CITY OF CRAIG COUNCIL AGENDA JUNE 16, 2022 COUNCIL CHAMBERS 6:30 PM

ROLL CALL

CONSENT AGENDA

Items listed below will be enacted by one motion. If separate discussion is desired on an item, that item may be removed and placed on the regular meeting agenda.

- Meeting Minutes June 2, 2022
- Klawock Totem Taxi Approval

HEARING FROM THE PUBLIC

• Resolution 22-16, 316 Pool Passes for Elected Officials

READING OF CORRESPONDENCE

- Research Shows Growing Kelp Helps Reduce Ocean Acidification
- Craig City Food Program Funding Request, Liberty Church

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

• Resolution 22-16, 316 Pool Passes for Elected Officials

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Comments to Senate Energy & Water Committee on Landless Bill

NEW BUSINESS

- Consider Confirmation of EMS Coordinator Appointment for V. Tsai
- Liberty Church memo/access permit

COUNCIL COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

To provide public comment to the council remotely, contact the Craig City Clerk at cityclerk@craigak.com, before 5:00 p.m. by the day of the council meeting. City council meetings may be viewed at: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTou8Pn03MIEjLLb9Em0Xrg.

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ROLL CALL

Vice Mayor Jim See called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. Present were Hannah Bazinet, Jim See, Millie Schoonover, Michael Kampnich, and Timothy O'Connor (by phone). Julie McDonald and Chanel McKinley were absent excused.

Staff Present: Brian Templin, City Administrator; Heather Mendonsa, City Clerk; Samantha Wilson, City Planner; Sheri Purser, Treasurer; Hans Hjort, Harbormaster; Doug Ward, Parks and Public Facilities; Russell Dill, Public Works; Elizabeth Flagg, Recreation; Jessica Holloway, Aquatic Center; Victoria Merritt, Recreation

Audience Present: Karen Hobart

CONSENT AGENDA

1. City Council Meeting Minutes of May 19, 2022 KAMPNICH/SCHOONOVER

Moved to adopt the Consent Agenda

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE

HEARING FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

READING OF CORRESPONDENCE

Larger cruise ships to add Klawock to itinerary in 2023

Councilwoman Schoonover asked what will be offered with the cruise stop in Klawock. Brian Templin said the sort yard will be renovated for the stop. A few more activities, such as a long house, will be offered in Klawock. The intent is to have busses take passengers around the island.

Letter from Joel Steenstra regarding fuel prices

Brian Templin will look into a flat rate tax for fuel. He can research and will schedule an executive session regarding sales tax.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor – Tim O'Connor is home sick with Covid.

Administrator – Brian Templin provided a written report but gave some further information in the meeting. He stated that Item 3 regarding the Craig Cannery/Harbor project has received all the money they needed for the environmental work and that staff would prepare a check for the USACE for the remainder of the \$53,500 appropriated earlier this year by the council. The forest service meeting scheduled for today was cancelled. The meeting will be rescheduled in July. When asked how the online sales tax program was doing Brian responded by sharing that the Alaska Remote Sales Tax had \$75,000 in revenue budgeted, but the city is already up to \$120,000 so we are well above

what we projected last year. The Council would like a link to the site to see who is being charged for the sales tax.

Treasurer – The audit is in progress and has gone well so far. Sheri Purser has been working remotely and it has been successful.

Aquatic Manager – Provided a written report. In addition, the pool will be closed in July to repaint and allow the manager time off.

City Clerk – Heather Mendonsa will begin full time on June 6. The next meeting will be on June 16.

City Planner – Provided a written report. All three disaster trailers are now on the island. They are still in the process of purchasing two more and stocking them.

EMS – Provided a written report.

Harbormaster – Provided a written report. Harbor Committee meeting will be on Thursday, June 9, at 4:30 and they will discuss the ice rates.

Library – Provided a written report. The library received a \$20,000 grant from ALA.

Police Chief - Provided a written report.

Public Works – Provided a written report.

Recreation – Provided a written report. Ellie gave feedback on the bazaar and said it was a success. They are taking advice for next year to do it again right after the marathon. The Blessing of the Fleet had a crowd to cheer them on and some people jumped off the docks. There will be a swap meet on June 11.

Parks / Facilities – The cemetery was ready for Memorial Day weekend. The weeds were cut and people complimented how nice the cemetery and ball park looked.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

Resolution 22-14, A Resolution to Approve a 24 Month Access Permit to Ken Quigley for Use of city Property for Storage and Employee Parking Associated with Permittee's Business Activities on Lots 2A and 3A of the JT Brown Subdivision.

