was too high and has caused the Alaska Humanities Forum board of directors to cancel its conference that was planned for Sitka in late July. She told the Assembly that Sitka was set to welcome the first cruise ship of the season, Serenade of the Seas. She asked that the public be patient with visitors and follow precautions to keep each other safe.

Jeff Budd spoke to issues regarding public testimony and voiced concern on one person speaking on every single item. Budd suggested Assembly limit how many times a person speaks at one meeting.

Richard Wein spoke to the passing of some Sitkans. He expressed that freedom of speech and ability to speak is something he believes in and it's part of constitution.

Christianson spoke about the EOC recommendations; encouraged all to get vaccinated.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Mosher that the Consent Agenda consisting of item A be APPROVED. This motion PASSED by the following vote.

Yes: 6 - Christianson, Knox, Mosher, Nelson, Eisenbeisz, and Himschoot

Absent: 1 - Duncan

A 21-111 Approve the minutes of the June 22 Assembly meeting

The item was APPROVED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

IX. BOARD, COMMISSION, COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

None.

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

B ORD 21-14 Proposing to amend Title 4 "Revenue and Finance" of the Sitka General Code by adding a new Chapter 4.27 "Excise Tax On Motor Fuel" to

establish an excise tax on motor fuel sold, transferred, or used in the City and Borough of Sitka, providing for administration of collecting the tax, and providing for penalties for failure to pay taxes due; and submitting the question of such an amendment to the qualified voters at the regular election on October 5, 2021

Richard Wein spoke in support of postponement.

A motion was made by Himschoot that this Ordinance be POSTPONED INDEFINITELY. The motion PASSED by the following vote.

Yes: 6 - Christianson, Knox, Mosher, Nelson, Eisenbeisz, and Himschoot

Absent: 1 - Duncan

C ORD 21-17

Proposing to amend Title 4 "Revenue and Finance" of the Sitka General Code by adding a new subsection to Chapter 4.09 "Sales Tax" to establish a consumer's sales tax on marijuana and marijuana products, in addition to the existing consumer's sales tax; and amending Chapter 4.25 "Student Activities Dedicated Travel Fund" such that the tax proceeds will be deposited into and disbursed from that fund for extracurricular student activities; and submitting the question of such amendment to the qualified voters at the regular election on October 5, 2021

From the public, those speaking in support were: Rich Krupa, Mike Vieira, Frank Hauser, and Jeremy Strong. Speaking in opposition were: Michelle Cleaver, Lorraine Daly, Richard Wein, and Mike Daly.

Mosher thanked everyone who spoke on this ordinance and liked the idea of supporting kids. He stated that this type of business had huge expenses and spoke to the high industry tax.

A motion was made by Mosher to AMEND this Ordinance to ramp up the tax gradually, starting at 2.5% the first year and rising to the full 5% by the fourth year to give the industry time to adjust. The motion FAILED by following vote.

Yes: 3 - Himschoot, Mosher, and Christianson

No: 3- Knox, Eisenbeisz, and Nelson

Absent: 1- Duncan

Himschoot stated that the tax was on the consumer and not the business directly. She felt that this tax would benefit all students and be equitable for all. She also gave a briefing on what other municipalities marijuana taxes were. Nelson questioned if there was data on the amount on marijuana sales tax. She felt this tax was too high and would burden the local businesses. Christianson said he felt this ordinance should go to the voters.

A motion was made by Himschoot that this Ordinance be APPROVED on SECOND AND FINAL READING. The motion FAILED by the following vote.

Yes: 3 - Christianson, Knox, and Himschoot

No: 3 - Mosher, Nelson, and Eisenbeisz

Absent: 1 - Duncan

D ORD 21-16 Making supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 2022 (Lincoln Street Paving Project)

Richard Wein said that a comprehensive review should have been done and it would be beneficial to educate the public.

Christianson and Eisenbeisz spoke in support.

A motion was made by Christianson that this Ordinance be APPROVED on SECOND AND FINAL READING. The motion PASSED by the following vote.

Yes: 6 - Christianson, Knox, Mosher, Nelson, Eisenbeisz, and Himschoot

Absent: 1 - Duncan

E ORD 21-18 Amending Title 15 "Public Utilities" of the Sitka General Code by updating Chapter 15.06 "Solid Waste Treatment and Refuse Collection" to reduce the refuse collection rate for customers living within the harbor system

Richard Wein said he was confused on the fiscal aspects of this ordinance.

Knox spoke on the generated revenues and rates.

