

CITY OF CRAIG  
COUNCIL MEETING  
THURSDAY OCTOBER 7, 2021

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**ROLL CALL**

Mayor Tim O'Connor called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. Present were Hannah Bazinet, Jim See, Millie Schoonover and Michael Kampnich. Chanel McKinley arrived at 6:34 p.m. and Julie McDonald was absent and excused.

**Staff present:** Jon Bolling, City Administrator; Sheri Purser, Treasurer; Jessica Holloway, Aquatic Director; Tracey Jensen, City Clerk; Brian Templin, City Planner; Hans Hjort, Harbormaster; RJ Ely, Police Chief; Russell Dill, Public Works Director and Victoria Merritt, Recreation Director.

Minnie Ellison, Fire/Ems Coordinator; Angela Matthews, Library Director and Doug Ward, Parks and Public Facilities Director attended by telephone.

**Audience present:** Pilar Mas, Michael Melendrez, Cathy Bolling, Patricia Conatser and Trampus Conatser were present. Ashley Knock attended via telephone.

**CANVASS ELECTION**

Tracey Jensen said there were four questioned ballots that the State of Alaska, Division of Elections declared ineligible due to each of the voter registrations addresses had not been changed to the city limits within the thirty-day deadline period required. The questioned ballots 1 through 4 remained unopened.

SCHOONOVER/KAMPNICH

Moved to approve the State of Alaska's recommendation on questioned ballots 1, 2, 3, and 4. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The absentee and special needs by representative votes were opened by the City Administrator and Clerk. The Clerk read aloud the votes while those votes were tallied by the Administrator, Council Members: Schoonover and Kampnich along with staff Jessica Holloway. The election results were as follows:

Mayor Two-Year Term

Tim O'Connor – 159  
Chaundell Piburn – 103  
Write-In – 0

City Council Seat C-Three Year Term

James See – 173  
Write-In – 74

City Council Seat D-Three Year Term

Hannah Bazinet – 130  
Trampus Conatser – 111  
Write-In – 6

School Board One-Year Term

Patricia Conatser – 143  
Jeremy Crews – 55  
Write-In – 32

School Board Three-Year Term

Joel Steenstra - 171

Write-In - 52

MCKINLEY/SCHOONOVER

Moved to approve to certify the 2021 City of Craig Municipal Election results.  
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Chief Election Judge, Ashley Knock said that the election was successful and had a good turn-out. Ashley described the votes tallied by the Election Judges

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. City Council Meeting Minutes of August 5, 2021
2. City Council Meeting Minutes of September 2, 2021

MCKINLEY/SCHOONOVER

Moved to accept the Consent Agenda.  
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**HEARING FROM THE PUBLIC**

None.

**REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS**

**Mayor-** Tim O'Connor relayed that the Alaska Trollers Association is requesting funds to keep the troll fishery organization alive in Southeast Alaska and that the absence of the organization would affect all types of salmon fishing, including charters and sport fishing. The mayor said that the State of Alaska along with other agencies are involved as well, but the organization needs funding to stay in the fight. Tim said that the council designated \$5,000 last year and that an additional \$2,500 may still be needed.

Tim explained that a recruitment committee had been formed to fill the City Administrator position and that he has appointed Councilmembers: Jim See, Julie McDonald, Millie Schoonover, and the public citizens that had submitted letters of interest: Dennis Watson, Barbara Stanley and Clinton Cook, Sr. Tim updated that five or six resumes had been submitted to date.

**Administrator-** Provided a written report. Jon Bolling said that the Forest Service would like to consolidate the Resource Advisory Committees (RACs) from its seven now around Southeast Alaska to only two consisting of: Northern Southeast and one for Southern Southeast, and that the Forest Service is proposing to combine the Prince of Wales RAC with Ketchikan, Wrangell and Petersburg. Jon said that he doesn't object to the combination but would like to draft a letter expressing the concerns of ensuring Prince of Wales former interests, representation and fundings remain to their respective regions. The council directed staff to compose the letter.

**Treasurer-** Provided a written report.

**Aquatic Manager-** We have limited staff, but one application has been submitted.

**Clerk-** Provided a written report. Tracey Jensen said that the next scheduled council meeting would be October 21, 2021.

**Planner-** Provided a written report. Brian Templin said that approximately 18-20 people attended the public harbor meetings held in September.

**Fire/EMS Coordinator-** Provided a written report.

**Harbormaster-** Provided a written report.

**Library-** Provided a written report. Angela Matthews said that she will be scheduling interviews for several applications that have been submitted for the part-time position.

**Police Chief-** Provided a written report.

**Public Works-** Provided a written report. Russell said that his department has made preparations and staged equipment for the storm that lasted from Friday through Sunday morning, had 5.42 inches of rain and 115 mph winds.

