

CITY OF CRAIG
COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY MAY 5, 2022

ROLL CALL

Vice Mayor Jim See called the meeting to order at 6:37 pm. Present were Julie McDonald, Hannah Bazinet, Jim See, Millie Schoonover, Michael Kampnich, and Chanel McKinley. Mayor Timothy O'Connor had a late arrival of 7:05 pm.

Staff present: Brian Templin, City Administrator; Jessica Holloway, Aquatic Manager; Samantha Wilson, City Planner; Tsai, EMS Assistant; Hans Hjort, Harbormaster; Patricia Gardner, Library Director; RJ Ely, Police Chief; Russel Dill, Public Works; and Doug Ward, Parks & Facilities

Audience Present: Blake Phillips and Clinton Cook

CONSENT AGENDA

1. City Council Meeting Minutes of April 21, 2022

(Michael Kampnich mentioned that he should have been shown as absent excused for April 21, 2022, meeting, the council agreed.)

2. Ordinance 747, FY23 Budget Sewer Utility Rate Update

MCDONALD/SCHOONOVER

Move to adopt the Consent Agenda

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

HEARING FROM THE PUBLIC

1. Clinton Cook made the Council aware that the Craig Tribal Association has \$57,000 to put towards sidewalks and questioned about city funding.

2. Blake Phillips Presentation: Blake Phillips spoke at this meeting regarding the city's Endowment Fund. He made the council aware of the investment policies and the long-term goals. Also stating that since inception the portfolio has met those objectives. Blake went on to talk about a couple of recommendations that the APCM would like the council to consider, stating that with these two new assets it would improve the existing portfolio's risk and return profile. He first spoke of the High Yield Bonds which in a summary are less susceptible to interest rate and may provide positive returns even when IG bonds are negative. The other recommendation he brought forth was Alternative Beta, with this tool drivers are expected to provide higher returns and also generate positive returns in market environments that are challenging for other asset classes. Councilman See posed the question of owning any organizations that make weapons. Blake answered yes. Councilman Kampnich asked if we looked at domestic production which seems to be increasing and Blake answered with, the U.S. market being the largest market, China, you can not trust what the financial market says, Europe and Japan, are having issues, being that it is a lower growth spot along with he damages due to Covid. He also stated that we have more domestic stocks than any other.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

Administrator: provided a written report.

Aquatic Manager: Jessica Holloway gave an oral report. She brought to attention; she will be losing employees at the end of this upcoming pay period. She then spoke of her ideas for pool hours until she can find an 18-year-old. Jessica filled the council in on the Easter swim. She mentioned that there were 60 kids for the swim, which was not a great turn out, but she understood since it was held on such a nice day. While Jessica spoke of the upcoming changes to the pool, Chanel asked if she has an estimate of how much it would cost to keep the pool running while its closed. Jessica stated that she does have an estimate but will have to get with Sheri to confirm. She also mentioned that if they were to drain the pools it would cost more money than to leave the water in them.

City Planner: Provided a written report. Samantha added that she has received approval for the SHSP grant on the trailers, the next step is to find funding to purchase them. She also added that the Quigley Conditional Use Permit renewal was approved.

Fire/EMS: Provided a written report.

Harbormaster: Provided a written report.

Library: Provided a written report. Patricia was able to attend the meeting via video conference, she added to her report stating that she teamed up with the recreation department for the libraries story time so after the children were done reading the parents could grab a key to the gym and they would have an hour and a half of free time and the sign-ups for summer activities are already almost full.

Police Chief: Provided a written report. Chief Ely had to leave early but Councilman See spoke of his frustration on the topic of the ongoing drug trafficking taking place on the island. He believes that drug traffickers should be put in jail. This would put more pressure on these individuals to stop OD's. He also spoke about how expensive it is to do OD work and worries about vigilante justice if law enforcement does not take bigger action on this issue. Brian also spoke on this issue stating that he will team up with Chief Ely to put a letter together and send it to the necessary people regarding this ongoing issue.

Public Works: Provided a written report.

Recreation: Provided a written report. Victoria added to her report that the 4th of July needs volunteers and the Bigfoot crew brought back damaged chairs that they had rented out from the city.

Parks/Facilities: Provided an oral report. Doug spoke of the upcoming and already finished cleaning projects that they have in store for this year. His team has already completed the beach cleanup and it was a success, the Cemetery clean up is planned to take place soon, and they have repaired some drainage issues to the ballpark field located on the water side, but they are still

working on the roadside drainage. They also fertilized the field this year to get rid of the moss. With all the improvements his team has made this far he said they still have plenty of improvements that they plan on accomplishing within the upcoming years.

Major: Timothy O'Connor spoke about the kelp meeting that had been held early that week. He spoke out that there are plenty of funds for this project. He also mentioned that the USDA plans on purchasing kelp to possibly incorporate it into livestock feed. If the USDA were to succeed with this conversion it could decrease the amount of greenhouse gas emissions significantly.

READING OF CORRESPONDENCE

1. POWLAT Plan

2. Caught in the middle: Alaska needs more childcare to aid economic recovery, but facilities are pinched

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

Resolution 22-12, FY23 In Lieu Payment

SEE/SCHOONOVER

Move to adopt Resolution 22-12, FY23 In Lieu Payment

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY ROLL CALL VOTE

Ordinance 746, Adopting the City's Proposed Budget for FY23

SCHOONOVER/BAZINET

Move to adopt Ordinance 746, Adopting the City's Proposed Budget for FY23 for first reading and schedule public hearing for May 19th, 2022.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY ROLL CALL VOTE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Lot 3A, Murphy Subdivision (Salmonberry Subdivision)

SEE/BAZINET

Move to set a minimum bid of \$73,170.00 for Lot 3A, Murphy Subdivision (Salmonberry Subdivision)

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE

NEW BUSINESS

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Kampnich spoke about the recent loss of the fuel station located in Craig and is currently searching for any one persons or company that may be interested in opening it back up. Brian mentioned that per the City of Craig Municipal code the city would be able to provide a sales tax break for whomever decided to take the business into their hands. Councilman See brought to light all the repairs that are needed, such as roofing, new pumps, seals, etc. He also asked the question about giving a break on property tax. The council also mentioned the idea of making it into a cardlock station so it could become a 24-hour pump and the new owner would not have to worry about an employee being there the entire time to pump their gas rather than driving all the way to Klawock to the nearest gas stations.

EXECTUVIE SESSION

KAMPNICH/MCKINLEY

Move to convene an executive session of the Craig city council to discuss matters, the immediate knowledge of which by law, municipal charter, or ordinance are required to be confidential; and matters on subjects that tend to the prejudice the reputation and character of any person; and matters involving consideration for government records that by law are not subject to public disclosure: City Administrator Performance Evaluation.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE

ADJOURNMENT

KAMPNICH/MCDONALD

Moved to adjourn at 9:00 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED on the 6 day of June, 2022

Tim O'Connor
MAYOR TIMOTHY O'CONNOR



Attest: Heather Mendonsa
HEATHER MENDONSA, CITY CLERK