

ROLL CALL

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

Staff present: Jon Bolling, City Administrator; Kassi Bateman, City Clerk; Joyce Mason, Treasurer; Brian Templin, City Planner; RJ Ely, Police Chief; Chaundell Piburn, EMS Coordinator; Mike Peel, Harbormaster; Kim Baxter, Library Director; Ron McIntosh, Public Works Director; Victoria Merritt, Parks and Recreation Manager; Doug Ward, Parks and Public Facilities Manager.

Audience present: Jeff Lundberg, Jim Seley

CONSENT AGENDA

- City Council Minutes of March 3, 2016
- City Council Minutes of March 17, 2016
- Introduction and First Reading of Ordinance 682, Amending Title 18, Craig Land Development Code to include Marijuana Establishments
- Introduction and First Reading of Ordinance 683, Amendment to Title 18.10.050 Improvement Guarantee

PIERCE/BAZINET moved to approve the consent agenda. Jim See would like to pull Ordinance 682 for further discussion. It was decided to move it to Consideration of Resolutions and Ordinances for introduction and first reading. The maker of the motion and second agreed to a vote on the agenda with the amendment proposed.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

HEARING FROM THE PUBLIC

Jim Seley was present to discuss the potential subdivision of his property and the upcoming paving. Jim believes that there is a need for utility upgrades on the services at JS Drive prior to paving. Jim plans to subdivide the lots by the RV park. The engineer Jim has been working with suggested coupling with the city to resolve some of the issues with services prior to paving. Mayor Watson requested a plan in writing so the Council can consider Jim's proposal with something tangible to look at. Jim Seley will bring back a proposal on paper, and work with Brian on options. Jim commented that it would be beneficial for the City to consider a proposal because JS brings a lot of revenue in through sales tax from his business.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor/IFA- Mayor Watson spend the morning teleconferencing with Alaska Municipal League regarding the PERS/TRS bills that are currently "off the table" for now but may return later. The Alaska Municipal League has also been reviewing a Revenue Sharing bill that would benefit smaller communities, but would not be good for the larger cities in Alaska. The Governor has a bill that would put funds into PERS and may soften the blow to the smaller communities.

Mayor Watson reported that the Federal government passed a law that allows state entities to apply for leftover earmarked funds. There are only two old earmarked funds on POW Island, and those have been applied for on IFA's behalf. Mayor Watson will be traveling to Fairbanks to speak on behalf of the Inter Island Ferry. The well at the Hollis terminal is not approved by DEC and will be getting repaired in the upcoming months.

Administrator- Provided a written report.

Treasurer- Provided a report. Staff mailed out assessment notices that are due back April 30th. Residential improvements went up 7%.

Aquatic Manager- Absent excused.

City Clerk- Provided a written report.

City Planner- Provided a written report.

EMS Coordinator- Provided a written report. Staff completed the Alaska Shield exercise.

Harbormaster- Provided a written report. Mike Peel reported that the Ice House was down due to an issue with the breaker. Between the big compressor and little compressor, the wires were jarred loose creating a short. Mike will have the plant up and running again as soon as parts arrive. Jim See would like to see the parking laws enforced at the harbor department. Mike will be putting out notifications to the public about parking as well as cleaning up after pets on the dock. Mike Douville commented that having a certified electrician present when looking at the ice house may help prevent these types of incidents.

Library- Provided a written report. Kim provided numbers for internet use at the library, including continuing education courses, GED courses, and business development courses, to name a few. Kim explained that the internet access at the library is used for many different things, not just social media and checking email. Mayor Watson asked about the options for more affordable internet service. Jon replied that staff is working to find internet providers that would work with the city to provide internet at the library, but have not come up with many affordable options. Staff will continue to look for comparable internet service. RJ Ely commented that the Police Department will also be looking for reliable internet service in order to teleconference with the courthouse in Klawock to save on time and money on physical appearances in court.

Police Chief- Provided a written report.

Public Works- Provided a written report.

Parks and Rec- Provided a report. Victoria is pleased with the basketball turnout this year. The coaches are wonderful, and there are four teams with eight kids each this year. Victoria also reported that Whale Fest went well this year, and the Craig Parks and Recreation Department provided assistance.

Parks and Public Facilities- Provided a written report.

READING OF CORRESPONDENCE

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

Resolution 16-05, 2016 Sales Tax Free Day

PIERCE/TROJAN

moved to approve Resolution 16-05.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution 16-06, Two-year access permit for Seafood Producers Cooperative

PIERCE/TROJAN

moved to approve Resolution 16-06.

Mike Douville declared a possible conflict of interest, for his involvement in the Co-op. The council determined it was not considered a conflict.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Ordinance 680, Changes to Title 10 of the Craig Municipal Code

SEE/PIERCE

moved to adopt Ordinance 680.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Introduction and First Reading of Ordinance 682, Amending Title 18, Craig Land Development Code to include Marijuana Establishments

PIERCE/TROJAN

moved to approve Ordinance 684 at first reading.

Jim See believes that the Council may want to add the prohibition of smoking in public place, even though it was addressed in a previous ordinance. Brian commented that since all applicants of retail marijuana establishments will need to apply for a conditional use permit, staff could write in the prohibition of smoking in a public place into the conditional use permit and reference the appropriate ordinance outlining the prohibition of public consumption. Jim is concerned about the allowance of retail marijuana establishments in the marine industrial zoned property along West Hamilton and would like

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to see the ordinance amended to include a provision excluding that area.

MOTION CARRIED BY ROLL CALL
VOTE

Mike Douville- Yes

Jim See- Yes

Hannah Bazinet- Yes

Jan Trojan- No

Don Pierce- Yes

PIERCE/SEE

moved to direct staff to develop language that prohibits licensed retail marijuana establishments on West Hamilton Drive.

MOTION CARRIED BY ROLL CALL
VOTE

Mike Douville- Yes

Jim See- Yes

Hannah Bazinet- Yes

Jan Trojan- No

Don Pierce- Yes

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Reconsider \$100,000 re-appropriation
DOUVILLE/TROJAN

moved to retain in the city's general fund balance \$100,000 of the \$300,000 re-appropriated by the council on July 16, 2015.

Jim See questioned which projects would get cut out of the re-appropriation. Jon commented that staff could determine which projects wouldn't get funded, or can proceed by council recommendation. The council was comfortable leaving the decision up to staff.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of FY15 Financial Audit
PIERCE/TROJAN

moved to approve the FY15 Financial Audit.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Consider letter of support, Transfer of POWHA Hatchery Permit to SSRAA
PIERCE/DOUVILLE

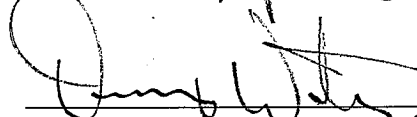
moved to submit a letter of support to SSRAA concerning the transfer of the POWHA Hatchery.

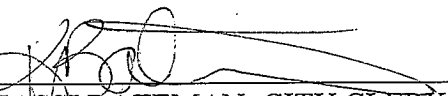

ADJOURNMENT

DOUVILLE/ TROJAN

moved to adjourn at 8:01 p.m.
MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED April 21st 2016


MAYOR DENNIS WATSON

ATTEST 
CASSI BATEMAN, CITY CLERK

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