HAINES BOROUGH, ALASKA RESOLUTION No. 20-09-884 Adopted

A Resolution of the Haines Borough Assembly authorizing the Borough Manager to contract to rebuild the Wastewater Treatment Plant Filter Press and purchase a CAT Skid Steer for approximately \$295,000.

**WHEREAS**, the Haines Borough Wastewater Treatment plant sludge press was originally installed in 1993; is over 25 years old and has surpassed its useful life. The press has routinely gone down for extended periods of time; and

**WHEREAS**, currently staff at the WWTP must handle sludge by hand; shoveling sludge into wheel barrows to dump into a pick up to take to the landfill. This manual way of handling sewage waste and by products increases potential for an unhealthy exposure to pathogens in human waste. This is particularly important with the known risks of Covid 19 in human waste; and

**WHEREAS**, due to repeated breakdowns and down times for sludge processing, and the potential for health risks associated with human waste and Covid 19, it is deemed a health emergency to rebuild the filter press and purchase a skid steer; and

**WHEREAS**, Komlin-Sanderson has provided a quote of \$235,000 to rebuild the current filter press for a fraction of the cost of a new screw press. The rebuilt filter press has a factory warranty; and

**WHEREAS**, a new Cat Skid Steer will allow the staff to move sludge in a much safer manner. NC Machinery has provided a quote for a new skid steer for approximately \$60,000 plus shipping from Juneau; and

WHEREAS, and CARES ACT funding allows municipalities to utilize CARES ACT funds for such costs; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Haines Borough Assembly authorizes the Borough Manager to contract to rebuild the WWTP Filter Press and purchase a CAT Skid steer for approximately \$295,000.

Adopted by a duly-constituted quorum of the Haines Borough Assembly on this 8th day of September 2020.

