

CITY OF CRAIG
COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY DECEMBER 1, 2016

ROLL CALL

Mayor Dennis Watson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and the roll was taken. Present were, Jim See (arrived at 7:22 p.m.), 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; Chaundell Piburn, EMS Coordinator, Mike Peel, Harbormaster; RJ Ely, Police Chief; Ron McIntosh, Public Works Director; Victoria Merritt, Parks and Recreation Director; Douglas Ward, Parks and Public Facilities Manager

Audience present: Lisa Radke, Andy Deering, Jessica Pinnick, Troy Pinnick, Cheryl Fecko, Clinton Cook, Annette Cole, Barbi Armstrong, Jeff Lundberg, Frank Murray,

CONSENT AGENDA

PIERCE/TROJAN

moved to approve the consent agenda.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

HEARING FROM THE PUBLIC

Cheryl Fecko was present to answer questions about the agenda item regarding the Fisherman's Memorial. Cheryl has been working with Mike Kampnich on this project. Baron Hilton has donated the funding for this project, and Cheryl and Mike are working on the stone for the memorial. Mike Douville asked if this project would use the whole \$12,500. Cheryl didn't believe so. Mike would also like to acknowledge the Baron for the donation in the inscription on the rock.

Rich Trojan was present to discuss the Port St. Nicholas (PSN) road, and commented that working for the city, Richard had asked previously why the City had not annexed PSN at the time. The previous administrator, Dave Palmer believed that annexation would cost the city too much. Rich has spoken to many homeowners about the possibility of a homeowner's association, but warned that the cost of purchasing and utilizing the equipment to maintain the road would be much more substantial than just paying the fee to the City to maintain the road. Richard also mentioned the frustration of being part of the Fire Department, and knowing that if there is a call out the PSN road, and there aren't enough volunteers on call to keep the City covered, many times the squad must split up and send too few fire fighters out PSN. Richard believes annexation would result in an additional firehouse out PSN road, for quicker response times and more man-power to the residents.

Jeff Lundberg commended the council on the work that is accomplished within the city. Jeff also reported that the eggs are coming along nicely at the hatchery, and the hatchery staff will be picking them this week. Jeff is counting on colder weather to bring the water temperature down. The returns at the Klawock River hatchery were the best in the State of Alaska.

READING OF CORRESPONDENCE

Nothing to discuss.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor/IFA- Mayor Watson reported traveling to the Alaska Municipal League conference last month. The main reason for attendance at the conference was the Land to Trust discussion. There were representatives from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, as well as the Attorney General Rich Petersen, and attorney Don Mitchell. The session was informative for its short hour and a half duration. Mayor Watson hopes that the State of Alaska and Bureau of Indian Affairs will work together to produce information to municipalities that are dealing with this issue.

Mayor Watson reported the Inter Island Ferry being out of service tomorrow, due to mechanical issues. The staff will swap out vessels and resume sailing the following day, weather permitting.

Administrator- Jon provided a written report.

Treasurer- Joyce was excused.

Aquatic Manager- Jessica reported that the aquatic center swim lessons are booked through the end of the school year. Jessica is meeting with the contractor this week to discuss fixing some of the last items from the pool renovation project.

City Clerk- Kassi provided a written report, and mentioned that the meeting recordings are currently on the city webpage for the public. Kassi intends to keep one year of meeting recordings online at a time.

City Planner- Brian provided a written report.

EMS Coordinator- Chaundell reported that the #1 ambulance will be moving into the new annex building this winter.

Harbormaster- Mike Peel provided a written report.

Library- Kim provided a written report and was excused.

Police Chief- RJ provided a written report.

Public Works- Ron provided a written report and noted that the 29th of November staff received the Water System of the Year award.

Parks and Rec- Victoria reported working on the bazaars for the winter. Parks and Recreation will offer devils club salve class, the upcoming bazaar December 10th, Christmas tree lighting at the Hill Bar after the bazaars, POWER concert on the 19th of December, and more. The City Gym will be closed during the end of December to refinish the floors. There will be volleyball leagues coming up this January, as well as soccer.

Parks and Public Facilities- Doug provided a written report and mentioned that Matthew Warner, a local boy scout was looking for an eagle project, assembled and installed all the barbeques at the park by cemetery island.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Notice of Non-Gaming Trust Land Acquisition Application

PIERCE/TROJAN

moved to direct staff to draft comments to the Bureau of Indian Affairs and move item 3 on the memo to item 1.

Jon mentioned that the commenting period for the city is December 12th, and although staff has requested additional time, Jon recommends that the council review the comments provided and submit a response by that date. Jim See would like the city staff and Craig Tribal Association staff to discuss the potential for memorandums between the entities prior to the land being accepted into trust. Mike Douville agrees with the Sealaska letter, and explained that the Craig Tribal Association has always been a good neighbor to the City and the City has nothing to fear from the Craig Tribal Association. Mike declared a conflict of interest based on his position as a member of the CTA Tribal Council. The council members agreed.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
MIKE DOUVILLE ABSTAINED

Review of revenue options for St. Nicholas Road maintenance costs

The surveys are mostly in for the Port. St Nicholas maintenance fees and suggestions. The deadline is extended to include a few more surveys that didn't get turned in yet. Staff will compile the information before submitting it to the council at the next regular meeting. Annette Cole is happy with the meetings but would like to make sure that the information for the meetings is being dispersed well in advance so that the residents can plan and attend. The next meeting between staff and PSN representatives will take place in January. Barbie Armstrong would like to see the traffic counter utilized in this project.

NEW BUSINESS

Direction to staff on fisherman's memorial at cannery property

PIERCE/DAHL

moved to appropriate up to \$12,500 from the Barron Hilton donation towards the purchase and installation of a mariner's memorial at the Craig cannery property.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Acquisition of heating unit for Public Works Shop

PIERCE/SEE

moved to draw up to \$6000 from the Craig Equipment Reserve Fund to purchase a waste oil heating system for use at the public works shop building.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2017 Municipal Land Sale

PIERCE/BAZINET

moved to direct staff to proceed with the land sale based on the proposed method.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

DAHL/BAZINET

moved to adjourn at 8:04 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

Jan. 19, 2017

Dennis Watson
MAYOR DENNIS WATSON



Kassie Bateman
KASSI BATEMAN, CITY CLERK