Discussion about the permit resulted in a statement from Councilman Kampnich stating that he would support the resolution with the condition that it be reevaluated at a later date. The access permit expires on April 20, 2023. The Council agreed.

SCHOONOVER/KAMPNICH

Moved to adopt Resolution 22-14, A resolution to approve a 24 month access permit to Ken Quigley for use of city property for storage and employee parking associated with Permittee's business activities on lots 2A and 3A of the JT Brown subdivision.

MOTION CARRIED 4-0 BY ROLL CALL VOTE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. 3A Murphy Land Sale KAMPNICH/BAZINET

Moved to approve the sale of Lot 3A, Murphy Subdivision for a total of \$80,117.00 to Maranda Hamme.

MOTION CARRIED 4-0 BY ROLL CALL VOTE

2. Daycare Discussion

The Craig Child Care Center has indicated that they are officially closing. Brian Templin is interested in discussion and input from the Council. He would like ideas on how to repurpose the building, put together requests for proposals, or look at some other use. Head Start may be interested. The Council discussed the possibility of managing the daycare and giving benefits to the manager. Concerns over subsidizing the position were raised because historically the city has lost money on the daycare. Brian Templin will put together an RFP to help a new operator start up and look at the cost of the city managing the daycare center. Brian said he would bring this information back to the council at a future meeting for discussion.

3. 4th of July Pool Pass

Karen Hobart from the Craig 4th of July Committee said the pass was requested before they knew about the \$5,000 donation. Jessica hasn't received a request about a pool pass. She has no problem swapping out the day passes for a family pass. Brian will discuss this with Jessica.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Wells Fargo CD – Endowment Fund and Capital Reserve Fund

KAMPNICH/SCHOONER

Moved to approve staff to execute the closure of the CD at Wells Fargo and move those funds to Alaska Permanent Capital Management.

MOTION CARRIED 4-0 BY VOICE VOTE

COUNCIL COMMENTS

The Prince of Wales Island Alaska Marathon was mentioned in the New York Times. It was very successful.

Councilwoman Schoonover will be on medical travel at the next meeting so she will be absent excused. Councilman See is on stand by for medical and may be gone, as well.

ADJOURNMENT

KAMPNICH/BAZINET

Move to adjourn meeting at 7:44 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED on the day of	/
	ATTEST:
MAYOR TIMOTHY O'CONNOR	HEATHER MENDONSA, CITY CLERK

To: Craig City Council

From: Heather Mendonsa, City Clerk

Date: June 10, 2022

RE: Business Registration Application for Klawock Totem Taxi

Klawock Totem Taxi, owned by Donald Nickerson, Jr., has submitted a business application seeking consent to hire as a taxi service. The license requested will provide services from the IFA Ferry, Klawock Airport, Craig, and Klawock.

The application is pending completion of the mechanic's certificate, operator permits, and certificate of insurance.

Recommendation:

Motion to approve the business registration application for Klawock Totem Taxi pending completion of application requirements.

To: Craig City Council

From: Brian Templin, City Administrator

Date: June 10, 2022

RE: Pool Passes for City Elected Officials

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City elected officials (to include the mayor and council members should have been included but were left out of the change to the personnel rules.

The benefit would apply to the elected official only (the elected official could use the value of the benefit toward a couple or family pass). This benefit already applies to all part time, full time, and active volunteer EMS/Fire department members.

An adult pass for a Craig resident is a \$456 value. The result is a valuable benefit at little cost to the city.

This policy will require a change in the employee handbook as shown in the attached resolution.

Recommendation: Approve Resolution 22-16, approving changes to the Craig employee handbook.

CITY OF CRAIG RESOLUTION NO. 22-16

AMENDING THE CITY OF CRAIG EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK

WHEREAS, the City of Craig Employee Handbook, also known as the Personnel Rules, sets many terms and conditions of employment at the City of Craig; and,

WHEREAS, this resolution modifies the Handbook by adding language to Section 315 "Employee Aquatic Center Passes" to include elected officials.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Craig City Council amends the City of Craig Employee Handbook to add Section 315 – Employee Aquatic Center Passes, the text of which is shown below. (*Bold Italic indicates new text*)

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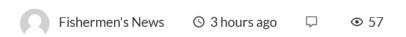
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Researchers at Stony Brook University in southeastern New York say their studies show that the presence of kelp, already recognized as a nutritious food source for people and marine life, significantly reduces ocean acidification, which is a result of climate change.



Macrocystis pyrifera, which is commonly called giant kelp or bladder kelp. Photo:
Claire Fackler, CINMS, NOAA.

