

CITY OF CRAIG
COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY MAY 7, 2015

ROLL CALL

Mayor Dennis Watson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and the roll was taken. Present were, Jim See, Hannah Bazinet, Jan Storbakken, Don Pierce and Mike Douville. Absent Excused was Joni Kuntz.

Staff present: Jon Bolling, City Administrator; Jessica Holloway, Aquatic Center Manager; Joyce Mason, Treasurer; Kassi Bateman, City Clerk; Brian Templin, City Planner; Mike Peel, Harbormaster; Amy Marshall, Librarian; RJ Ely, Police Chief; Ron McIntosh, Public Works Director; Victoria Merrit, Parks and Recreation Manager;

Audience present:

CONSENT AGENDA

PIERCE/STORBAKKEN

moved to approve the consent agenda.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PIERCE/SEE

moved to postpone Ordinance 663 until September.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

HEARING FROM THE PUBLIC

Superintendent Jack Walsh was present to speak on behalf of the Craig School District. Jack wanted to recognize some of the council members for their help with school events and support.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor/IFA- Mayor Watson gave a brief update on the harbor haul-out trailer. The Harbor staff is waiting on parts, but plan to have the boat hauler up and running soon in preparation for the upcoming fishing season. Mayor Watson also mentioned that the new Hollis dock should be finished shortly after June 1st. The legislature has provided a grant for the IFA to provide limited service from Coffman Cove to Wrangell and South Mitkoff.

Administrator- Provided a written report, but would like to discuss the POWER building. Jon met with staff regarding this matter, and the POWER board would like to stay in the building and make renovations to it. The board has had a few contractors going through the building. Jon will provide the council with the written estimations for the renovations. POWER has been saving money to meet the capital costs for repairs. The Rasmussen Foundation may also have grant funds for this type of project. Jon would like direction from the Council about which way to go with this project whether it is demolition, or repair or another option. Jim See would like to see the contractor's assessment of the building to make an informed decision. The council agrees. Mike Douville discussed the observations rules for fishing, and the frustrations for boat owners. Jon will follow up on this subject.

Treasurer- Joyce provided a summary of the first nine months of FY15. The third quarter sales tax numbers are down from last year, but still within the projections for the year.

Aquatic Manager- Provided a written report.

City Clerk- Kassi turned in the information for the Premium Credit Application which is based upon the City's safety program. The newsletter went out early this month and another will be out late summer. Senior card renewals begin June 15th. Non-profit cards are up to date. Two applicants thus far for the council seat and the application deadline is May 8th. All signed Ordinances and Resolutions are going up on the webpage. Next meeting is May 21st.

City Planner- Provided a written report.

EMS Coordinator- Absent Excused

Harbormaster- Provided a written report. Mike would also add that the new delivery system and compressor arrived for the Ice House. Staff predicts installation to be next week. The boat hauler part will arrive tomorrow, then will be back online for splashes and hauls. Mike asked if there was a better way to have the parking lot at North Cove arranged. Jim See was also concerned about the long term parking next to the harbormaster building. Mike Peel plans to install signage directing customers to park elsewhere after a certain amount of time, and will also look into North Cove Harbor parking solutions.

Library- Amy Marshall reported that there is a \$5,000 check that accompanies the National Medal Award which should be received shortly. Amy had planned to have some of the Aquatic Center Staff help with summer reading, but may need to rethink this due to the potential for the pool to stay open this summer. The OWL program may not be funded this year, so the internet at the library may be in danger of becoming unfunded. Staff will keep the council informed regarding internet funding.

Police Chief- Provided a written report. RJ had a surprise visit from the Federal Government on Tuesday for TWIC screening and Hazmat. The Police Department passed with no negative marks.

Public Works- Provided a written report. Mayor Watson asked about the dDam project. Ketchikan Redi-mix is at the dam laying the foundation work.

Parks and Rec- Victoria reported that the Spring Bazaar went very well. Victoria will finish the hanging baskets tomorrow, and they will be up in time for the Marathon. Yoga will begin next week at the rec center. Gymnastics is also gearing up. Victoria will be announcing the marathon runners as they finish.

Parks and Public Facilities- New employee starts work June 1st.

READING OF CORRESPONDENCE

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Consider Appropriation for Big Thorne Timber Sale Appeal Legal Fees
PIERCE/DOUVILLE

moved to authorize appropriation of \$3,000 to pay for costs incurred from legal fees at the federal court of appeals level to defend the Big Thorne Timber Sale.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

Consider Approval, Craig City School District FY16 Budget

Jack Walsh explained that because the session hasn't ended, the school district is still waiting on the final numbers for the budget. The School Board has approved the budget; however it doesn't look like the session will end soon. There are no assurances that the funding for the positions that have been cut will be returned to the budget. The council agreed to vote on this at the May 21st meeting.

Clint O'Connor Variance Denial

Brian Templin gave a brief description of the variance denial for Clint O'Connor, and noted that an appeal had not yet been filed. Mayor Watson commented that he was unsure why it had been denied, and was curious if the process for appeal would still be open. Brian mentioned that he would accept an appeal on this matter. Mayor Watson will urge Mr. O'Connor to submit an appeal if he is unhappy with the Planning Commission's decision.

Port St. Nicholas Water Main Replacement Final Change Order

PIERCE/STORBAKKEN


moved to approve final change order for R&M for the Port St. Nicholas Water Main Replacement Contract in the amount of \$4,487.37.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

DOUVILLE/STORBAKKEN

moved to adjourn at 8:06 p.m.
MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED July 16, 2015


MAYOR DENNIS WATSON


KASSI BATEMAN, CITY CLERK

