

## **ROLL CALL**

Mayor Millie Schoonover called the meeting to order and the roll was taken. Present were Greg Head, Joni Kuntz, Jim See, Don Pierce and Mike Douville. Absent excused was Marge Young.

Staff present: Jon Bolling, City Administrator; Vicki Hamilton, City Clerk; Brian Templin, City Planner; and Joyce Mason, Treasurer.

Audience present: Dennis Watson, Michael Kampnich, Brian Castle, Bob Claus, Jaeleen Araujo

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

There were no items for the consent agenda.

## **HEARING FROM THE PUBLIC**

Jaeleen Araujo, Vice President of General Council of Sealaska, thanked the city council on their time spent on the land selection issue by Sealaska on Prince of Wales Island. Ms. Araujo told the council that Sealaska will remove Arena Cove and Tonowek Narrows from their land selection list. Sealaska will be open for continued discussion on other sites. Ms. Araujo stated Sealaska will clarify the use and management of the cultural sites and to clarify public access on the lands that we get under the legislation and to move away from the important acreages in this area.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- **Sealaska Land Selection Legislation**-Chuck Kleschulte of Senator Murkowski's office relayed to the city council the senator's plans to work with Sealaska on S881. The council had lengthy discussion amongst themselves concerning Sealaska's land selections entitlement.

The council agreed on the following: **1) Native Future Sites:** Section 3(b)3 of S 881 provides for a category of selections titled "Native Future Sites". These selections, at least nine of which are on or adjacent to Prince of Wales Island, are located at key points, passages, bays, beaches, estuaries, narrows, and other important geographic sites around Southeast Alaska. These important and highly valuable sites are Arena Cove, Tlevak Narrows, Tonowek Narrows, Waterfall Bay, Port Refugio, Ridge Island, Jackson Island, Aston Island and Cordova Bay. The transfer of these lands out of public ownership jeopardizes their use by the public. **2) Impacts to the Tongass Land Use Management Plan:** There are concerns about the affect S 881 will have on the recently adopted Tongass Land Use Management Plan. The transfer of some unharvested timberlands out of Forest Service management could weaken the ability of the Forest Service to offer timber sales in other areas of the national forest. The elimination of these areas by S 881 could lead to increased litigation from environmental groups and increase opportunities for the federal courts to slow or stop federal timber sales in the forest. The release of selection and over selection areas within the original ANCSA withdrawal areas may not constitute appropriate substitute conservation areas for lands from the standpoint of the courts.

- **Sealaska Land Selection Legislation continued-**

The council removed and added items from the draft letter Jon provided in the council packet. The amended letter, upon approval will be sent to Sen. Murkowski in Washington D.C.

DOUVILLE/SEE: moved to adopt the amended draft letter. The motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

- **Logjam Timber Sale-**Jon Bolling reported, with regard to the Logjam Timber Sale Appeal, Viking Lumber Co., the State of Alaska, the Alaska Forest Association, and the City of Coffman Cove all intend to file as interveners. They intend to become a party to the appeal before the federal court. Alaska Forest Association has asked the city of Craig to join with them as a joint intervener.

PIERCE/KUNTZ: moved to authorize staff to file documentation with the US District Court to enter the Logjam Timber Sale appeal as an intervener, with a legal expense limit of \$3,000. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE

## **NEW BUSINESS**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

PIERCE/DOUVILLE: moved to adjourn. MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

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MAYOR MILLIE SCHOONOVER

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ATTEST  
VICKI HAMILTON, CITY CLERK