Councilwoman McKinley inquired about the new speed change from 15 mph to 20 mph at the 700 block on Port St. Nicholas Road continuing to the burn pit. Jon Bolling said that he would ensure that Public Works gets the direction to put the new signs in place.

**Recreation-** Victoria Merritt said that she has been on vacation but that she did submit a Harvest Festival flyer which will be this Saturday, will have a hula hoop contest and a chili cook off. Victoria plans another community clean-up this week.

**Parks and Public Facilities-** Provided a written report. Tim O'Connor said that he noticed household trash in the Ralph James Park dumpsters. Doug Ward said that household garbage dumped into city dumpsters has been happening in various locations and for many years. The council directed staff to set up game cameras at garbage dumpster sites and to move them to other sites occasionally.

#### **READING OF CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Alaska Municipal League 71<sup>st</sup> Annual Local Government Conference Information
2. Southeast By the Numbers 2021 Economy Article
3. September 16, 2021, Craig City School District Parent and Community Letter
4. August 31, 2021, Alaska Permanent Capital Management Statement
5. State of Alaska DCCED 2021 Full Value Determination
6. September 29, 2021, Governor Dunleavy Land Exchange Press Release

## **CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES**

### **1. Resolution 21-18, Transboundary Mine Activity**

Councilman Kampnich said that the council agreed with the previously written resolution submitted to the city by Salmon Beyond Borders, but with the removal of the broad United Nations language in it. However, Councilman Kampnich relayed that he had spoken with the group coordinators that further explained why they feel the proposed language is necessary and that the original language should be readded.

SCHOONOVER/BAZINET Moved to adopt an Amended Resolution 21-18, A Resolution of Support for a Permanent Ban on Tailings Dams and for a Temporary Halt to the Permitting, Exploration, Development, and Expansion of Canadian Mines Along Alaska-British Columbia Transboundary Salmon Rivers Until an International Agreement on Watershed Protections is Implemented.

### **2. Resolution 21-19, Setting Fees for Senior Citizen Sales Tax Exemption Cards**

SEE/BAZINET

Moved to adopt the dated October 8, 2021, Resolution 21-19, Setting Fee for Senior Sales Tax Exempt Cards. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY ROLL CALL VOTE

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **1. Appointments to City Administrator Recruitment Committee**

Jon Bolling explained that recruitment committee has been appointed to fill the administrator position and that the council does have the municipal code authority to reject any nominations. The council had no objections to any applicants to date.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Review Draft Maps from the Alaska Redistricting Board**

Jon Bolling outlined the Alaska Election Redistricting process that is set each decade and added that each of those had been litigated for the past 40 years. Jon asked for council preferences as the comment deadline is set for November 10, 2021. Mayor O'Connor directed the council to come to a consensus before the council next meeting set for November 4, 2021, or before to allow enough time for staff to compose a comment letter.

KAMPNICH/SCHOONOVER

Moved to Approve the Fiscal Year 2020 Financial Audit.  
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **2. Discuss Relocation of North Cove Machine Shop Equipment**

Councilman Kampnich described the shop and equipment history and said the Demmert family is willing to give it away. The council discussed how good of shape the equipment is in and that it is still functional, with the exception of a missing engine that could possibly be acquired. Councilman Kampnich said that he inquired as to equipment clean-up and moving costs and

was given a ballpark figure of \$25,000 to take down the house. The council agreed to have Councilman Kampnich and staff look into agreements for potential cost sharing of the house removal, possible equipment acquisition and storage.

**3. Consideration of Supplemental Appropriation for Staff Training**

Russell Dill said classes were available to all. Mayor O'Connor directed staff to notify the other communities of the wastewater classes as it is an island wide issue.

MCKINLEY/SCHOONOVER

Moved to Appropriate \$1,750.00 to Water Account 22-5420, and \$1,750.00 to Wastewater Account 21-5420. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**4. Consideration for Appropriation for Port St. Nicholas Road Storm Response**

Russell Dill said that the department purchased supplies, including barricades and sandbags in preparation of a possible storm response.

KAMPNICH/BAZINET

Moved to Approve Supplemental Appropriation Funds in the amount of \$5,380 for Port St. Nicholas Storm Response Supplies. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

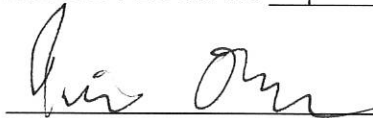
Councilman Kampnich said that the United States Forest Service has a \$25 million economic fund would like to see some of the funding utilized on old growth forests. The council directed staff to draft a letter requesting a portion of the funding be utilized on equipment, research, outreach, and the University of Alaska study to further develop the old growth timber industry and to include Sealaska Corporation in it.


**ADJOURNMENT**

KAMPNICH/BAZINET

Moved to adjourn at 8:53 p.m. MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2021.

  
MAYOR TIMOTHY O'CONNOR

ATTEST:   
TRACEY JENSEN, CITY CLERK

