

ROLL CALL

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

Staff present: Jon Bolling, City Administrator; Vicki Hamilton, City Clerk; Brian Templin, City Planner; Mark Habib, Police Chief; Victoria Merritt, Parks and Recreation Director; Hugh Fleury, Public Works Director; Joyce Mason, Treasurer; and Paul Coffey, Fire Chief

Audience present: Paul Dawson, Dennis Watson, Frank Lazo, Mark Beardsley, Mike Kampnich, unknown male, Donald Templin, Emmet Benolken, Andy Edsall, Nathan Lawnicki, Jean Bennett, Tanner Thain, Shannon Yates, Sheila Beardsley, and from KRBD- Deb Turnbull and Nathan Grambau

CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda was presented, it contained: Liquor license renewal for Craig Inn Liquor and the Craig Inn.

HEAD/DOUVILLE: moved to approve the amended consent agenda to include Craig Library's report. MOTION CARRIED

HEARING FROM THE PUBLIC

Emmet Benolken, on behalf of the Craig High School Career Technical Group thanked the City of Craig for its past financial support with travel expenses for students in the program to visit technical schools in the State. The technical students were here to request funds for this year's travel. Emmet reported there were 12+ students in the program this year.

Paul Dawson spoke on behalf of the veterans who are interested in establishing a Chapter of the Veterans of Foreign Wars here on the island. Paul stated they need 35 vets to sign up before they can establish a Chapter. Paul also stated that the veterans would like to ask the city to designate the land that was once the old helipad, as a veteran's memorial park. They would like to have a flagpole with a low-profile memorial around it. Paul mentioned that they would like to see this area coordinated with the city's Parks and Recreational Facilities department. Paul Dawson presented their request to Mayor Schoonover.

Paul was requesting three city lots to be dedicated to the memorial.

Dennis Watson asked council if they would consider addressing Resolution No. 10-04, Committing community support for Inter-island Ferry Authority's proposed capital. Council had questions concerning the I.F.A.'s proposed ferry terminal site at Ward Cove in Ketchikan.

Nathan Grambau and Deb Turnbull, representatives of KRBD public radio, were visiting Prince of Wales and thanked the City of Craig for their support of KRBD radio station in Ketchikan.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

MAYOR-Mayor Schoonover reported she has been busy attending meetings in the area.

ADMINISTRATOR-Jon Bolling provided a written staff report for the council. In Jon's oral report he mentioned the Clinic Building Project. The project is going well. The contractor expects substantial completion to occur on April 4th. At that point they should just be working off the punch list. A couple of the tenants will start moving in the week of March 22nd. The Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium, which is helping to manage the project and facilitate it, is working on a change order for miscellaneous items. Jon commented that the city won't spend all of its contingency fund. Jon stated with the four pots of money the city has, he would like to reprogram a portion of one of them, and that is the \$500,000 legislative grant the city got for the clinic project to reimburse ourselves for some out of pocket costs we have in the cold storage project, about \$200,000-225,000.

Jon explained R.A.C. some of the money we are using to pay for the clinic comes from Title III money (special project money under the old National Forest Receipts Program approved by Congress in 2000). It got reauthorized 1 ½ years ago. We can't take this money as Title III any more. When Congress reauthorized the program they changed the terms of the special project money. One of the consequences of that is that the State of Alaska has not given communities like Craig (communities in the unorganized borough) the option of whether or not to take it as Title II or Title III. The State's saying you have to take the money as Title II. For communities taking their money as Title II, that money can only be applied to projects if those projects have been approved by a Resource Advisory Committee (R.A.C.). These R.A.C.'s are common in the federal end for all kinds of government programs. Under Title II there is a large range of uses the money can be put to under Title II but the R.A.C. has to be formed and there is strict rules regarding who's on the R.A.C., there are three categories, there has to be five representatives for each of the three categories on the R.A.C., they all have to go through background checks. The R.A.C. for Prince of Wales, after over a year, still hasn't been formed yet. Once the R.A.C. is formed and the R.A.C. members are named by the Secretary of Agriculture then they have to go through training of the Federal Advisory Committee Act and other training before they are qualified to meet as a R.A.C. member and then talk about how to appropriate this money. The source of this money is really special project dollars that would have ordinarily gone to the communities, Craig, Klawock, Thorne Bay, Hydaburg, Coffman Cove and Kasaan. The unincorporated communities don't qualify for this national forest receipts money. Jon would like this money used toward raising the city's municipal dam at its water source, providing more water to our community.

CITY CLERK-Vicki Hamilton reported the assessors, Horan & Co., were in Craig doing their annual assessment work. Vicki reported working to catch up with the city council minutes. The next city council meeting is scheduled for February 18th.

