

CITY OF CRAIG
COUNCIL MINUTES
October 5, 2023

ROLL CALL

Mayor Tim O'Connor called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm. Present were Mayor Tim O'Connor, Hannah Bazinet, Cody Schwegel, Julie McDonald, Michael Kampnich (telephonic), and Chanel McKinley. Millie Schoonover was absent excused.

CANVASS ELECTION

Staff reported that there were five questioned ballots that the council needed to approve or reject as part of the 2023 elections. The clerk reported that there were four questioned ballots that appeared to be non eligible because the voters were not registered in the Craig voting precinct by the required date. The clerk reported that one of the questioned ballots was eligible to vote. A motion was made and seconded to reject the four ineligible ballots and accept the one eligible questioned ballot.

MCKINLEY/BAZINET

MOTION PASSED (5-0)

There was a brief recess while the clerk and administrator opened all of the absentee ballots and the eligible questioned ballot. After all ballots were opened, separated from the envelopes, and shuffled the votes were read aloud and tallied. The administrator read out the ballots while staff tallied the results on the white board and staff, election judges and council members tallied the votes. After all absentee, eligible questioned, and by representative were counted the resulting tally was added to the election night results. The winners were:

Mayor – Kasey Smith

Council Seat A – Josh Bennett

Council Seat C – Cody Schwegel

Council Seat E – Millie Schoonover

Three Year School Board Seats – Josh Andrews and Ben Page

Two Year School Board Seat – Julie McDonald

The council thanked the election judges for their work this year. A motion was made and seconded to approve the results of the 2023 Craig Municipal Election.

MCKINLEY/BAZINET

MOTION PASSED (5-0)

The council extended additional thanks to the election workers and thanked the mayor and council members who were moving on and welcomed the candidates elected to the various seats.

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.

- Meeting minutes of September 14, 2023

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the consent agenda.

HEARING FROM THE PUBLIC

Clinton Cook commented against the recent proposal by Ketchikan to have their non-rural designation rescinded. The council discussed the issue and stated that they were strongly opposed.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor – Tim reported on meetings and information that he and Brian had while in Sitka for SE Conference the previous week.

Administrator – Submitted a written report. Added that the city should submit comments regarding the Ketchikan rural subsistence issue.

Treasurer – Submitted a written report. Kimber added that our auditor had recently notified us that she was no longer going to be doing the Craig audit. Kimber said that we are working on a request for proposals for a new auditor.

Clerk – Submitted a written report. Said she had been working primarily on election issues.

Planner – Submitted a written report.

Fire/EMS – Venessa said that she had been working on billing issues and that most recent billing was caught up and that they were working back to catch up other billing issues.

Harbormaster – Hans talked about the temporary fix to the anchor chains for the floating breakwater.

Library – Submitted a written report.

Police Chief – Submitted a written report. RJ reported that they had filled the split position (DMV/EMS) and were getting the employee updated on dispatch and waiting for DMV training.

Public Works – Oliver Lewis, the new public works director reported that he had just started in the position on Monday and that he was busy getting acquainted with staff and the public works functions.

Recreation – Did not submit a report.

READING OF CORRESPONDENCE

- Treasure Chest-Marijuana Licensing. No comments were made on this issue.
- USDA- “Ketchikan to Rescind Nonrural Designation”. The council continued discussion on the issue. Brian reminded the council that there would be an in person meeting in Klawock on October 23rd but suggested that we submit comments in writing as well. The council agreed.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

1. Ordinance #764 – Second Reading- Expanding Range of Modular Buildings Allowed in Mobile Home Parks and Adjustments to Mobile Home Park Standards. Samantha Wilson spoke briefly on the ordinance and answered council questions. A motion was made and seconded to approve Ordinance 764.

KAMPNICH/MCKINLEY

MOTION PASSED
ROLL CALL 5 – 0

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business on the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business on the agenda.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Julie stated that this was her last meeting since she had been elected to a school board seat. She thanked the council for her time and said it had been a pleasure to serve on the council.

Tim said that he enjoyed his time as mayor and enjoyed working with the council and staff.

Michael thanked Tim for his service and hard work as mayor.

Cody said that his time on council was short, but pleasant.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm.

MCKINLEY/MCDONALD

MOTION PASSED (5 – 0)

TIM O'CONNOR, MAYOR

ATTEST: BRIAN TEMPLIN, ADMINISTRATOR