

CITY OF CRAIG
COUNCIL MINUTES
October 19, 2023

ROLL CALL

Mayor Kasey Smith called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. Present were Kasey Smith, Hannah Bazinet, Josh Bennett, Michael Kampnich, and Millie Schoonover. Absent excused were Cody Shwegel and Chanel McKinley.

Audience Present: June Durgan and Craig Standlee. Peter Flint was present telephonically.

Staff Present: Samantha Wilson, Planner; Brian Templin, Administrator; Veronica Dandurand, Clerk Pro Tem.

SWEARING IN OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor asked if any council members still needed to sworn in. All council members stated they had been sworn in.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

SCHOONOVER/KAMPNICH

MOTION PASSED (4-0)

HEARING FROM THE PUBLIC

Craig Standlee was present to talk about the lease of the JT Brown Subdivision. Craig asked the council to not require pollution insurance for the first year. He said he would get an emergency response policy. Sam did mention that the draft lease didn't require pollution insurance for the first year and that she would add the language about the emergency response insurance.

June Durgan congratulated the Mayor and had hoped to see a swearing in ceremony. Some council members agreed with June that an official swearing in would be good and staff members would work on that.

READING OF CORRESPONDENCE

ADN Article – Alaska Moves to Restrict Cannabis Like Products Derived from Hemp. No comments were made about this item.

Ketchikan Non-Rural Designation Action – City Comment Letter. Millie commented that matters this important need to be signed by the Mayor. Council members discussed the upcoming meeting at the VOCTECH Center on October, 25th. Kasey and Brian said they both intended to be at the meeting.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

No resolutions or ordinances on the agenda.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Final Approval of a lease of city property to Craig Standlee dba CFI Industries of a portion of Lot 7, JT Brown Subdivision. Mr. Craig Standlee was present to answer questions. The council discussed the lease and Mr. Standlee's comments made earlier in the meeting. The council discussed adding language regarding the emergency response insurance. A motion was made and seconded to approve the lease of a portion of Lot 7 JT Brown Subdivision to Mr. Craig Standlee including a requirement for emergency response insurance.

KAMPNICH/BAZINET

MOTION PASSED (4-0)

2. Final Approval of a lease of city property to Alaska Department of Natural Resources of a portion of the warehouse located on Lot 4B, Block 27A, USS 1430. Mr. Peter Flint, Alaska DNR was available by phone to answer questions. Staff described to the council that there was some differences in the language in this lease vs other leases due to the way the states operates. Staff said they consulted with the city attorney, staff said it was an acceptable risk.

KAMPNICH/BENNETT

MOTION PASSED (4-0)

3. City of Craig Comments on S.1889, Landless Bill. Staff briefed the council on City's history of comments on the Landless Bill. Staff informed the council that there was a hearing scheduled in the Seante for the week of the 23rd. Mike Kampnich commented that when Mayor O'Connor testified on the Bill there was language about watershed protection that should be included in the letter. The council asked to add a modified version of the following language:

“None of the villages is located on Prince of Wales Island which already is home to four ANCSA village corporations, located in Craig , Klawock, Kasaan, and Hydaburg. These ANCSA Village Corporations are traditional villages with ancestral ties to POW. The potential selection of land at Lake Bay is especially concerning. Lake Bay is one of the main entrances to a watershed area that encompasses over 50 square miles of forest and many lakes, ponds, rivers and streams that are critical salmon spawning and rearing habitat. Some of the named lakes include Barnes Lake, Sweetwater Lake, Hatchery Lake and Lake Galea as well as Logjam and Galligan Creeks, which are all critical to sustainable salmon runs.

A land selection at Lake Bay will very likely lead to some type of future development at one of the main entrances to this very productive watershed. History and experience show us that even the best planned developments within any salmon watershed inevitably have a long-term detrimental effect on productivity.

The City of Craig believes the best interest of the watershed is to keep the proposed selection area as part of the Tongass National Forest.”

Staff said they would modify the language regarding POWCAC and send a copy of the final letter to the council as well as forwarding it to Steve Silver in D.C. A motion was made and seconded to approve the comments on the Landless Bill including the additional comments discussed.

BENNETT/BAZINET

MOTION PASSED (4-0)

NEW BUSINESS

No new business listed on the agenda.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel issues related to the Craig City Clerk. A motion was made and seconded to move to executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel issues related to the City Clerk.

KAMPNICH/BENNETT

MOTION PASSED (4-0)

The council went into a brief recess to clear the room and turn off the recorder. The council moved into executive session.

At the end of the executive session discussion a motion was made and seconded to move back into open session.

SCHOONOVER/KAMPNICH

MOTION PASSED (4-0)

COUNCIL COMMENTS

There were no council comments.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

KAMPNICH/BAZINET

MOTION PASSED (4-0)

APPROVED ON THE _____ DAY OF _____, 2023.

TIM O'CONNOR, MAYOR

VERONICA DANDURAND, CLERK PRO TEM