CITY PLANNER-Brian Templin reported the city is getting ready to submit its capital projects list to our state and federal delegation. This year Sen. Murkowski's office is requiring three separate letters of support, primarily from the governing body. Normally the city submits the capital projects resolution as proof that the governing body has made these projects a priority. The city needs to get letters of support for these projects from the mayor and one or two council members. The annual Community Economic Development Strategy (C.E.D.S.) committee process is starting to gear up. Southeast Conference is looking for the communities reports by April 1st.

POLICE CHIEF-Mark Habib reported things are going smoothly at the Police Department. The police department was busy re-certifying officers on the island who use the data master (breath testing equipment). They need to re-certify every three years. There were several prisoner transports from the Craig Police Department to the Ketchikan facility due to an over abundance of prisoners.

PARKS AND RECREATION-Victoria Merritt reported the annual marathon is scheduled for May 29th. Jump roping has started again. They jump ropers meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the city gym. May 1st is the date picked for the Spring Bazaar. The Swap Meet is March 13th.

PUBLIC WORKS-Hugh Fleury reported they have been pretty busy. They have been busy installing water meters. They ran out of meters at the shop. Orders have been placed for additional meters.

Hugh reported the Tsunami Warning people are in Craig. They have a dish located by the city's water tank. Their satellite over California is being decommissioned so they have come to Craig to reposition their dish to the new satellite over the Philippines.

There was discussion on the parking lot across the street from the day care center. Jim See would like the site to be fixed up so it can be utilized. Jon will meet with Hugh on it.

TREASURER-Joyce Mason reported the National Forest Receipt money came in. Joyce put out a Request For Proposal to invest the money since it won't be used for a couple years. Previously in the budget the city set aside \$50,000 and designated it for future school funding; that money will be placed in with this investment also.

Joyce reported the city's operating money is down 12% on the sales tax. This quarter's sales tax was down 7%. Joyce stated we're in a recession.

READING OF CORRESPONDENCE

There were no comments.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

Resolution No. 10-03, Initiating the 2010 Sales Tax Free Day, was presented.

HEAD/SEE: moved to adopt Resolution No. 10-03. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY ROLL CALL VOTE

Resolution No. 10-04, Committing Community Support for Inter-Island Ferry Authority's proposed Capital, was presented.

DOUVILLE/SEE: moved to adopt Resolution No. 10-04.

Discussion: There were concerns expressed by the council on transportation from the Ward Cove area to town, and catching the airport ferry to the airport, if the terminal were located at Wards Cove site in Ketchikan.

Jon Bolling reminded the council they were free to modify the resolution if they chose to.

Mike Douville withdrew his motion, Jim See withdrew his second to the motion. The council will address this at the next meeting, February 18th.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Logjam Timber Sale Appeal-Jon discussed the Logjam Timber Sale Appeal with the city's attorney Bob Blasco and Steve Silver. From their discussion the Department of Justice is defending the finding of the timber sale. Since this case is in the Ninth Circuit Court they allow two ways to address this case, either as an intervener, who addresses just the remedies, or a person can file an amicus brief which allows that person more say in the case, they can talk about the merits of the case. An injunction has been filed by the environmental groups to prevent any activity from occurring on the Logjam Timber Sale. Right now the mill is building roads. The attorney, Steve Silver has recommended that the city file an amicus brief to show support of the mill. The cap set by the council on allowable spending for this case, three thousand dollars, is not enough when filing a brief. The council should decide whether to file an amicus or participate as an intervener and whether to stay with the agreed upon limit of \$3,000 or to amend this amount. Jon recommended the amicus brief, it gives the city more to talk about. If the city chooses the intervener route, the case is not likely to get settled for another 12-18 months.

SEE/DOUVILLE: moved to file an amicus brief on behalf of the mill not to exceed \$10,000. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

- **Consider bid for new fire engine**-Paul Coffey, Fire Chief, said the truck the city has now is a 1980 Mack Truck. The city wants to purchase a newer model fire truck. They are looking at a 1994 New Pierce vehicle. The city has Title III money for purchase of the fire truck.

HEAD/DOUVILLE: moved to approve the purchase of a new Pierce fire engine in an amount not to exceed \$218,630, and further approve the purchase of equipment and supplies for the engine in an amount of not to exceed \$15,000, with funding to come from Title III payments from the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self Determination Act of 2000.

SEE/KUNTZ: moved to direct staff to donate the City of Craig's 1980 Mack fire engine to any Alaska municipality or State-recognized non-profit homeowners organization, on an as-is, where-is basis. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- **Funding request from Craig High School's Career and Technical Youth Group**-
KUNTZ/HEAD: moved to donate \$1,500 to the Career Technical Group. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

SEE/HEAD: moved to adjourn. MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

APPROVED _____

MAYOR MILLIE SCHOONOVER

ATTEST _____
VICKI HAMILTON, CITY CLERK