A motion was made by Mosher that this Ordinance be APPROVED on SECOND AND FINAL READING. The motion PASSED by the following vote.

Yes: 6 - Christianson, Knox, Mosher, Nelson, Eisenbeisz, and Himschoot

Absent: 1 - Duncan

XI. NEW BUSINESS:

New Business First Reading

F ORD 21-19 Making supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 2022 (Cross Trail Phase 6)

Richard Wein spoke in support.

Lynn Brandon, Director of Sitka Trail Works expressed this money was from the Western Federal Grant.

A motion was made by Mosher that this Ordinance be APPROVED on FIRST READING. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Christianson, Knox, Mosher, Nelson, Eisenbeisz, and Himschoot

Absent: 1 - Duncan

Additional New Business Items

- G 21-113** Authorize the Municipal Administrator to accept additional funding in the amount of \$250,000 for project 90814 (Cross Trail Phase 6) from Western Federal Lands
- A motion was made by Christianson, that this Item be APPROVED. The motion PASSED by the following vote.**
- Yes:** 6 - Christianson, Knox, Mosher, Nelson, Eisenbeisz, and Himschoot
- Absent:** 1 - Duncan
- H 21-112** Discussion/Direction/Decision on proposed lease terms between the City and Borough of Sitka and Sitka Community Boatyard for the development of haul out and shipyard at the Gary Paxton Industrial Park
- Garry White, Gary Paxton Industrial Park Board Director spoke in support and reviewed the phases and terms.
- Richard Wein spoke in support of the lease but questioned the financing portion of the boat yard.
- Linda Behnken, Sitka Community Boat Yard President felt it was best to get the project started and make this work. Financing was hard since the lease had not been signed.
- Jeremy Serka said the lease was essential for other steps to take place.
- Christianson thanked White and the GPIB Board for their work.
- A motion was made by Mosher to direct the Municipal Administrator to prepare a lease based on the proposed terms from Sitka Community Boat Yard. The motion PASSED by the following vote.**
- Yes:** 6 - Christianson, Knox, Mosher, Nelson, Eisenbeisz, and Himschoot
- Absent:** 1 - Duncan
- I 21-114** Approve the Sitka Community Hospital (SCH) building sale request for proposals (RFP) evaluation and selection team
- Richard Wein commented on the selection team and suggested a member of the public be included.
- Christianson spoke in support of the team. Nelson stated she would have preferred a person with legal background be included on the panel. Municipal Administrator John Leach spoke about the team selection process and stated the evaluation team was comprised of John Leach, Melissa Haley, Michael Harmon, Amy Ainslie, and Scott Elder. Municipal Attorney Hanson addressed legal counsel participation.
- A motion was made by Himschoot to APPROVE the Sitka Community Hospital building sale request for proposals evaluation and selection team. The motion PASSED by the following vote.**
- Yes:** 4 - Christianson, Mosher, Eisenbeisz, and Himschoot
- No:** 1 - Nelson

Absent: 2 - Knox, and Duncan

- J 21-115** Approve a temporary lease between the City and Borough of Sitka and Secon, Inc. for municipal property at Granite Creek Lease Area Site 7

Richard Wein spoke in support.

John Leach, Municipal Administrator told about the terms of the lease. He said the City was working on a request for proposals for Granite Creek Lease Area Site 7 with the objective to advertise and evaluate proposals prior to calendar year end.

A motion was made by Christianson to APPROVE a temporary lease between the City and Borough of Sitka and Secon, Inc., for municipal property at Granite Creek Lease Area Site 7 and authorize the Municipal Administrator to execute the document.

Yes: 5 - Christianson, Mosher, Nelson, Eisenbeisz, and Himschoot

Absent: 2 - Knox, and Duncan

- K 21-116** Discussion/Direction/Decision on City and Borough of Sitka funding priorities from American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021

Municipal Administrator, John Leach spoke about the funding and explained the City qualified for this grant.

Christianson felt that money should be placed in reserves.

From the public, Richard Wein agreed with the Municipal Administrator's recommendations.

A motion was made by Himschoot to APPROVE City funding priorities from American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. The motion PASSED by the following vote.

Yes: 5 - Christianson, Mosher, Nelson, Eisenbeisz, and Himschoot

Absent: 2 - Knox, and Duncan

- L 21-117** Discussion/Direction/Decision to approve the terms recommended by the Municipal Administrator and presented to Republic Services regarding municipal solid waste.

John Leach Municipal Administrator gave a brief explanation, spoke to the June 10 letter, and expressed he was looking for guidance from the Assembly.

Christianson stated he would like some acknowledgement from Republic Services on the letter dated June 10th. Mosher said ultimately action was needed and offered the idea of a landfill an alternative.

- M 21-118** Discussion/Direction/Decision on letter of non objection to the issuance of permit ADL 233127, 10-year aquatic farm site lease of a 15.0 acre portion of state tidelands located in No Thorofare Bay in Sitka Sound

Richard Wein questioned how mitigation of invasive species would take place if they were introduced. He suggested that an insurance or bond be purchased for the area.

Himschoot said mariculture such as what was proposed at No Thorofare Bay was important, however that not enough public notice had been given to Sitkans. Christianson said he lived near Jamestown Bay and did receive notice regarding the lease but felt he was not given enough information. Nelson commented that the letter was inappropriate.

A motion was made by Himschoot to APPROVE the letter by the Municipal Administrator with the added wording: As the lessor the State of Alaska needs to assume responsibility for prevention and mitigation of potential invasive species introduction. Because of the unique qualities and high recreational value of No Thorofare Bay for the community, the City and Borough of Sitka would like to request the State to extend the comment period and provide notice to all residents through public media and posted in all harbors. The users of this bay include small boat owners of all types, but the invitation to comment was narrowed to property owners near the property proposed farmsite. The City and Borough of Sitka believes this does not capture the full scope of affected community members. The motion PASSED by the following vote.

Yes: 4 - Christianson, Mosher, Eisenbeisz, and Himschoot

No: 1 - Nelson

Absent: 2 - Knox, and Duncan

XII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

Richard Wein spoke to Sitka General Code Section 2.08.020. respect for the public.

XIII. REPORTS

a. Mayor, b. Administrator, c. Attorney, d. Liaison Representatives, e. Clerk, f. Other

Mayor - Eisenbeisz met with representatives from Royal Caribbean, told of a field trip over the weekend with Senator Murkowski in which they toured the Gary Paxton Industrial Park haul out and Green Lake Dam.

Administrator - Leach stated "Coffee with the Administrator" was canceled for July 20 due to an increase in COVID-19 rates. If case rates decreased, the next session would be held August 17.

Liaison Representatives - Christianson thanked the Planning Commission for their work on the Tourism Plan.

Acting Municipal Clerk - Earnshaw told of vacancies on boards/commissions, reviewed the candidate filing dates for the Municipal Election and told of the seats to be filled.

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mosher to ADJOURN. Hearing no objections, the meeting ADJOURNED at 9:05 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Jessica Earnshaw
Acting Municipal Clerk



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Tuesday, July 27, 2021

6:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

REGULAR MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. FLAG SALUTE

III. ROLL CALL

Nelson participated by videoconference.

Present: 7 - Christianson, Knox, Mosher, Nelson, Eisenbeisz, Himschoot, and Duncan

IV. CORRESPONDENCE/AGENDA CHANGES

No agenda changes.

[21-125](#)

Reminders, Calendars, and General Correspondence

V. CEREMONIAL MATTERS

[21-123](#)

Citation - U.S. Coast Guard Day

Mayor Eisenbeisz read and presented a citation to U.S. Coast Guard personnel honoring U.S. Coast Guard Day on August 4.

VI. SPECIAL REPORTS: Government to Government, Municipal Boards/Commissions/Committees, Municipal Departments, School District, Students and Guests (five minute time limit)

Tribal Vice Chair Dionne Brady-Howard spoke to the Tribal Council Resolution requesting the Assembly re-institute a mask mandate in all public locations within Sitka.

[21-122](#)

Special Report: Alaska's Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Anne Zink (via videoconference)

Alaska's Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Zink, and other public health officials provided a COVID-19 update. Dr. Zink reviewed state and national trends, Sitka's case rate, vaccination rates, encouraged vaccinations, and continued practice of virus mitigation strategies.

VII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

Lisa Busch and Jacyn Schmidt of the Sitka Sound Science Center (SSSC) provided an update on the SSSC's development of a community based landslide warning system and the research involved.

Rachel Roy, Executive Director of the Greater Sitka Chamber of Commerce, spoke to a grant received from the Department of Health and Social Services to help with vaccine promotion.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA - No items

No items.

IX. BOARD, COMMISSION, COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

A [21-124](#)

Reappoint Brandon Marx to a three-year term on the Parks and Recreation Committee

Christianson and Knox thanked Marx for his continued service.

A motion was made by Mosher that this Item be APPROVED. The motion PASSED by the following vote.

