

CITY OF CRAIG
COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY OCTOBER 5, 2017

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, Jim See and Hannah Bazinet.

Staff present: Jon Bolling, City Administrator; Kassi Mackie, City Clerk; Joyce Mason, Treasurer; Brian Templin, City Planner; Jessica Holloway, Aquatic Center Manager; RJ Ely, Police Chief; Victoria Merritt, Parks, and Recreation Director; Doug Ward, Parks and Public Facilities Manager

Audience present: Lisa Radke, A. Deering, Connie Ward, Tim O'Connor, Barbara Stanley, Brody Bazinet, Clinton Cook, Carolyn Chapman, Jeff Chapman, Cathy Bolling

CANVASS ELECTION

PIERCE/TROJAN

moved to reject the single absentee ballot and all questioned ballots from the October 3, 2017 municipal election.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The absentee ballots remaining were tallied. The final votes were as follows:

Mayor

Dennis Watson- 101
Timothy O'Connor- 176
Write-in- 1

Council

Craig Peterson- 21
Barbara Stanley-80
Julie McDonald-145
David Creighton-115
Patrick Tyner- 65
Chanel McKinley-108
Write-in- 2

School Board

Daniel Nelson-102
Buck Bazinet-96
Beverlee Tyner-24
Melissa Brooks-87
Marla Dillman-94
Cody Schwegel-94
Matt Dinon-26
Write-in-1

Proposition 1

Yes-231
No-45

Proposition 2

Yes-185
No-92

The School board candidates didn't receive 40% of the votes cast, therefore the council determined a runoff election was necessary between the top four candidates. Daniel Nelson, Buck Bazinet, Marla Dillman and Cody Schwegel were placed in a runoff election.

PIERCE/BAZINET

moved to hold a runoff election on October 26th with absentee voting beginning October 6th between Marla Dillman, Cody Schwegel, Daniel Nelson, and Buck Bazinet for the two vacant school board seats.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor Watson congratulated the new council members and mayor. Mayor Watson also commented that the city has healthy reserves, a balanced budget and projects that are sustainable because of the reserve funding that prior council members established. Mayor Watson urged the newly elected officials to care for the reserves and not see them depleted during their time on the council. Don Pierce chaired the remainder of the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

- **Introduction and First Reading of Ordinance 702, Application for purchase of city property from Bill Hunt**
- **Introduction and First Reading of Ordinance 703, Changing Sections 2.04.045 and 2.04.260 of the Craig Municipal Code**

TROJAN/DOUVILLE

moved to approve the consent agenda.

Mike Douville would like to discuss Ordinance 702. Mike is not in favor of selling city property unless there is a good reason, and would like for the other council members to consider whether the sale is worth losing another parcel of city property.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

HEARING FROM THE PUBLIC

- **Final Reading and Public Hearing of Ordinance 702, Application for purchase of city property from Bill Hunt**
- **Carolyn Chapman Utility Rate**

Jeff Chapman was present on behalf of Parson's Rentals to request the at the council conduct a Rural Utility rate study through the Division of Community and Regional Affairs, at no cost to the city.

Chaundell commented that the property Mr. Hunt is requesting to purchase could be used as the site for the new firehall, and would be a great location and convenient for the calls out Port St. Nicholas as well as the volunteers. Chaundell would like for the council to deeply consider this ordinance.

Andy Deering asked whether Ordinance 703 is for setting future compensation or the current compensation. Jim See replied that as the requestor, Jim had hoped this would bring

the compensation before the council in a separate ordinance rather than the budget. Andy also commented that the council and mayor compensation is higher than other municipalities, and hopes the council will address this later.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor/IFA- Don Pierce would like to nominate Dee Dee Jeffreys for the At-Large position on the IFA.

