



City of Hoonah

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City Council Meeting Minutes

August 22, 2016

7:00pm in Council Chambers

- I. **Call to Order**
- II. **Roll Call-** A. Wilson-present, S. Savland-present, S. McConnell-present, E. Phillips-present, M. Erickson-present, B. Starbard Absent. Quorum present. Mayor Skaflestad and Clerk McKillican were also present along with members of the community. Administrator Gray was absent.
- III. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- IV. **Agenda Revisions-** None
- V. **Approval of Consent Agenda** – Moved by Erickson, Seconded by Phillips to approve revised consent agenda. Motion passed unanimously by polled vote.
 - i. **Minutes Reports** – **Special Council June 29, 2016, CAAW July 14, 2016 CC July 21, 2016**
- VI. **Reports**
 - A. **Mayors Report-** Letter from the School Board stating that Marty Lee will volunteer time at the public library to allow people to check out books. The school just wants the city to cover janitorial and electrical cost. We were awarded a grant with HIA in the amount of \$7862.00 to cover those expenses. The grant requires minimum hours the library be open. Mayor attended the AML summer conference. It had a thorough presentation from John Binkley, who is the head of tourism and he also discussed the law suit pertaining to Juneau and the excise tax. Also a good presentation from the marijuana control board that gave a lot of information. Letter from Mayor Kassel of Fairbanks requesting support opposing the Governor’s veto of school aid for construction. Mayor plans on having town hall meetings on the sales tax.
 - B. **Administrators Report-** Dennis out of town but if the council has any questions pertaining to the visitors guide please call him on his cellphone any time.
 - C. **Budget and Committee Reports-** No Budget Committee meeting yet but date has been changed to the 4th Wednesday of the month. Planning and Zoning hasn’t met due to no business.
 - D. **Project Updates** - Tunnel Bluffs project is waiting on findings from the EPA. DOT and PND are looking at other items pertaining to this.
- VII. **Communications/Public Appearances-Tyler Hickman-** Pertaining to the sales tax. The impacts for Icy Strait Point are a price increase to our customers. We have lost 5 ships for 2017 to Sitka already. Cost goes up and it makes us less competitive. Hope the council will look at current numbers and realize that a tax increase isn’t the only way.
- VIII. **Public Hearing**
 - i. **Final Reading of Ordinance 16-07-09 An Ordinance of the City of Hoonah authorizing a Sales Tax Proposition on the October 4th, 2016 Regular Municipal Election** – Council discussed not having enough information and correct numbers pertaining to sales tax to make a decision on this topic. The 1% can be moved from the gym/pool to make up for part of it but then what happens to the pool/gym? Do we close it down? Need better numbers if we are going to make a decision that is going to affect our community like this. Council knows that we are required to provide an amount to help fund the school.

Bob Hutton- Appreciate the city giving the minimum contribution but with the state cutting 20% next year, we are going to need more to meet the educational needs of the children. Mayor- The loss of the forest timber tax is what is typically used to help fund the school and we are not receiving this money anymore so this is a huge loss we have to make up. Al Hill- With having 4 options it seems to me like the council is overloaded with options but doesn't have the full amount of information on any one of them. The city needs to have a workshop with the council, administrator and finance director and come up with one plan that the council is ready to defend and get the publics backing on. Council recommends we have a workshop to get all the facts and numbers. Cody Anderson- Shutting the pool down doesn't seem like the right thing to do. There are more kids going now than ever before. The community would lose faith in the city if it keeps getting closed. There has to be other options. Council is not looking to just close down the pool and have worked very hard to get it open but options need to be looked at.

Jack Diamond- Agree with Mr. Hill that the council needs to have a workshop on this topic. The state has put us in this bind and us as a community need to let the state know how we feel about it.

II. Introduction of Ordinance 16-07-10 An Ordinance of the City of Hoonah Authorizing A Seasonal Sales Tax Proposition on the October 4th, 2016 Regular Municipal Election-

IX. Ordinances and Resolutions

- I. Final Reading of Ordinance 16-07-09 An Ordinance of the City of Hoonah authorizing a Sales Tax Proposition on the October 4th, 2016 Regular Municipal Election -Moved by Erickson , no second. to approve Ordinance 16-07-09 as written, Motion dies for lack of second**
- II. Introduction of Ordinance 16-07-10 An Ordinance of the City of Hoonah Authorizing A Seasonal Sales Tax Proposition on the October 4th, 2016 Regular Municipal Election Moved by Erickson, no second to approve the introduction of Ordinance 16-07-10 as written. Motion dies for lack of second**
Moved by Phillips, Seconded by Erickson to table both items until the council has comprehensive information and a workshop. Roll Call Vote: S. Savland-yes, S. McConnell-yes, A. Wilson-yes, E. Phillips-yes, M. Erickson-yes 5 yes 0 no Motion Carried.
- III. Resolution 16-08-08 A Resolution Adopting the Water and Sewer Utility Operational Summary for the City of Hoonah, Alaska- Moved by Savland, Seconded by Phillips to adopt Resolution 16-08-08 as written. Roll Call Vote: A. