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MEETING MINUTES

MENARD SPORTS COMPLEX
1001 SOUTH CLAPP STREET, WASILLA

ASSEMBLY SPECIAL MEETING

6:00 PM

THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2024

Budget Public Hearing

I. CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on Thursday, April 25, 2024, at the Menard Sports Complex, 1001 South Clapp Street, Wasilla, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. by Mayor Edna DeVries.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: 4 - Assemblymember Stephanie Nowers, Assemblymember Robert Yundt, Assemblymember Bill Gamble, and Assemblymember Dmitri Fonov

Excused: 3 - Assemblymember Tim Hale, Assemblymember Dee McKee, and Assemblymember Ron Bernier

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented without objection.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Mayor DeVries.

V. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

The following person spoke in support of funding being doubled for the junk car removal program for the coming fiscal year: Carter Debauch.

VI. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

A. PUBLIC HEARING

[OR 24-024](#) An Ordinance Appropriating Monies From The Central Treasury For The Borough Operating Funds, Enterprise Funds, Education Operating Fund And Capital Funds, Establishing The Rate Of Levy For All Borough Functions For The Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2024, And Ending June 30, 2025; And Setting The Surcharge Rate For The Wireline And Wireless Enhanced 911 Systems For The Period Of July 1, 2024, Through June 30, 2025.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Mayor DeVries reopened the public hearing.

There was no one present who wished to testify.

Assemblymember Yundt moved to continue Ordinance Serial No. 24-024, to April 30, 2024, in Assembly Chambers.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Gamble, and Assemblymember Fonov
Assemblymember Fonov requested to have a brief discussion with Carter Debauch.

Mayor DeVries queried if there was any objection.

There was no objection noted.

The Assembly held a discussion with Carter Debauch regarding the junk vehicle removal program.

VII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENT

Assemblymember Fonov spoke to his support of junk properties being cleaned up.

Mr. Brown spoke to having attended the Economic Summit hosted by the city of Wasilla. Opined that it was well put together. Spoke to a recent tour by the Military of Port MacKenzie.

Assemblymembers Nowers echoed the comments of Mr. Brown regarding the Economic Summit. Noted that there were discussions regarding infrastructure needs, tourism, and planning. Queried if anyone knew what child labor laws in Alaska were.

Mr. Brown stated that he would look into that and report back.

Mayor DeVries spoke to a recent ribbon cutting she attended. Noted that graduates are heading off into their futures and she is excited to see how they progress.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.