

CITY OF CRAIG  
COUNCIL MEETING  
THURSDAY MARCH 7, 2013

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**ROLL CALL**

Mayor Dennis Watson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and the roll was taken. Present were, Joni Kuntz, Jim See, Don Pierce, Mike Douville, Greg Head, and Wanda Rice.

**Staff present:** Jon Bolling, City Administrator; Nicole Robison, Aquatic Manager, Kassi Knock, City Clerk; Ron Macintosh, Public Works Director; RJ Ely, Police Chief; Joyce Mason, Treasurer; Amy Marshall, Librarian.

**Audience present:** Pete Rice, Jeff Music, Renee Rue.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

The consent agenda was presented, it contained:

- City Council Minutes of February 21, 2013
- Vehicle for Hire Application from Jeff Music
- Liquor License Renewals
- Introduction and first reading of Ordinance 649, Sale of city property at Lot 6, Park Place Subdivision to Tyler Rental
- Introduction and first reading of Ordinance 650, Terms of a lease of city-owned property Tract A, Craig Cannery Subdivision with Mr. Don Thomas
- Introduction and first reading of Ordinance 651, Sale of city property at Lot 1, Block 4 Crab Cove Heights Subdivision with Mr. Fred Ensign
- Introduction and first reading of Ordinance 652, Rezoning a portion of Tract E USS 1429 from Commercial to Residential High Density 1

PIERCE/HEAD

moved to approve the consent agenda with the following amendments; Mayor Watson requested that Jeff Music's Vehicle for Hire Application be put under new business. Mike Douville would like to have Ordinance 651 moved to Consideration of Resolutions and Ordinances for discussion. MOTION CARRIED

**HEARING FROM THE PUBLIC**

Final Reading and Public Hearing for Ordinance 648, Additions to Craig Endowment Fund Investment Policies Chapter 3.15.050 (A)(9) and Chapter 3.15.055 (B)(3)

Renee Rue came and spoke on behalf of Mountain View Cab, and her brother, owner Albert Owen. Renee is the main driver for the business, and had an agreement with Jeff Music when he sold her the business. Renee expressed concern about the lack of business on the island, and what another cab company might mean for Mountain View Cab. Presented to the Council by Renee was a signed petition with sixty signatures on it, as well as a letter from a patron of Mountain View Cab opposing the application from Jeff Music. Mayor Watson conveyed that the Council does not tell businesses they cannot operate in Craig because there are other businesses in the same industry. Joni added that competition only makes a business better. Chief Ely

mentioned that there have been random stops and insurance checks by his staff, all of which were satisfactory.

## **REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS**

Mayor- Mayor Watson reported the Capital Budget is looking grim for Craig after visiting Juneau. Greg asked about the new Representative Kreiss-Tomkins, and Mayor Watson was impressed with how attentive the Representative was. Mayor Watson also commented that the lack of funding is putting a damper on Southeast Alaska. The timing of his trip to Ketchikan for IFA business was beneficial as he was able to be present at the borough assembly meeting there to comment on the borough study of Prince of Wales and the discussion on whether or not to annex the Island. Mayor Watson was able to bring up reasons why this annexation would be detrimental to Prince of Wales.

Administrator- Jon added to his staff report that there is a budget workshop with the school district if any council would like to attend.

Treasurer- The assessors were here this week, and there were more sales than usual this year. The server is in, and will be installed next week.

Aquatic Manager- Nicole provided a written report.

City Clerk- Kassi provided a written report.

City Planner- Absent excused.

EMS Coordinator- Chaundell provided a written report.

Harbormaster- Absent excused.

Police Chief- RJ provided a written report. Joni commented on the litter on the side of the road that indicates an increase in “huffing” around Craig. RJ has been in contact with the AC manager and they have been working together to secure the products in the store that can be abused by kids.

Public Works-Ron attended the SDS conference in Juneau last week. Scrap metal barge was here last week, and will be back again. Train 4 and Train 1 are complete with rebuild, and Train 2 and Train 3 will be started next week.

Parks and Rec-Absent excused.

Library-Amy provided a written report. The OWL project has been cut for funding. The Chamber of Commerce’s raffle is split among the libraries, and Amy would like to begin a new account for the expansion of the library including the portion of the raffle as well as income from book sales.

## **READING OF CORRESPONDENCE**

Sales Tax History Day

## CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

**Resolution 13-03, Opposing Aquabounty Technologies, Inc's application to market genetically modified Atlantic salmon in the U.S.**

PIERCE/RICE moved to approve Resolution 13-03.  
MOTION CARRIED.

