

CITY OF CRAIG  
COUNCIL MEETING  
THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 1, 2016

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**ROLL CALL**

Mayor Dennis Watson called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and the roll was taken. Present were, Don Pierce, Jim See, Greg Dahl, Jan Trojan, and Hannah Bazinet. Absent excused was Mike Douville.

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

**Audience present:** Jeff Lundberg, Rob Endsley, Troy Thain, Mike Kampnich, Terrence Smith, Gary Ellison, Elija Winrod.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

PIERCE/DAHL

moved to approve the consent agenda.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**HEARING FROM THE PUBLIC**

Troy Thain was present to discuss a previous agenda item. Troy and Di Thain had submitted an application to purchase a portion of city property adjacent to the property they currently own. Troy mentioned that the council's concerns are addressed in the new draft of the application, leaving trees and allowing public access to the beach and picnic area via the property as well as keeping the integrity of the trail along that portion of Hamilton Drive. The council would like to see this item on an upcoming agenda.

**REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS**

**Mayor/IFA-** Mayor Watson travelled to Wasilla for the Alaska Conference of Mayor's meeting. These meetings included discussions about the state budget options. Mayor Watson requested that Jon prepare something for an upcoming packet regarding Tier3 waterbodies, as comments from the council will be important. Mayor Watson also traveled to Anchorage for an Alaska Marine Highway Governance steering committee meeting. The meeting was well attended, and was mainly geared towards networking with the other represented entities. The first official meeting will take place in Petersburg at Southeast Conference. The Inter-Island Ferry is set to have a better year this year than last year.

**Administrator-** Jon provided a written report, and reported on the last two days that were spent with 20 or more individuals regarding the young growth management. Jon reported that the timber supply is looking bleak, as marketability isn't what it was previously. The Forest Service will look at young growth forests taking into account the streams and such that were not previously documented, which will affect potential young growth harvest areas and volumes. Jon mentioned that the young growth market produces pressure to go with new standards rather

than previous standards. Jim See would like to revisit the access permit for Prince of Wales Sport fishing and Sea hunt Charters. Jon and Brian will work on the access permit.

**Treasurer-** Joyce was absent.

**Aquatic Manager-** Jessica reported working at the pool in preparation for reopening, and reported that the Aquatic Center is still searching for a candidate for the open Lifeguard/Swim Coach position.

**City Clerk-** Kassi reported that the declaration of candidacy filing period for the 2016 municipal election closes Friday and the next regular meeting is scheduled for September 15. Jim See will be absent at the upcoming meeting.

**City Planner-** Brian had nothing new to report.

**EMS Coordinator-** Absent excused.

**Fire-** Provided a written report.

**Harbormaster-** Mike provided a written report and added that the ice house will be shut down from 7-10 days after the trolling fishery closes. Richard Klein is also working with the harbor department to get the hydraulics fixed on the crane.

**Library-** Kim provided a written report and noted that the new circulation desk is in from Mike Cleary.

**Police Chief-** RJ provided a written report and added that some of the software at the PD was down this week, but RJ was able to get everything back up and running.

**Public Works-** Ron provided a written report. Mayor Watson asked how the drainage work went this week. Ron reported that the fix went well, and should clear up the drainage issues for the winter.

**Parks and Rec-** Victoria provided a report and thanked Kim Baxter for writing out all of the thank you cards for the Salmon Social, and also Rob Ensley for donating the end of season snacks from his business for the after school attendees. Kara Cook has been hired for the recreation assistant position. Victoria will be out of town in September on personal leave.

**Parks and Public Facilities-** Doug provided a written report and reported that the Parks and Public Facilities staff has received the new playground equipment for Ralph James Park.

Mayor Watson asked about the possibility of receiving the raw fish tax directly from the producers in town. Jon mentioned that there is no way to know how much the fish processors pay in taxes, as it is confidential and kept by the state. The council could adopt an ordinance requiring fish processors to pay the fish tax directly to the municipality.

## READING OF CORRESPONDENCE

Jon mentioned that there is information regarding Terrence Smith's application in Reading of Correspondence. Mr. Smith spoke about rectifying the discontent with the city regarding placement of the dock on Cove Street. Mr. Smith's application included plans to pull the pilings, and relocate and configure floats as well as additional dredging. These improvements would also improve navigability in North Cove. Brian and Jon plan to submit comments to the Army Corps of Engineers for this project.

## CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

### **Ordinance 690, FY 16 Supplemental Budget**

PIERCE/DAHL

moved to adopt Ordinance 690, FY16 Supplemental Budget.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY ROLL CALL VOTE

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

## NEW BUSINESS

### **APT&T pole placement agreement**

Jon explained that the agreement with AP&T regarding pole placement is up for discussion and renewal. Don Pierce asked about the poles near residents houses that run lines to other houses over residential property. Jon will include a provision for this in the agreement with AP&T.

### **Consider use of Port St. Nick King Salmon Fund**

Jon explained that the POW Hatchery Association is preparing to refund to the City of Craig approximately \$85,000 that the hatchery held in reserve for support of the Port St. Nicholas king salmon hatchery facility. He asked the council to give direction on whether to direct the refund to continue to support the Port St. Nicholas facility, or redirect the refund to the city's general fund for other uses.

SEE/PIERCE

moved to create a separate account for the Hatchery refund.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **Port St. Nicholas King Salmon Annual Operating Agreement**

PIERCE/TROJAN

moved to reach an agreement with SSRAA to pay the cost of raising the 100,000 king salmon fry currently in the round ponds destined for release at PSN, with an option to later pay the cost for raising the fish in the smaller round pond for release at PSN if the City of Coffman Cove does not first reach an agreement with SSRAA to pay the cost themselves.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **Consider Approval, 2016 municipal election workers**

SEE/PIERCE

moved to appoint Sonnie Anderson, Sarah Altland, Karen Coffey and alternate Kassi Bateman as election judges for the 2016 City of Craig Municipal Election.  
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Action on State of Alaska harvest limit, game unit 2- wolves**


Michael Kampnich was present to discuss the proposed harvest limit for wolves. Mike explained that the wolf population study in unit 2 has led to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game to issue the harvest limit at less than it was last year largely due to estimations on how many wolves were harvested last year without documentation, or "illegally harvested" wolves. Michael feels strongly that this is an inaccurate way to base the harvest limit. Jon will draft a letter addressing this subject and include it in the upcoming council packet.

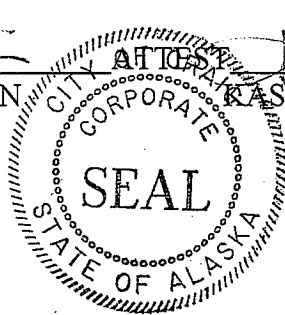
**ADJOURNMENT**

DAHL/TROJAN

moved to adjourn at 8:07 p.m.  
MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED Sept. 15, 2016

  
MAYOR DENNIS WATSON



  
KASSI BATEMAN, CITY CLERK