

CITY OF CRAIG  
COUNCIL MEETING  
THURSDAY FEBRUARY 19, 2015

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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, Jim See, Joni Kuntz, Jan Storbakken, Don Pierce, Hannah Bazinet and Mike Douville.

**Staff present:** Jon Bolling, City Administrator; Joyce Mason, Treasurer; Kassi Bateman, City Clerk; Brian Templin, City Planner; RJ Ely, Police Chief; Ron McIntosh, Public Works Director; Victoria Merrit, Parks and Recreation Director; Amy Marshall, Librarian.

**Audience present:** Leonard Williams, Andy Deering, Lisa Radke, Karen Marquardt, Randall Morgan, Ron Pierce, Edna Pierce, Faith Lazo, Frank Lazo, William Coffman, Wayne Baxter, Sam Thomas, Richard Trojan.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

No consent agenda was presented.

**HEARING FROM THE PUBLIC**

- Final Reading and Public Hearing of Ordinance 663, Moratorium on Establishment of Retail Marijuana Establishments
- Final Reading and Public Hearing of Ordinance 664, Defining “Public Place” as to the consumption of marijuana

Leonard Williams requested for the wording “permanent” under the classification section of Ordinance 664 to be changed.

Karen Marquardt spoke on Alaska State Statutes Section 17.38.110 Local Control regarding marijuana regulations and requested that the ordinance was opened up to a public vote.

Randall Morgan expressed concern that the council was not implementing the law as the majority would like. Randall requests the residents of Craig vote on this issue.

Sam Thomas is concerned for the students and exposure to the sale and consumption of marijuana. Sam is involved in the transit plan and would like to see regulations implementing a certain amount of feet from bus stops, youth centers, schools etc... Sam noted that the City would not need to reinvent the process; many municipalities have begun the process for outlining public place in terms of consumption and sale.

Richard Trojan commented on Ordinance 664, and his agreement with the wording and outlining of public place. Richard questioned the necessity of stopping the acceptance of licenses here

without the state having set the regulations. Richard requested for the council to either table the ordinance, or vote it down until the State gets their regulations settled.

Andy Deering questioned the need to vote on this right now, but would like to see it tabled until the Alaska regulations are in place.

Jon responded that the State will not begin accepting applications for the commercial sale of marijuana in Craig the end of February 2016, and the moratorium provides the city with 30 extra days to decide if the commercial sale needs to be regulated more or if it works for Craig.

Frank Lazo expressed concern about the process for initiating these laws, and the problems that have arisen with other states that have approved the use/sale of marijuana. The potential to sell and consume is there, but it is a wait and see process and nothing is written in stone. Frank would like to wait and see and help work with the process.

Ron Pierce does not want to see restrictions on marijuana.

Richard Trojan doesn't believe the city needs to approve the moratorium, and if they do, Richard requested an amendment to change the March 31, 2016 time frame to have this issue being put to a vote on the next regular election, or on a special election.

Mike Douville mentioned that the ordinance is just asking for an additional 30 days beyond the state's deadline. Mike expressed that the council is not saying no, just working towards regulations that fit Craig.

William Coffman questioned if anyone had decided where marijuana may be sold at here in Craig.

Mayor Watson mentioned that it would go to planning and zoning commission, and depend on the regulations passed by the state and the city.

Jim mentioned that the possible vote in an election would depend on the state's regulations, and it would be difficult to determine the wording on the ballot.

## **READING OF CORRESPONDENCE**

### **CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES**

#### **Ordinance 663, Moratorium on Establishment of Retail Marijuana Establishments**

PIERCE/SEE

moved to postpone Ordinance 663 until April 2, 2015.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### **Ordinance 664, Defining "public place" as to the consumption of marijuana.**

SEE/KUNTZ

moved to approve Ordinance 664.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY ROLL CALL VOTE

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Consider Workshop with Steve Silver**

Jon planned a meeting with Steve Silver while he is in Craig this month. Any available council will attend.

**ADJOURNMENT**

DOUVILLE/STORBAKKEN: moved to adjourn at 8:28 p.m.  
MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_

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MAYOR DENNIS WATSON

ATTEST \_\_\_\_\_  
KASSI BATEMAN, CITY CLERK