

CITY OF CRAIG  
COUNCIL MEETING  
THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 2022

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**ROLL CALL:**

Mayor Tim O'Connor called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. and the roll was taken. Julie McDonald, Jim See, Millie Schoonover, Chanel McKinley, and Timothy O'Connor were present. Michael Kampnich was absent excused. Hannah Bazinet was absent.

**Staff Present:** Brian Templin, City Administrator; Heather Mendonsa, City Clerk; Samantha Wilson, City Planner; V. Tsai, EMS Coordinator; Jessica Holloway, Aquatics Manager;

**Audience Present:** Lacie Lester, Jennifer Creighton, Donald Nickerson, Sandy Curtis, and Kimberly Wojtak attended the meeting.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Meeting Minutes June 2, 2022
2. Klawock Totem Taxi Renewal

SHOONOVER/MCKINLEY

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VOTE

**HEARING FROM THE PUBLIC**

Resolution 22-16 Pool Passes for Elected Officials

Jennifer Creighton, the Waverunner and Swim Coach, and member of Liberty Church, discussed the needs for the school lunch program, which has been discontinued for the summer. Liberty Church has been feeding the students. It is a huge financial burden to bear, and she requested help from the city. A few members of the community also spoke about the Liberty Church request for money. Sandy Curtis explained that Dockside is purchasing food for them at wholesale cost. They are also helping with the daily preparation. Brian Templin recommended that this be put on the agenda again as an action item for July. Discretionary funding will be available after July 1 for the new fiscal year. Councilwoman McDonald asked Sandy to please ask Cody, the pastor, if we can have the dollar amount they are short? Councilwoman Schoonover asked if other entities have been asked to help contribute and some possibilities of other businesses were discussed.

Jennifer also advocated to keep the pool open. She suggested creating a mission statement and strategic plan to help it function better. She would like to be a part of the committee. Councilman See clarified that there has been no discussion of the pool closing. Jessica Holloway also confirmed that the reason the pool has been closed periodically is because she has not had any applicants that meet the standards for the lifeguard position. Mayor O'Connor asked Jennifer for a list of names of parents who are involved with the swim team who might be willing to become certified and help with the pool so the hours can be extended. Councilwoman McDonald suggested putting together a pool advisory committee. Brian said there will be a restructuring of the recreation

department in October or November, so this would be a good time to look at the need for a recreation advisory committee. Jennifer was concerned with the closures because the swim team is supposed to start on August 3. She is coach certified, not lifeguard certified, but she is willing to do what is needed to obtain the lifeguard certification to help keep the pool open. Brian said this needs further discussion and he will speak with Jennifer.

**READING OF CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Research Shows Growing Kelp Helps Reduce Ocean Acidification
2. Craig City Food Program Funding Request, Liberty Church

The council asked that this be placed on the next meeting agenda for consideration.

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES**

Resolution 22-16, Pool Passes for Elected Officials

SCHOONER/MCKINLEY

Moved to approve Resolution 22-16 to amend the city of Craig Employee Handbook allowing pool passes for elected officials.

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. Comments to Senate Energy & Water Committee on Landless Bill

Councilman See said people don't understand that Sealaska and four major corporations have already impacted the island who took 120,000 acres off the Prince of Wales. Brian spoke with Steve Silver about adding previous selections to the testimony. Brian said he is currently working to clarify the number of Sealaska and village corporation selections and will include a discussion about the mental health trust and other land selections from POW and include that discussion in the testimony.

MCKINLEY/SCHOONOVER

Moved to approve the attached comments to the Senate Energy & Water Committee on Landless Bill with the added comments suggested by the council.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Consider confirmation of EMS Coordinator Appointment for V. Tsai

SEE/MCDONALD

Move to approve confirmation of EMS Coordinator appointment for V. Tsai

2. Liberty Church Access Permit

Councilman See and Bazinet complimented Samantha Wilson for the well thought out planning in the memo. She thanked them. Councilman See continued to say as long as it does not pre-empt city plans this looks good. The drive-in movie events will need to be approved by Jessica Holloway.

Brian mentioned that no formal action needed and reminded the council that they had asked to see access permits that may have a higher public impact before they are approved.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilman See asked if the money to close out the account was sent yet? Brian confirmed it was not. See suggested with all the action going on in the stock market we should sit on the money for a few more months until the market settles. Brian agreed and said APCM is aware of the market conditions and is ok with slowly investing the money as the market conditions allow.

Councilwoman McKinley wanted clarification on the fuel tax for certain fishermen which was discussed last month. Brian responded by saying it is not for specific people. He clarified the discussion was for all fuel. An executive session will be scheduled to review this because it will contain confidential information. If something is done it will be for the entire community.

Councilwoman Schoonover asked about job openings with the city. We are currently searching for a treasurer. The police department is still down a sergeant and a full-time officer. RJ Ely has been working a lot of hours. The DMV will go back to opening on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Councilwoman McKinley asked about why the treasurer position is still open. Brian explained that the city had offered the job to two candidates. One had already accepted another position by the time the job was offered, and the other wanted more money for moving to the island and the position. He is considering offering someone a higher rate for a short contract for six months to a year. Sheri Purser is still working remotely and came up when the auditor was here. She will likely come up again to help close out the fiscal year and open up the new one. She is willing to continue working into September, if needed. Councilwoman Schoonover said one potential applicant did not want the job because overseeing the grants as well as being the head accountant was too much. Brian would like to hear more about that.

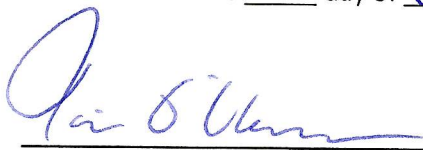
Councilwoman Schoonover is the coordinator for the High School swim team. The high school is having a fundraiser raffle.

**ADJOURNMENT**

SEE/SCHOONER

Moved to adjourn at 7:30 p.m.  
MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED on the 7 day of July, 2022

  
MAYOR TIMOTHY O'CONNOR

ATTEST:   
HEATHER MENDONSA, CITY CLERK



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