

**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 Trojan, Don Pierce, Greg Dahl and Mike Douville.

**Staff present:** Jon Bolling, City Administrator; Jessica Holloway, Aquatic Center Manager; Brian Templin, City Planner; Kassi Bateman, City Clerk; Kim Baxter, Library Director; Ron McIntosh, Public Works Director; Chaundell Piburn, EMS Coordinator; Victoria Merritt, Mike Peel, Harbormaster; Parks and Recreation Manager; Doug Ward, Parks and Public Facilities Manager.

**Audience present:** Richard Trojan, Airlee Carle, Faith Lazo, Frank Lazo, Gretchen Klein and Andy West.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

PIERCE/TROJAN

moved to approve the consent agenda.

Hannah Bazinet requested to pull Ordinance 678 for further discussion under New Business.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**HEARING FROM THE PUBLIC**

Richard Trojan, a 35 year resident of Craig who has served for over a decade on the Fire Department wanted to comment on the meeting that was held recently with Klawock Fire and EMS. Richard remarked that the meeting was very productive, and the VFD staff is looking forward to a heat sensor purchase. Richard also mentioned that Frank Lazo has decided to retire from the Fire Department, and will be missed.

Richard also commented on Ordinance 678, to voice his appreciation of the council approving an advisory vote of the people on the ballot in October 2015. However, Richard believes that it would be beneficial to have growing, testing and selling of marijuana products available in Craig. Richard is unsure if the general public who voted on the ballot were actually aware of what the advisory questions meant, and would be in favor of putting forth another vote to the public. Mayor Watson explained that the community members in attendance at the council meetings prior to the advisory vote, had requested questions be put on the ballot, which they were. However, it would be unreasonable to put it forth to a vote again, in order to have the questions pass. Many of the community voted against the questions, and those votes will count as well.

Mayor Watson mentioned that the council didn't say what would be put in the Ordinance 678, it was drafted due to the votes of the public. Ordinance 678 is only a draft, and can be changed many times, as the council and the community figure out what should or shouldn't happen with regards to marijuana sales. Airlee Carl offered to send research through the council, as she finds pertinent information. Mayor Watson commented that the council is doing its best to follow the advisory vote.

Andy West noted that it may be beneficial to have a wellness coalition in charge of distribution of marijuana products. This would allow for a safe place to distribute, as well as potentially bring in funding to the non-profit.

Frank Lazo said that it would be good to find some middle ground between the public and the council. Frank is glad that the council is taking a look at being a bit more progressive and keeping an open mind. There is a balance that has to happen between industry and control.

Mayor Watson commented that the city is able to change much quicker than the state can, and staff is working diligently on this topic.

Richard Trojan explained that it is unlikely that a distribution center would be able to work without testing and growing.

Jim See commented that the public wanted the vote. The Council was previously working to put off these decisions for a year and wait until the State had their regulations in order. Since the public wanted the vote, the council approved the advisory vote. It is unreasonable to feel the need to have another vote so the outcome may be different.

Airlee wanted to mention that by making it unlawful for a person within city limits, we are making it difficult for a resident to keep a viable business in the community. Airlee would like to see some economic growth within the city, and this would be an opportunity to do so.

Gretchen Klein was present on behalf of the Prince of Wales Health Network. The POW Health Network will be going through some changes in their funding, but plan to be around for a long time. Gretchen mentioned the appreciation by the Health Network to the City of Craig for their support.

## **REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS**

**Mayor/IFA-** Mayor Watson traveled to California last month, and was able to visit with many marijuana vendors, and knowledgeable individuals regarding the discussion of marijuana sales. Mayor Watson will be traveling to Juneau this year, and will be sitting in on discussions of PERS/TERS. The Inter Island Ferry made \$200,000 more this year than last. Final stats are done for 2016. The \$250,000 appropriation a year from the State is still in the budget this year.

**Administrator-** Provided a written report. Craig Childcare center has reopened. Jon also mentioned travel to Juneau next week for a Forest Service meeting for discussion on a plan involving Prince of Wales Island in regards to the Timber Program. Jim See feels that it is time to end the City's relationship with Craig Cable. Jon mentioned that there is a hearing scheduled for the end of February. Jim would like to see something done about allowing access to the logging roads after work is done for residents to obtain firewood.

