

**CITY OF CRAIG
COUNCIL AGENDA
FEBRUARY 4, 2021
COUNCIL CHAMBERS 6:30 PM**

ROLL CALL

Mayor Tim O'Connor, Hannah Bazinet, Jim See, Julie McDonald, Michael Kampnich,
Chanel McKinley, Millie Schoonover

CONSENT AGENDA

Items listed below will be enacted by one motion. If separate discussion is desired on an item, that item may be removed and placed on the regular meeting agenda.

HEARING FROM THE PUBLIC

- Open for public comment

READING OF CORRESPONDENCE

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Consider Intervenor Status in Roadless Rule Litigation

NEW BUSINESS

COUNCIL COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

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CITY OF CRAIG
COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY FEBRUARY 4, 2021

ROLL CALL

Mayor Tim O'Connor called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m., and the roll was taken. Present were Julie McDonald, Hannah Bazinet, Michael Kampnich, Millie Schoonover, and Jim See by telephone. Chanel McKinley attended by telephone at 7:12 p.m.

Staff present: Brian Templin, City Planner; and Tracey Jensen, City Clerk

Audience present: None.

CONSENT AGENDA

None on the agenda.

HEARING FROM THE PUBLIC

No public attended this meeting. Staff had provided a letter to the council by Cheryl Fecko, dated February 2, 2021, in opposition to the city of Craig joining as an intervenor in the Roadless Rule litigation.

READING OF CORRESPONDENCE

None on the agenda.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

None on the agenda.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Consideration of Intervenor Status in Roadless Rule Litigation

Tracey Jensen said that we only have this item for the agenda, as a tabled motion that could be done by a voice vote.

Jim See said that Jon Bolling had mentioned, the maps do not really show that nothing is going to happen to the LUD II areas by eliminating the Roadless Rule. Jim said that we will still have Baker, Noyes, Lulu islands and those two giant areas on the middle of Prince of Wales. Jim explained that he is for responsible logging, but he is not in agreement with the federal government coming in and making the decisions, and that with the Biden Administration that he is unsure if it will do any good getting into this lawsuit. Jim said that the fish have come and gone, even though the area of Staney Creek and Hollis had been over-logged. Jim said that he believes those waters had produced multiple years of Humpy runs, but now something has happened to kill them off that has nothing to do with logging. Jim said that the logging did affect the Humpies at one time, but not any longer, but now they are gone again. Jim also said that Cheryl Fecko's letter was well written, and that he agreed with parts of the letter, but is for backing the lawsuit one more time, due to the new administration concerns. Jim expressed that

he believes that our people should push revamping the rules for deer habitat, and that is something that can be done on a different level.

Tim O'Connor said that he agrees with Jim See that the rules need to be revamped so they cannot destroy the stream side buffer zones, and those set aside areas that have been left before. Tim said that the Forest Service and the State of Alaska need to revamp their clear cutting that has destroyed the wolf dens, bedding and deer in those areas, and have left young clear cut that nothing could survive in. Tim said that the problems need to be fixed, but the Roadless Rule curtails so many extra items, that we must be careful not to throw the baby out with the bathwater. Tim said that he believes that we need to stay in our position on the Roadless Rule.

Michael Kampnich said that he does not support this lawsuit and feels there are a lot of other things the community can do with \$5,000. Mike stated that he believes the Roadless Rule is detrimental to our lifestyles and is having an impact on wildlife.

The Council discussed possibly supporting the lawsuit without contributing the money, and what the funding would go to as an intervenor.

Millie Schoonover said that she does not support this lawsuit for the same reasons that Michael Kampnich had mentioned. Millie said that she feels that there has been so much damage done in the past and hopes when logging begins again, that there are better practices. Millie said that she feels that the city is throwing money away by supporting the lawsuit, and that the Roadless Rule needs to be reworded.

Tim O'Connor said something different needs to be done if the island is to keep the 80 jobs that are in danger, and that the logging needs to be better managed. Tim stated that the city has contacted the other local Tribes and Sealaska to discuss the logging.

Michael Kampnich said that the Forest Service has been getting blamed but are caught in the middle by going by each administration change's direction.

Tim O'Connor said that he cannot back the Roadless Rule as it is politically motivated and not about management.

Jim See said that it was a one-hundred-year logging plan that was completed in thirty years, that caused the cutting of leave strips between the timbers, and there were other areas taken out of the rotation because of the Roadless Rule. Jim said that the Roadless Rule caused the cutting to not be as spread out.

The Council discussed enough council member for a quorum, whether to push off a vote, and the deadlines to respond to the request for participation in the litigation.

Channel McKinley joined by telephone at 7:12 p.m. and said that she did not need to look at the maps to vote on the motion.

KAMPNICH/MCKINLEY

Moved to adopt the recommendation to direct the staff to prepare a reply to Steve Silver's correspondence to participate as an Intervenor in support of the Forest Service's and State's defense of the Alaska Specific Roadless Rule against the complaint filed in the Federal District Court for the District of Alaska.

MOTION CARRIED BY ROLL CALL VOTE

HANNAH BAZINET - YES
MILLIE SCHOONOVER - NO
MIKE KAMPNICH - NO
JULIE MCDONALD - YES
CHANEL MCKINLEY - YES
JIM SEE - YES

NEW BUSINESS

None on the agenda.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

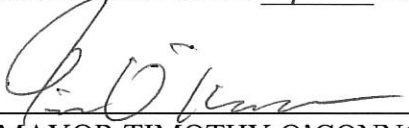
The council discussed the merits of opposition discussion.

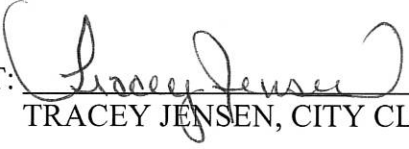
ADJOURNMENT

BAZINET/KAMPNICH

Moved to adjourn at 7:14 p.m.
MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED on the 4th day of March, 2021.


MAYOR TIMOTHY O'CONNOR

ATTEST: 
TRACEY JENSEN, CITY CLERK