Yes: 7 - Christianson, Knox, Mosher, Nelson, Eisenbeisz, Himschoot, and Duncan

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

B [ORD 21-19](#)

Making supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 2022 (Cross Trail Phase 6)

A motion was made by Himschoot that this Ordinance be APPROVED on SECOND AND FINAL READING. The motion PASSED by the following vote.

Yes: 7 - Christianson, Knox, Mosher, Nelson, Eisenbeisz, Himschoot, and Duncan

- C** [ORD 21-15A](#) Amending Title 13 "Port and Harbors" of the Sitka General Code by updating Chapter 13.10 "Float Regulations" (boat launch ramp parking at Sealing Cove/Crescent Harbor) 1st reading as amended - item postponed at the June 22 Assembly meeting

Eisenbeisz stated staff had requested additional time to work on the Ordinance revisions.

A motion was made by Knox that this Ordinance be POSTPONED on FIRST READING AS AMENDED to the September 28, 2021 Assembly meeting. The motion PASSED by the following vote.

Yes: 7 - Christianson, Knox, Mosher, Nelson, Eisenbeisz, Himschoot, and Duncan

XI. NEW BUSINESS:

New Business First Reading

- D** [ORD 21-23](#) Amending Title 20 "Environmentally Critical Areas" of the Sitka General Code by repealing Chapter 20.01 "Landslide Area Management"

From the public, Richard Wein spoke in support.

Knox, a sponsor, said this section of the Sitka General Code (SGC) was often referenced as the reason why lenders and insurance companies were reluctant to lend on properties. He hoped by removing the section it would stop the finger-pointing and lead towards resolution. Administrator Leach thanked former Interim Administrator Hugh Bevan for his work on the subject. Leach reiterated the SGC section had become a barrier to citizens for lending and insurance on homes.

A motion was made by Mosher that this Ordinance be APPROVED on FIRST READING. The motion PASSED by the following vote.

Yes: 7 - Christianson, Knox, Mosher, Nelson, Eisenbeisz, Himschoot, and Duncan

- E [ORD 21-22](#) Concerning the sale of the Sitka Community Hospital Site located at 209 Moller Drive, 202 Brady Street, 204 Brady Street, and 302 Gavan Street, Sitka, Alaska; and submitting an advisory question of such a sale to the qualified voters at the regular election on October 5, 2021

From the public, Richard Wein spoke in opposition to the proposed ballot question.

Sponsors Nelson and Christianson spoke in support. Christianson didn't feel there was much input at previous town hall meetings and wished for citizens to have a chance to weigh in with an advisory vote. Knox expressed concern with the timing and how it would affect the current process for Request for Proposals (RFP) to Purchase or Lease Sitka Community Hospital Site. In addition, he wondered if citizens would approach the ballot question as a) a referendum on whether the Sitka Community Hospital business should have been sold, and b) a referendum on the organization looking to continue providing healthcare services in Sitka.

Administrator Leach explained RFP proposals were due July 28. Staff would need to review the proposals submitted, select and present it to the Assembly with a potential sales ordinance at the August 24 Assembly meeting. Municipal Attorney Brian Hanson reminded if the selected proposal was a lease, the ballot question would not be placed on the ballot. Only if the selected RFP proposal was a sale would the question be placed on the ballot. With regards to an advisory vote, Hanson said the Assembly may use the information from the electorate in their own discretion. Duncan expressed hesitation and wondered if the ballot question was brought forward due to a lack of community input from the town halls and surveys.

A motion was made by Christianson that this Ordinance be APPROVED on FIRST READING. The motion PASSED by the following vote.

Yes: 6 - Christianson, Knox, Mosher, Nelson, Eisenbeisz, and Himschoot

No: 1 - Duncan

- F [ORD 21-21](#) Authorizing the lease of Upper Granite Creek Lease Area 5, a 6.7 acre portion of Lot 1, U.S. Survey 3670

From the public, Richard Wein spoke in support.

Knox expressed a need for the overburden disposal site.

A motion was made by Christianson that this Ordinance be APPROVED on FIRST READING. The motion PASSED by the following vote.

Yes: 7 - Christianson, Knox, Mosher, Nelson, Eisenbeisz, Himschoot, and Duncan

Additional New Business Items

None.

XII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

Jeff Kinnan spoke to saving the former Sitka Community Hospital.

Jeff Wright spoke in support of the Sitka Community Hospital advisory ballot question going before voters at the on the municipal election in October.