**Treasurer-** Provided a written report. Joyce reported that Ice Sales were up this year, but there were numerous repairs to the Ice House. Anjuli Hamilton's last day will be February 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Aquatic Manager-** Provided a written report. Jessica reported a swim meet, which brought many kids over. Jessica is still looking for staff 18 or over and gearing up for the shutdown.

**City Clerk-** Provided a written report. Kassi also thanked all the volunteers for coming in and painting the cemetery crosses.

**City Planner-** Brian commented that the Planning Commission had a hearing and recommended forwarding the Ordinance to the Council, but have held off until after the approval or disapproval of Ordinance 678.

**EMS Coordinator-** Chaundell is currently teaching an ETT class for the Craig High School students. Chaundell also mentioned that the Fire Department Meeting went well between Klawock and Craig Emergency Services, and really went over every detail of Ruth Ann's fire in detail. Dr. Ballard is leaving Peace Health, and Chaundell will be looking for a new Physician Sponsor.

**Harbormaster-** Provided a written report. Mike Douville commented that the railings on the ramps to the dock could use repair.

**Library-** Provided a written report

**Police Chief-** Provided a written report

**Public Works-** Provided a written report.

**Parks and Rec-** Victoria reported that the kids have been having a great time with dodgeball and the police department volunteers. Allie Adams and Joelle Steenstra are new volunteers for the middle school kids on Saturday evenings.

**Parks and Public Facilities-** Provided a written report.

## **READING OF CORRESPONDENCE**

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

#### **Resolution 16-01, FY16 Shared Fish Business Tax**

PIERCE/DAHL

moved to approve Resolution 16-01.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY ROLL  
CALL VOTE

#### **Resolution 16-02, POWCAC Transportation Priorities for 2016**

DAHL/DOUVILLE

moved to approve Resolution 16-02.

Jon commented that after the packet went out, Craig Tribal Association requested an addition to the list. Therefore, Jon recommends postponing this vote until the February 4 meeting.

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SECOND

**Resolution 16-03, 2016 Capital Project Priorities**

DAHL/SEE

moved to approve Resolution 16-03.

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CALL VOTE

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Authorize addendum to contract with RP Kinney and Associates for Phase IV  
Paving Design Services**

PIERCE/TROJAN

moved to approve the contract addendum with RP  
Kinney and Associates in an amount not to exceed  
\$30,500.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Introduction and First Reading of Ordinance 678, Local Option-Marijuana  
Establishments**

SEE/DOUVILLE

moved to approve Ordinance 678 at first reading.

Hannah Bazinet would like to consider not banning the sale of edibles and concentrates. Hannah believes that having the substance tested and distributed by a responsible vendor would be safer for the consumer than making the substance at home without knowing the dosage. Jim See believes that since the manufacturing of edibles was banned by the advisory vote, it should not be allowed. Hannah commented that the edibles were included in the retail portion, however. Jan Trojan remarked that the oils and tinctures are what medical patients would be interested in and she would like those to be included in the Ordinance. Greg Dahl believes that edibles are one of the safest way to consume THC. The safest way to get an edible is through a licensed distribution center. The packages that are used in Washington are black, with warnings on them, as well as the dosage. Greg believes that we should get rid of the prohibition of edibles in the Ordinance. Jim is concerned about the repercussions if someone should be injured while consuming edibles that the City voted to distribute. Mike Douville mentioned that the dosage is so low, that it would require a bit of effort on the consumers part to overdose.

Jim See would like to see something in the Ordinance regarding dosage, and how much one person is allowed to take out of the dispensary at a time. Jan's concern with the limit on purchasing is that Craig may have the only dispensary on the Island, and residents may drive quite a ways to stock up for a significant period of time. Don Pierce is concerned about the parents that are consuming these substances at home without being careful about where they are storing them. Jon and Brian will work with the council to reword the ordinance and include more regulations on dosage and allowance of edibles, tinctures and oils.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

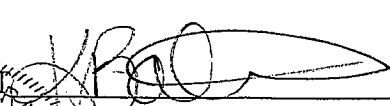
TROJAN/DAHL

moved to adjourn at 8:22 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016

  
MAYOR DENNIS WATSON

  
CASSI BATEMAN, CITY CLERK