The study, led by
Christopher Gobler and
scientists at the Stony Brook University School of Marine and
Atmospheric Sciences, also demonstrated that deployment of kelp on an
oyster farm nullifies ocean acidification, thereby protecting bivalves such
as oysters and clams.

Researchers said the process may also have additional ecosystem and aquaculture benefits, including sequestration and extraction of carbon and nitrogen, and protection against harmful algae blooms.

Overall, researchers said "the cultivation of kelp constitutes an environmentally friendly means of protecting shellfisheries against present and future ocean acidification and other coastal stressors." Ocean acidification poses a major threat to shellfish, particularly in coastal zones

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"Despite this wave of aquaculture, the intensification of ocean acidification now threatens bivalve aquaculture and has necessitated a solution," Gobler said. "We believe our work is foundational to a solution."

The study, entitled "Kelp (Saccharina latissima) Mitigates Coastal Ocean Acidification and Increases the Growth of North Atlantic Bivalves in Lab Experiments and on an Oyster Farm," was published in April by the trade journal Frontiers in Marine Science.

Gobler and his colleagues said their findings have strong implications for oyster farming in coastal zones.

"We have been witnessing coastal ocean acidification for years and have documented its ability to slow the growth, and even kill off, shellfish," Gobler explained. "We began growing kelp on oyster farms to simply expand aquaculture, regionally."

"After seeing its ability to rapidly take up CO2 and improve low pH conditions, we knew it had the potential to benefit shellfish experiencing acidification," he added. "And while showing that in the lab was exciting, being able to improve the growth of oysters on an oyster farm experiencing coastal acidification proves this approach can have very broad applications."

#acidification #aquaculture #kelp

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Dear Community Partners,

As you may be aware, The Craig City School District has cancelled its summer lunch program due to staff shortages. This program feeds between 60 to 100 children Monday – Friday throughout the summer months. Many families have grown to rely on this meal for their children, and the loss of this service could be very hard on the underserved in our community. Liberty Church has partnered with Prince of Peace church, The Church of God, and Dockside Café to continue this service through the summer.

We have developed a calendar menu and ingredients list to better price out this service. We have estimated a meal cost of \$3.14/meal, this makes the weekly obligation of approximately \$1575 and a total cost of about \$18,700 for the summer. We will be relying on volunteer staff to help prepare and distribute the meals each day. The service will start June 13th and will run Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, until we get our volunteer schedule worked out and supply chain details organized, at that time, we will move to 5 days a week.

Our hope is that the community could solve this problem on our own and would like to invite you to help. We are seeking donations and any amount will help. There is zero overhead with this service, every dollar goes directly into food and containers.

Thank you so much for your consideration in helping in this community need.

Sincerely, Pastor Cody Schwegel (907) 401-0363

Pastor.liberty@outlook.com

To: Craig City Council

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To: Craig City Council

From: Brian Templin, City Administrator

Date: June 10, 2022

RE: Landless Bill S.2369

As the council is aware, we have been tracking legislation in the US Senate regarding land allotments to the five landless groups. A number of the initial selections were on Prince of Wales Island. The council has consistently commented to Senator Murkowski that the City of Craig is supportive of the landless groups getting land, but selections should be closer to their communities and not on POW.

The most recent set of maps reduced the land selections on POW to about 5,000 acres. Partly near Kitkum Bay near Moira Sound and partly at Lake Bay near Coffman Cove.

Recently the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee met to take testimony on S.2369. The meeting opened a 10 day window for interested parties to submit comments.

Steve Silver and I have drafted the attached comments from the City of Craig to be submitted to the committee.

Please review the attached comments and approve them for submission to the committee.

Recommended Motion: Move to approve the attached comments and direct staff to submit them to the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee.

Testimony of Mayor Tim O'Connor

City of Craig, Alaska

Before the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee

On S. 2369

M. Chairman, Sen. Murkowski and members of the Committee, on behalf of the City of Craig, Alaska and the Prince of Wales Community Advisory Council (POWCAC) presents this testimony on S. 2369. The City of Craig opposes any village land selection by any of the five villages named in the bill. The Prince of Wales Community Advisory Council generally opposes land selections on Prince of Wales, but POWCAC member communities, tribes and organizations may take their own stance on the legislation.

None of the villages is located on Prince of Wales Island which already is home to three ANCSA villages, located in Craig , Klawock and Hydaburg, There was and is no opposition on POW for these ANCSA Village Corporations which are traditional villages with ancestral ties to POW. This is not the case for Wrangell or Ketchikan designated as urban corporations because of their ties to Wrangell and Ketchikan and not POW Island.

