

CITY OF CRAIG
COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY JULY 16, 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 Greg Dahl. Absent Excused was Mike Douville.

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, Chaundell Piburn, EMS Coordinator.

Audience present: Gretchen Klein, DJ Hansen, Mark Hargit.

CONSENT AGENDA

PIERCE/STORBAKKEN

moved to approve the consent agenda.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

HEARING FROM THE PUBLIC

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor/IFA- Mayor Watson attended the inspection of the dam with the state workers. The inspectors were impressed with the construction. Mayor Watson attended a transportation meeting through Southeast Conference today. The schedule for the Alaska Marine Highway will remain largely the same as it has the past year. The Taku will be taken offline for the most part. Service will be slow during January and February 2016.

Administrator- Provided a written report.

Treasurer- Joyce passed out a summary of the financials for school funding, as well as the reserve funds in some departments. The wellness screening done by staff and some health service professionals went well, and Joyce anticipates a 4-5% decrease in health insurance costs. Deductible amounts have changed for the insurance plan, but the plan still has the HRA to compensate for the expense.

Aquatic Manager- Provided a written report.

City Clerk- Provided a written report.

City Planner- Provided a written report, and also added that Loraine Cordova at the Army Corps reported that the Corps is in the final process of fine tuning the Harbor report and then sending to the Washington DC headquarters. Craig is on the review board October 22 pending the approval by their headquarters.

EMS Coordinator- Absent Excused

Harbormaster- Mike Peel reported that the Ice house is running well, and the employee that is working full time has been a real asset to the Harbor Department. There was a water leak at the North Cove Harbor which has been repaired.

Library- Amy Marshall reported that summer reading is going well. There has been an upswing in the patrons and visitors in the library, and the numbers reflect a higher usage among patrons than was reported last year. Maker Camp began last week, and has been well received among kids in Craig.

Police Chief- Provided a written report.

Public Works- Provided a written report.

Parks and Rec- Absent. Greg Dahl commented that it would be beneficial to keep the Parks and Recreation volunteer on at least in a small part time capacity. The youth center is benefiting by having the volunteer to do activities with the youth. Jon will look into this possibility.

Parks and Public Facilities- Doug reported that Parks and Public Facilities Staff have been working on finishing existing projects, and gearing up for the yearly maintenance on the wood boiler. Staff will also be putting a new steel roof on the float plane building.

READING OF CORRESPONDENCE

Mark Hargit from was present to speak about the Work Boat Races that happens annually in Anacortes. Jan Storbakken introduced him and would like to see something like this happen in Craig. Mark explained that this festival is a tribute to the fisherman that pass through or fish out of Anacortes. Seattle and Tacoma and other cities have something similar every year, and it brings tourists and residents to the festival. Some members of the council commented this would be nice to have in Craig.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

Resolution 15-12, Naming Healing Heart Totem Park

PIERCE/STORBAKKEN

moved to approve Resolution 15-12, Naming Healing Heart Totem Park.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY ROLL CALL VOTE

Resolution 15-13, Supporting the 2015 National Library Challenge

PIERCE/DAHL

moved to approve Resolution 15-13, Supporting the 2015 National Library Challenge.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY ROLL CALL VOTE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Marijuana Regulations Update

Jon explained that staff is working to draft comments for the council to review prior to submittal. The deadline is August 8, and the next scheduled council meeting is August 6. Brian commented that staff will send out comments prior for the council to review and edit as needed. Jon mentioned that Alaska Municipal League will hold a summer meeting that will focus partially on the new marijuana regulations. Jim See commented that it may be worthwhile to comment on the regulation for the distance from schools and daycares seem too short. Jon commented that it is likely that municipalities will be able to regulate those sorts of topics more thoroughly if needed.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider Project Funding from \$400,000 Budget Line Item

PIERCE/BAZINET

moved to approve a re-appropriation of up to \$300,000 from the school financing line item in the FY2016 budget to specified capital projects.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Consider Approval of POWHA Operation Agreement, PSN Hatchery Facility

PIERCE/DAHL

moved to approve the FY 2016 operating agreement with the City of Coffman Cove and POWHA, and authorize appropriation of up to \$61,000 to meet city's cost share of the agreement.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Consider Authorization of Mike Weyhmiller Property Tax Senior Exemption

PIERCE/STORBAKKEN

moved to approve Mike Weyhmiller's property tax exemption application.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

DOUVILLE/STORBAKKEN

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

APPROVED Aug. 6 2015


MAYOR DENNIS WATSON 
KASSI BATEMAN, CITY CLERK