XIII. REPORTS**a. Mayor, b. Administrator, c. Attorney, d. Liaison Representatives, e. Clerk, f. Other**

Mayor - Eisenbeisz encouraged citizens to continue COVID-19 mitigation efforts. He relayed there would be an emergency meeting on July 29 regarding COVID-19 mitigation.

Administrator - Leach noted he would be in attendance at the Alaska Municipal League Summer Legislative Conference August 3-6.

Attorney - Hanson told of his office hours.

Clerk - Peterson reviewed the vacancies to be filled through the Municipal Election and filing deadline.

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Christianson to ADJOURN. Hearing no objections, the meeting ADJOURNED at 8:03pm.

ATTEST: _____
Sara Peterson, MMC
Municipal Clerk



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Thursday, July 29, 2021

6:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

EMERGENCY MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. FLAG SALUTE

III. ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Christianson, Knox, Mosher, Eisenbeisz, Himschoot, and Duncan

Absent: 1 - Nelson

IV. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

None.

V. NEW BUSINESS:

A [ORD 21-24](#)

Requiring use of a face covering in certain indoor settings and providing a penalty

Members of the public speaking in support of the ordinance: Kate Johnson, Patricia Dick, Perry Edwards, Michelle Putz, Tori O'Connell Curran, Nirali, Dr. Bruhl, Dr. Hunter, and Cecilia Dumouchel. Speaking in opposition was: Marshall Albertson, Richard Wein, Brett Wilcox, Gavin Holder, Shirley Robards, Mary Todd Anderson, Mae Dunsing, Rachel Roy, Steve Lee, Jaylene Owen, and Amy Bethune.

A discussion of the Assembly ensued. Christianson reminded of Sitka's high case rate, noted the mandate was temporary, would expire August 24, or sooner, if Sitka's case rate dropped below high, and said the intent was for people to take the mandate and COVID-19 seriously. Himschoot, while struggling with the enforcement section, said action was needed to protect children and vulnerable adults and help decrease the high case rate. Duncan said it was important to stand together as a community and work together to bring case numbers down. She spoke to the importance of protecting those age 12 and younger who were unable to get vaccinated. Mosher spoke in support of the temporary mandate due to the highly contagious Delta variant and the responsibility to protect children. He did, however, wonder how the mandate would be implemented. Knox spoke in support although wondered if a mandate would cause some not to comply because they didn't want to be told what to do. Eisenbeisz spoke in support, wondered of enforcement, and the ability to get young children to wear a mask.

A motion was made by Christianson that this Emergency Ordinance be APPROVED on FIRST READING. The motion PASSED by the following vote.

Yes: 6 - Christianson, Knox, Mosher, Eisenbeisz, Himschoot, and Duncan

Absent: 1 - Nelson

B [ORD 21-25](#)

Providing lodging for non-resident travelers stranded in Sitka due to positive COVID-19 test results

Speaking in opposition was Richard Wein, Rachel Roy, Brett Wilcox, Mary Todd Anderson, and Jaylene Owen.

Sponsors Himschoot and Christianson stated the intent was to ensure accommodations were available if needed and reminded the traveler was required to pay the City. Himschoot clarified expenses, capped at \$40,000, would be funded from the federal relief money. Duncan wondered of hotel room availability and who would inform travelers. Himschoot told of a nonprofit organization that may have room availability. Administrator Leach reminded the competitive bid process would need to be followed for securing rooms.

A motion was made by Himschoot that this Emergency Ordinance be APPROVED on FIRST READING. The motion FAILED by the following vote.

Yes: 3 - Christianson, Mosher, and Himschoot

No: 3 - Knox, Eisenbeisz, and Duncan

Absent: 1 - Nelson

C [ORD 21-26](#) Providing grants to Sitka residents with positive COVID-19 test results that quarantine and isolate for ten days

From the public, Richard Wein, Mary Todd Anderson, and Jaylene Owen spoke in opposition.

Himschoot stated she wanted to be able to provide assistance so people could stay home if ill. Christianson said he hoped the grant money would be an incentive for people to quarantine and not go to work sick. Mosher had hoped to use the federal relief money to replace lost revenue. Knox and Duncan expressed hesitancy to act on the ordinance immediately.

A motion was made by Himschoot that this Emergency Ordinance be APPROVED on FIRST READING. The motion FAILED by the following vote.

Yes: 3 - Christianson, Knox, and Himschoot

No: 3 - Mosher, Eisenbeisz, and Duncan

Absent: 1 - Nelson

VI. PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

None.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Knox to ADJOURN. Hearing no objections, the meeting ADJOURNED at 9:18pm.

ATTEST: _____
Sara Peterson, MMC
Municipal Clerk