Land selections on POW Island affect federal funding for communities by reducing the federal land base; inhibit access for hunting, fishing, firewood and other traditional activities; and reduce areas where rural subsistence hunting and fishing regulations currently apply. All of this affects local residents.

Ketchikan is located on Revillagegedo Island and Wrangell on Wrangell Island and have no village history on POW. It is the City of Craig's position that villages need to seek any land selections on their home island or elsewhere.

The City of Craig takes no position on the rest of the bill, but it is strongly opposed to the proposed land selections at Lake Bay as proposed by the Wrangell village and the proposed Ketchikan village selection at Kitkun Bay. There is no historic connection to the selections for either village

Craig also supports general opposition of the Prince of Wales Citizens Advisory Council which represents virtually all towns, cities, villages, tribes, ANCSA corporations and unorganized associations.

Each Community and Tribe on Prince of Wales Island holds a seat on POWCAC. In addition to the communities and tribes, the Prince of Wales Chamber of Commerce holds a seat on POWCAC.

The membership acts in an advisory capacity to promote the goals and objectives of the island. Discussed general opposition to any selections on POW island for any of the Villages in <u>S. 2369</u>, a formal vote or resolution has not been introduced to POWCAC.

We appreciate the sponsor's work to reduce land selections from POW Island but remain opposed to any land selections from the island.

In summary, the City of Craig and POWCAC respectfully asks the Committee to delete any selection areas on POW if and when it considers this bill for markup later in the year.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

To: Craig City Council

From: Brian Templin, City Administrator

Date: June 10, 2022

RE: Consider Confirmation of EMS Coordinator Appointment

Following the notice of resignation of Minnie Ellison from the position of EMS Coordinator, the Mayor and City Administrator offered the position to V. Tsai.

Tsai has been employed by the city since October 2020 including part time as an ETT with Craig EMS. Tsai began working full time for EMS in September 2021 and moved was promoted to Assistant EMS Coordinator in February of this year. He has been acting EMS Coordinator (in Minnie's absence) since February and has done a great job. Tsai is currently enrolled in the EMT 2 class.

With Tsai's promotion we will begin advertising for a new full time EMT Assistant Coordinator.

Section 2.04.040.C of the Craig Municipal Codes provides for the appointment of some department manager positions by the mayor, including the EMS Coordinator, subject to confirmation of the city council.

Recommendation

Confirm, by motion, appointment of V. Tsai to the position of EMS Coordinator.

To: Craig City Council

From: Samantha Wilson, City Planner

Date: June 9, 2022

RE: Liberty Church Access Permit

Liberty Church has requested an access permit to conduct and host free, public bounce house and drive-in movie events within the Craig Aquatic Center parking lot. Bounce house events will include the 4th of July Celebration and possibly other summer events as weather permits. Drive-in movies would be planned during the fall and/or winter months, weather permitting.

Liberty Church will be required to give advanced notice to City Hall and the head of the Craig Aquatic Center and receive approval from both before planning or advertising an event. Events must not interfere with normal pool activities or block/limit access to the building. No city employee will be required at the event and the pool building will be off-limits to event users unless a collaboration has been planned between the permittee and the head of the Craig Aquatic Center. As the head of the Craig Aquatic Center, Jessica Holloway has been informed and involved in the development of this access permit and is in favor of its terms.

Proof of insurance has been provided by Liberty Church for the July 4th bounce house event, naming the City of Craig on the insurance. The insurance includes coverage of up to \$1,000,000 per occurrence. Any additional events will be insured as required.

As events will be free to the public and will be advertised as such, the access permit fee will be waived in favor of the service (service fee) of recreational activities provided by Liberty Church to the Craig community.

Please review the access permit for more detailed information.

Recommendations: Council members should review the access permit, suggest any recommendations or alterations they feel may be needed/pertinent, and approve the access permit with or without revisions.

CITY OF CRAIG ACCESS PERMIT

The City of Craig (hereafter "city"), through authority granted to it under 16.04.020 of the Craig Municipal Code, hereby grants an access permit to Liberty Church, whose address is PO Box 1279 Craig, Alaska 99921, (hereafter "permittee") for use of the Craig Aquatic Center parking lot to host bounce house and drive-in movie events, is subject to the following conditions:

