

City of Hoonah

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**City Council Meeting Minutes
July 21, 2016
7:00pm in Council Chambers**

- I. **Call to Order- 7:02 pm**
- II. **Roll Call-** A. Wilson-absent, M. Erickson-present, B. Starbard-absent, E. Phillips-present, S. Savland present (telephonically), S. McConnell-present. Quorum present. Mayor Skaflestad, Clerk McKillican, Administrator Gray and other members of the community were present.
- III. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- IV. **Agenda Revisions- None**
- V. **Approval of Consent Agenda – Moved by Phillips, Seconded by McConnell to approve consent agenda. Motion passed unanimously by polled vote.**
 - i. **Minutes Reports – CAAW May 5, 2016, CC May 12, 2016, CAAW June 2, 2016, CC June 9,2016**
- VI. **Reports**
 - A.**Mayors Report-** Attended Economic Development Committee meeting along with 2 council members. Johann Dybdahl was there and he expressed his concern about the extreme sewage flows they are experiencing. Engineers were met with the week before to discuss this issue and it's possible we have some funding to help with the problem.
Administrator Gray put together a packet of bear proof garbage cans from a Seattle vendor. Not a cheap item but they are well made.
Met with our lawyer in Juneau and had a teleconference with EPA regarding the tunnel project.
Recently had a meeting with the school Superintendent and she provided a newly revised budget. They have a lot of tough decisions to make in the future. They are still roughly \$200,000 short even with our minimum contribution. Will be attending the summer AML conference in August.
Administrators Report- Contactor in town finishing up the LED light convertors at the harbor. Security gates for the haul-out will be done soon and it will allow us to keep the barge side locked at all times except when a barge is in. For the Admin/City planner job that person will be helping with billing, front desk and also the city planning. Rory should only be working part-time but is putting in a lot of hours. This will allow her to go back to only working cruise ship days like she wants.
 - B. **Budget and Committee Reports-** None
 - C. **Project Updates -** ANTHC crew was here including surveyors to provide flagging and control. Met with project and design engineers. It was decided they need a whole pile of rock to build an access road. There is hopefully enough money in the project to bring domestic water back into the subdivision. Project starting in August. 75 to 90 percent local hires. Received the footprint of the sewer treatment plant. Drain pipes are in at the park and hydro seed will be here next week. Fencing and backstop will be ordered by Kris. Should be complete in 3-4 weeks.
- VII. **Communications/Public Appearances-None**
- VIII. **Public Hearing- None**

IX. Ordinances and Resolutions

- I. Introduction of Ordinance 16-07-09 An Ordinance of the City of Hoonah Authorizing A Sales Tax Proposition on the October 6th Regular municipal Election Ballot-** Moved by Erickson, Seconded by Phillips to introduce Ordinance 16-07-09 as written. Discussion: Phillips- We should consider a seasonal sales tax. Should look at figures and see what the difference in revenue would be between the two. Huge burden to locals to pay more tax on fuel, WSG and electricity in the winter months. Understand we have a problem but need to be creative. Erickson- The locals are left holding the bag. A lot of the businesses in town leave during the winter. Would rather shut my business down than pay more. McConnell- Sales tax is not money you count as part of your income. Sales tax is collected and paid to the city to benefit the community. If we want sidewalks, plowed roads and all the other services we have grown accustomed to then I don't have a problem paying my way. Administrator Gray- As a first class city we are not required to have police, fire, EMS but we are required to help fund the school. If we don't have it in sales tax revenue then it will come out of the general fund and other services will be cut. Motion made by Phillips to include seasonal sales tax rate as an alternative. No second. Motion dies. Roll Call Vote: S. McConnell-yes, M. Erickson-no, E. Phillips-no, S. Savland-yes 2 yes 2 no Tie Vote Motion Carried
- II. Resolution 16-07-07 A Resolution to enter into a payment contract for any outstanding balance and the FY2017 deposit Contribution, and to Authorize the State of Alaska to transfer a portion of Municipal Assistance, Revenue Sharing, Safe Cities, or any other state or federal funds paid by the state to the city-** Moved by Erickson, Seconded by Phillips to adopt Resolution 16-07-07 as presented. Roll Call Vote: S. Savland-yes, S. McConnell-yes, M. Erickson-yes, E. Phillips-yes 4 yes 0 no Motion Carried.
- III. Resolution 16-07-08 A Resolution to Participate in the AMLJIA Loss Control Incentive Program for the City of Hoonah –**Moved by Erickson, Seconded by Phillips to adopt Resolution 16-07-08 as presented. Roll Call Vote: S. McConnell-yes, M. Erickson-yes, E. Phillips-yes, S. Savland-yes 4 yes 0 no Motion Carried.

X. Old Business - None

XI. New Business

- I. Revised Access Right of Way; Coho Subdivision-** Move by Erickson, Seconded by Phillips to send to Planning and Zoning. Roll Call Vote: S. McConnell-yes, S. Savland-yes, M. Erickson-yes, E. Phillips-yes 4 yes 0 no Motion Carried.
- II. Council Comment- Phillips-** We need to look at the numbers over the past 2 years that there will be plenty of money to operate to the city and school with a seasonal sales tax. Erickson- I am willing to pay a higher tax in the summer but can't do it in the winter. I will have to shut my business down Oct-Nov. A higher tax all year wot fly with the public. McConnell- Also need to look at the impact a seasonal tax would have on people that visit or buy fuel etc. here in the summer. It could make them go elsewhere to purchase items. Mayor- I was confident we had talked our way through the higher tax at previous meetings. More taxes will not be welcome but we are in a crisis.
Moved by Phillips, Seconded by McConnell to have the administration consider the effect of a seasonal sales tax and present a proposed ordinance to the council.

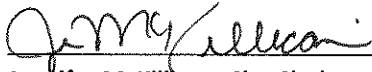
XII. Adjourn- 8:10 pm

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 22nd DAY OF AUGUST, 2016



Kenneth K. Skaflestad, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jennifer McKillop, City Clerk

