

**ROLL CALL**

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

**Staff present:** Jon Bolling, City Administrator; Kassi Mackie, City Clerk; Jessica Holloway, Aquatic Center Manager; Brian Templin, City Planner; Hans Hjort, Harbormaster; Kim Baxter, Librarian; RJ Ely, Police Chief; Victoria Merritt, Parks, and Recreation Director; Doug Ward, Parks and Public Facilities Manager

**Audience present:** Lisa Radke, Andy Deering, Allison Weyhmiller, Connie Ward.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

PIERCE/TROJAN

moved to approve the consent agenda.  
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**HEARING FROM THE PUBLIC**

Lisa Radke commended the decision to cease the benefits package for the council.

Andy Deering commented on the ordinance for the lease of city property to Southeast Southern Regional Aquaculture Association. Mr. Deering requested the council to consider the ordinance fully prior to approval, as Mr. Deering doesn't believe it will be a huge benefit to the city, and will increase costs to support them. Mayor Watson commented that Chum salmon don't compete with other fish, and support the fishery. Mr. Deering doesn't believe there is sufficient evidence to support this claim. Mike Douville commented that the chum release supports the cost to rear Coho salmon.

**REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS**

**Mayor/IFA-** Mayor Watson reported that the Inter Island Ferry received their traffic report, and are up from last year. The revenue from the August-September tickets helps to supplement the IFA through the winter months. Silver Bay Seafoods is running again, as the fishing has picked up, and the Seine Fleet should be coming in to Craig soon.

**Administrator-** Jon provided a written report. Jon also added that Senator Sullivan was in Craig last Saturday, and Jon and Mayor Watson were able to discuss some of the city projects, but focused mainly on the harbor project.

**Treasurer-** Joyce is absent excused.

**Aquatic Manager-** Jessica provided a written report.

**City Clerk-** Kassi provided a written report, and would remind the council that the Declaration of Candidacy filing period begins August 4<sup>th</sup> and closes September 1<sup>st</sup>.

**City Planner-** Brian provided a written report.

**EMS Coordinator-** Chaundell was absent excused.

**Harbormaster-** Hans provided a written report.

**Library-** Kim provided a written report.

**Police Chief-** RJ was absent excused.

**Public Works-** Ron provided a written report. Jon commented that this would-be Ron's last meeting with the City. Mayor Watson commented that Ron raised the level of efficiency at Public works, and Ron will be missed.

**Parks and Rec-** Victoria provided a written report. The afterschool program will start soon. Soccer began Saturday the 29<sup>th</sup>. The Salmon Social is scheduled for August 19<sup>th</sup>. Victoria is recruiting for a part-time position in the P&R department.

**Parks and Public Facilities-** Doug provided a written report. The council commented that the Ralph James Park looks wonderful, and has been getting lots of use by the community. Mayor Watson asked about the BMX track around the park. Doug responded that Daniel Nelson is heading up that project, but the weather has put it on hold.

#### **READING OF CORRESPONDENCE**

Nothing to discuss.

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

##### **Resolution 17-09, Administrative Fees**

PIERCE/DAHL

moved to approve Resolution 17-09.  
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY  
ROLL CALL VOTE

##### **Ordinance 697, Bed Tax**

DAHL/PIERCE

moved to adopt Ordinance 697.

Jan would like to see sales tax go up instead of singling out one industry. Greg commented that this tax will affect tourists specifically, instead of putting a higher tax burden on residents.

Mike Douville-Yes    Don Pierce-Yes  
Jan Trojan-No        Hannah Bazinet-Yes  
Greg Dahl-Yes  
MOTION CARRIED BY ROLL CALL  
VOTE

**Ordinance 700, FY17 Supplemental Budget**

PIERCE/DAHL

moved to adopt Ordinance 700.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY  
ROLL CALL VOTE

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Consider Change Order to Phase IV Paving Project**

PIERCE/DAHL

moved to approve Change Order IV.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Request for Funding from Prince of Wales Animal Welfare Society**

Allison Weyhmler was present to discuss the option of assistance from the City to support PAWS getting established in a permanent location, or the possibility of a city-owned building for lease. The council requested time to consider the options and for this item to be placed on the next agenda.

**Consider credit card processing fee policy**

Jon explained that the city has spent \$24,000 approximately in credit card fees last year. Through the budget committee process, the members decided to pass the fees back to the customer. This fee ranges depending on the type of card the customer has. Mayor Watson commented that bills will increase substantially when paying for this fee, and many residents don't utilize check or cash, or live out of town and therefore like having the option of paying by card. Mike Douville commented that autopay is a great feature for a lot of people.

Chanel McKinley mentioned that it may be beneficial to look at what type of credit card company the city is utilizing. Some of the fees may be a flat rate, or smaller percentage.

Greg Dahl explained that the businesses in town are competing for revenue, however the City is not a business, and \$24,000 for people's convenience is excessive.

Hannah Bazinet commented that finding out the fee for each transaction will be tedious and time consuming for staff.

Andy Deering commented that the public always has the option to pay with the card, they will just incur the cost of the processing fee. It may end up being worth writing a check for some of the public.

Lisa Radke mentioned that the city is basically paying for airline miles for the customers that are unhappy with the processing fee by paying it for them.

**ADJOURNMENT**

DOUVILLE/TROJAN

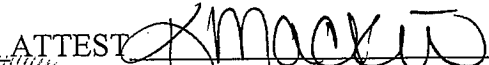
moved to adjourn at 7:48 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED Sept. 7, 2017



MAYOR DENNIS WATSON

ATTEST 

KASSI MACKIE, CITY CLERK