Administrator- Jon provided a written report. Jon added that the city received notice of a drinking water violation. The public has been notified of this, and it is relatively common. Mayor Watson emailed Jon a notice of a meeting from Southeast Alaska Regional Dive Fisheries Association. SARDFA would like to conduct an economic feasibility study in Alaska for Sea Cucumbers. SARDFA requested a letter of support from the City of Craig. Mike Douville commented that it would be beneficial to see what SARDFA is proposing prior to supporting the endeavor.

Treasurer- Joyce provided a report and commented that the council may notice the additional Revenue Sharing funding from the State. The Finance Department has posted web pay through the city website, to allow customers to pay bills online.

Aquatic Manager- Jessica reported that the pool variable control drive went down, so the pool was shut down for a few days. Jessica reported hiring two new employees, and the center is now fully staffed.

City Clerk- Kassi noted that the next scheduled meeting is November 2nd, but there may be a second meeting in October. Newly elected officials take office Monday.

City Planner- Brian provided a written report. Jim See commented that West Hamilton and Beach Road could benefit from a sidewalk. Brian commented that the CTA is continuing the project, but Brian hasn't received an update. Jim See commented that the Homeland Security grant cycle is upcoming, and asked if Brian has a list of what the city will apply for. Brian commented that until staff knows what the applications are for, Brian has an idea of what staff will apply for, but hasn't solidified a "wish list" for the application.

EMS Coordinator- Chaundell provided a written report. Chaundell reported the trainings that have been conducted over video. Time went to Fire Chief conference this week.

Harbormaster- Hans was absent excused.

Library- Kim provided a written report.

Police Chief- RJ provided a written report.

Public Works- Dave provided a written report.

Parks and Rec- Victoria was out of town, and since returning has participated in strategic planning for the school. The Harvest Festival is coming up, and there will be a swap meet later this month.

Parks and Public Facilities- Doug provided a written report.

Fire Department- Tim attended the Rural Fire Chief's conference last week. Mike Douville commented on the pursuit of a portable fire pump for the harbor. Tim replied that there was one in Sitka mounted on a four-wheeler. Their pump used salt water, but it would be approximately \$5,000 most likely. Jon will consult with Hans regarding the acquisition of a pump for this use. Mike Douville thinks it would be worthwhile to have a portable pump available for the harbor.

READING OF CORRESPONDENCE

- **USFS Land Sale**
- **Potential Assessment on Port St. Nicholas Road**
- **Governor requests legislature to toughen criminal justice**
- **Veteran's Day donation request**
- **Salmon Cannery article**
- **Bed Tax letter from Loy Martindale**
- **Federal Subsistence Regional Advisory Council Packet**
- **Wolf Harvest Quota**
- **APCM September Report**
- **Response to Chinook non-retention letter sent by Jon Bolling**

Jim See is unhappy with the reply to Jon's letter regarding the Chinook non-retention period. Jim would like to see staff draft a response.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Consider utility rate workshop date and scope

Jon provided a memo regarding guidance on the proposed utility workshop. Greg Dahl would like to have a workshop for sewer and garbage. Mike Douville would like to discuss garbage, but doesn't think the utilities need changed. Jim See would like to speak about the garbage as well. Carolyn Chapman would like to put the proposed rate study on the next agenda under new business.

Consider approval, Lots 3A and 4A, Salmonberry Subdivision

PIERCE/BAZINET

moved to direct staff to adjust the total price of the lots to the minimum, value allowed under municipal code (\$66,500 each).

Jim See is hesitant to loan to buyers who are not able to purchase the lots through a bank loan. Mike Douville commented that it's not imperative that the lots get sold.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Consider final approval of lease of city property to Southern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association
DOUVILLE/SEE

moved to approve the final terms of the lease of city property to Southern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association.

ADJOURNMENT
PIERCE/DAHL

moved to adjourn at 8:13 p.m.
MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED November 16, 2017

[Signature] ATTEST *[Signature]*
MAYOR TIMOTHY O'CONNOR CITY CLERK KASSI MACKIE, CITY CLERK

