

ROLL CALL

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

Staff present: Jon Bolling, City Administrator; Kassi Bateman, City Clerk; Brian Templin, City Planner; Douglas Ward, Parks and Public Facilities Manager; Chaundell Piburn, EMS Coordinator, Timothy O'Connor, Fire Chief; Mike Peel, Harbormaster; Ron McIntosh, Public Works Director; Kim Baxter, Librarian; Victoria Merritt, Parks and Recreation Director.

Audience present: Lisa Radke, Andy Deering, Jeff Lundberg, Doug Bennett, Ken Owen, Heidi Murray, Troy Thain, Frank Murray, Steve Stumpf, Forest Collins, Raymond Douville, Jessica Pinuick, Troy Pinuick, Karri Bennett, Sam Thomas, Clinton Cook.

Notice of Non-Gaming Trust Land Acquisition Application

Mayor Watson requested that the discussion on Notice of Non-Gaming Trust Land Application be moved to the beginning of the agenda due to Jon being ill. Jon explained that the land the Craig Tribal Association sits on may be accepted into a trust. Jon mentioned that once land goes into trust, the management changes substantially. The letter that the Bureau of Indian Affairs has submitted provides for a 30-day commenting period. Jon would like to draft a letter requesting more time to investigate what this change means for the City of Craig, and therefore request a longer deliberation period, namely 120 days from receipt of the requested information. Jon mentioned that it would be beneficial for the City, the Craig Tribal Association and the Bureau of Indian Affairs to work closely together to understand all aspects of this trust land application. Clinton Cook, Anna Guthrie, Sam Thomas and Fred Hamilton Jr were present to discuss the land trust application. Clinton commented that the Craig Tribal Association has been a good neighbor to the City of Craig. Clinton believes that the City and Tribe can work together on many issues, and that this trust application is an honor for a tribal entity. Mike Douville commented that he is a tribal member, and also serves on the council for the CTA, however, Mike noted that this is beneficial for the Tribe, but the City is within its rights to ask for more information. The Tribe is government funded, and becoming part of the trust means that the Tribe would be exempt from taxes which would be helpful especially due to the precarious funding situation in the upcoming years. Jim See would like to see the Tribe notify the BIA that there is support in the City requesting the additional time for more information. Clinton mentioned that the Tribe had originally planned to request both parcels of property owned, Tract 18 as well as the land the Craig Tribal Association building sits on, but decided against submitting Tract 18, to relieve some of the tax burden it may cause for the City. Mike Douville commented again that there may be a conflict of interest due to being a CTA member. The Council did not find a conflict.

PIERCE/DAHL

moved to direct staff to implement the four steps outlined in Jon's memo, in addition to asking the Bureau of Indian Affairs for an extension up to a 120-day period.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CONSENT AGENDA

PIERCE/DAHL

moved to approve the consent agenda.

Greg Dahl mentioned having viewed the Thain's new plan and it was very acceptable.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

HEARING FROM THE PUBLIC

Kathy Peavey provided the Council with an update on the salmon can project. Kathy traveled to Juneau to research old fishing labels from processors in Craig. Kathy provided a copy of an old article regarding Craig's Lindenburger Cannery. Pat Repell's files were available at the library and Kathy was able to get some information and photos on the Cannery. Kathy is concerned that so much of Craig's history is being lost. Kathy also mentioned that the harbor parking is still an issue. The city gym is cleaned out, and looks great, but Kathy would also like to offer to help at the pool. Kathy is not happy with the condition of the gym at the pool. Mike Douville is aware that the harbor parking is an issue, and has spoken to the staff at the harbor, to no avail.