- 1. This permit is valid for use of the Craig Aquatic Center parking area to host bounce house and drive-in movie events. No other use may be made of the property without prior approval from the city. Each event must be approved by the head of the Craig Aquatic Center and be made known to City Hall at least two weeks in advance. With the exception of 4th of July related festivities, events will only be considered for approval on Saturdays and Sundays, between the hours of 5:00pm and 10:00pm.
- 2. These events are to be non-discriminatory, non-profit events that are open to the general public. Advertisement such as flyers are to be available in at least three locations not directly affiliated with the permittee such as: grocery stores, banks, City Hall, the City Library, the City Gym, etc.
- 3. Materials for these events will not be stored on City of Craig property when not in use and shall not interfere with normal access to the Craig Aquatic Center or cause a hazard for Aquatic Center users during business or active work hours.
- 4. <u>Site Contamination Prohibited; Environmental Compliance Required.</u> (a) Any violation, at the site of the property, by permittee, or by a third-party present upon the land with permittee's permission, of an environmental statute or regulation of the city, state or federal governments shall be grounds for immediate termination of the permit by the city, at the city's sole discretion. By entering into the permit, the permittee agrees not to make any claim for monetary damages against the city for permit cancellation pursuant to this subsection.
 - a. The permittee shall at all times manage permittee's activities upon the property, and the activities of third parties present with permittee's permission, so as to positively prevent any and all contamination of the property which would violate any statute or regulation, which could subject the city to enforcement action by a state or federal agency, or which could subject the city to statutory or common law liability, diminish the value of the land, or cause city expenditures for response costs caused by a hazardous substances release.
 - b. By entering into the permit, the permittee agrees to defend and indemnify the city from and against any and all claims by third parties (including governmental entities and industry pollution-based claims) brought against

- the city by reason of activities on the property during the effective period of the permit.
- c. By entering into the permit, the permittee agrees to reimburse the city for any and all expenses reasonably incurred by the city (including any response or site cleanup costs) because of activities on the property during the effective period of the permit.
- 5. Permittee agrees that they are individually responsible for removing all waste products and other items placed by them, or resulting from their activities, from the property. Such disposal must be done in compliance with State of Alaska and local regulations, and as directed by city staff. Failure to do so will subject permittee to expenses incurred by the city.
- 6. Safety and public welfare must be supported during events.
 - a. Each bounce house that is inflated and accessible to the public will be supervised by a responsible adult at all times.
 - b. The permittee understands that pool facilities, like restrooms, will not be available during events and that the permittee is responsible for providing access to restrooms.
 - c. Each bounce house will only host children of approximately the same age/size at any give time. Manufacture limitations on age/size must be enforced.
 - d. Noise created by events shall be managed at a reasonable volume that does not disturb neighboring residential areas. Drive-in theaters will use a short-range transmitter to transmit sound directly into participating vehicles to minimize sound disturbance. Unremedied complaints from repeated noise disturbances will result in the access permit being revoked.
 - e. Alcohol is not allowed on the property.
 - f. The road must remain clear and accessible to emergency vehicles during all events. Drive-in movies must be oriented to allow all vehicles safe access and egress.
 - i. At least one crossing guard will be posted by the permittee to ensure event users can safely cross the road while allowing regular traffic flow. Crossing guards must be equipped with appropriate safety gear, including a reflective brightly colored safety vest at all times and a flashlight during evening events.
 - g. A serviceable first aid kit will be available, easily accessible, and known to bounce house volunteers. A minimum of two volunteers will be first aid/CPR certified or better at bounce house events. Access to at least two phones or other means of contacting emergency services will be available on the premise during bounce house events.
 - h. Bounce houses must be inspected and be determined to be in good working order before use. Any damage or weakness in the structure must be repaired before use and pass inspection.
 - i. Bounce houses and other inflatable materials must be secured to the ground or to solid, fixed objects to prevent them from blowing away.

- j. If a generator is used, the exhaust should be pointed away from all bounce houses to avoid carbon monoxide poisoning.
- 7. At no expense to the city, permittee shall obtain and keep in force throughout the time period of evidence, comprehensive public liability insurance naming the city as an insured or as additional insured, in a coverage amount of at least \$1,000,000. Permittee will provide the city with proof of insurance coverage in the form of a certificate of insurance; and upon city request, permittee will additionally provide a copy of the insurance policy. Said insurance policy must provide that the city will be notified at least 30 days before termination, cancellation or material change in the insurance coverage; and include a waiver of subrogation by which the insurer waives all rights of subrogation against the city for payments made under the policy.
- 8. As all permitted events on the property held by permittee will be open to the general public at no charge and advertised as such, the permit fee will be waived in consideration of the recreational service provided.

Approved this ______ day of ________, 2022.

Brian Templin, Craig City Administrator

Permittee's Acknowledgment:

I accept the conditions of this Access Permit.

Cody Schwegel Date

This permit begins July 3, 2022 and expires July 31, 2023.