**Resolution 13-04, Initiating the 2013 Tax Free Day April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

PIERCE/KUNTZ motion to adopt Resolution 13-04.  
MOTION CARRIED.

**Resolution 13-05, Supporting purchase of services- SE Senior Services grant proposal**

PIERCE/KUNTZ motion to adopt Resolution 13-05 as amended in the final draft.  
MOTION CARRIED.

**Resolution 13-06, Supporting Senate Bill 60**

PIERCE/SEE motion to adopt Resolution 13-06.  
MOTION CARRIED.

**Ordinance 648, additions to the Craig Endowment Fund Investment Policies Chapters 3.15.050 (A)(9) and Chapter 3.15.055 (B)(3)**

PIERCE/HEAD motion to adopt Ordinance 648.  
MOTION CARRIED

**Introduction and First Reading of Ordinance 651, Sale of city property at Lot 1 Block 4 Crab Cove Heights Subdivision with Mr. Fred Ensign**

PIERCE/DOUVILLE motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 651.

Jon clarified the process for disposal of city property. The Council makes the final decision on the method of disposal. Jim asked about the services. Jon explained the process for instillation of services. Jim See expressed the need for residential housing in Craig. Staff is working toward this goal.  
MOTION CARRIED.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**Draft letter regarding the Tongass National Forest Plan Five-year Review-** Jon would like additional time to prepare the draft as the comment deadline has been extended. The letter will be based on the POWCAC letter drafted last month.

**Sealaska Lands Bill Discussion-** Mayor Watson expressed concern for all the loggers that are working off island and away from family. Joni mentioned that the high school population is down to 78, and it could be due to the decline of the timber industry. Joni's main concern is having jobs that will keep people on the island. Jim See doesn't agree with the land that Sealaska has closed. Mike is concerned that this is an opportunity for Sealaska to get the prime timber without addressing the City's concerns. Mike is also concerned about the old village sites, sacred sites, and economic sites. The Bill is limiting the land that residents are able to subsistence harvest. Mike commented that this is a large impact on everyone. Mike mentioned that they were told the Sealaska bill would stand on its own or not at all, but now it seems it will be written on to another bill. Mike would support the bill after a few alterations. Mayor Watson will draft a letter addressing the larger bill and then the pre-selection, and the reasons why the Council cannot support it and have the Council approve it.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Tanner Crab Court Extension/ Salmonberry Subdivision utilities bid solicitation**

PIERCE/SEE

moved to authorize staff to direct R&M Engineering to proceed with bid solicitations for the Tanner Crab Court Extension and Salmonberry Subdivision utility installation and to work on a method of financing the improvements.

Jon explained that the need for housing in Craig, and the need for additional funding to install these utilities. The bids will come back to the Council prior to making a selection. Staff will put this item to bid. MOTION CARRIED

**Continuation of stipend pay for volunteer medics**

PIERCE/KUNTZ

moved to authorize staff to continue paying the EMT's on a per call basis on a rate established by the City Council from January to June 2013.

The Council authorized stipend pay for medics until December of 2012 and Chaundell would like to extend it through the fiscal year. Joyce would like to add that EMT's are not contractors, and if pay exceeded \$600 they will need a 1099. The safer course would be to set the EMT's up as part time employees. Jon and Joyce will be revising the employee job classifications, in which case they could write in the on-call EMT's under their own classification.

MOTION CARRIED

**Proposal from Communities of Distinction Program**

Mayor Watson mentioned the 19,500 dollars for the show Communities of Distinction to come and spend time in Craig. The Council was opposed to appropriating funds for this purpose.

**Cannery Property Boardwalk Maintenance**

PIERCE/HEAD

motions to authorize staff to restart work on the cannery point park project using donated funds and the City general funds based upon subsequent council appropriation.

Jon would like some direction on whether or not the council would like to see the Cannery boardwalk redone, or taken out and replaced with a gravel pathway. The Council agreed that the cost to replace the boardwalk was not proportionate to the use of the boardwalk. Joni requested to have a public hearing for the residents to have a chance to comment on the decision. Mayor Watson would like to wait until we have couple more meetings with public comment to begin this project.

**Vehicle for Hire application from Jeff Music**

PIERCE/DOUVILLE

moved to accept the Vehicle for Hire application from Jeff Music.

MOTION CARRIED

**ADJOURNMENT**

HEAD/KUNTZ:

Moved to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_

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ATTEST \_\_\_\_\_

MAYOR DENNIS WATSON

KASSI KNOCK, CITY CLERK