Brent Cole was present to speak on the PSN Road maintenance cost, and commented that himself, along with many others out the PSN road pay a lot of taxes to the city. The road that crosses Brent's property should not be the responsibility of the PSN residents. Brent is hoping that the process to determine the fees and the duration of the agreement, so that the residents out PSN have a chance to digest the information and have some input. Mayor Watson explained that this is just the beginning of the discussions regarding this potential fee and maintenance agreement. However, Mayor Watson doesn't believe it is fair for the residents of Craig pay for the fees to maintain the PSN road.

DJ Hansen spoke about the possibility of a toll booth, instead of just assessing fees on the residents, as many people who live within city limits utilize the road. DJ commented that this fee will only be assessed on some of the PSN residents, as there is an inability to collect.

Forest Collins commented that moving out to PSN was a decision his family made to be "off the grid" and not have to pay some of the fees and taxes.

Jessica Bennett commented that the ordinance proposed is not legal, as mentioned in State statute. The portion of the ordinance that mentions the consequences of not paying the fee levied by blocking driveways is not legal. Jessica mentioned that the City is interpreting State Statute in a very self-serving way. Jessica does not believe that the City can deny access to people's homes.

Mike Bobo explained that blocking the driveways would be detrimental to residents in the case of an emergency or a fire. Mike Bobo mentioned that he has been maintaining the roads on his own.

Sam Thomas mentioned that there is paving funding that the Craig Tribal Transportation Department has applied for, but that would put paving off until 2018.

Greg Boyd mentioned that the numbers that are projected may not be entirely accurate, and Greg would like to see the timeline for the fees cut back from 20 years maybe just to two years for a trial. Greg doesn't mind paying the fee, but would like to look at different options, like contracting the work out. Jon replied that it could be contracted out, and the amount of work that will be done to maintain the road depends on the type of winter Craig has.

Greg Boyd asked whether cutting back the maintenance, but the fees remain the same means that the money should be set aside for a bad winter, or for additional costs that may be incurred.

Barbie Armstrong asked if the leftover funds will be put back in the general fund or whether they will be kept in a separate account strictly for PSN road maintenance. Barbie doesn't want to see the rates go up and the funds run out because they went to other projects. Jon explained that the funds that are brought in from the fees on the PSN road will be kept in a separate account, and be included in the end of year report which will note what the funds were spent on. Barbie would like to have some representation on the council since the PSN residents are incurring the costs.

Chuck Haydu was present to comment on the PSN fee as well. Chuck has always paid to have vehicles repaired because it was the price paid to live out the road. Chuck is in favor of the toll booth due to the amount of traffic.

Mayor Watson commented that all suggestions and opinions will be taken into consideration during this long process of coming to an agreement about the road maintenance.

READING OF CORRESPONDENCE

Nothing to discuss.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Review revenue options for St. Nicholas Road maintenance costs

Discussed above.

Consider approval, AP&T pole placement agreement

PIERCE/BAZINET

moved to approve the attached AP&T pole placement agreement.

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Review AP&T Rate increase to Regulatory Commission of Alaska

PIERCE/TROJAN

moved to contest the proposed increase in electric rates through the Regulatory Commission of Alaska.

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Review General Fund revenue options from Craig Budget Committee

Mayor Watson is in favor of raising the sales tax across the board, but not splitting the sales tax by season, as this may prove difficult for business owners. The council requested a comparison of tax revenue with a 4% tax during the winter and a 6% tax in winter as well as a 5% tax in winter and 6% tax in summer before making a decision.

Consider change order 5, Craig Aquatic Center Project

PIERCE/DOUVILLE

moved to execute Change Order 5 to the pool renovation project, increasing the project cost by an amount not to exceed \$24,718.95 using funds drawn from the city's endowment fund.
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Consider donation to POW Health Network

DAHL/PIERCE

moved to approve a \$2,500 donation to the Prince of Wales Health Network.
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ADJOURNMENT

DOUVILLE/DAHL

moved to adjourn at 8:52 p.m.
MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED 12/1/10

Dennis Watson
MAYOR DENNIS WATSON

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KASSI BATEMAN, CITY CLERK

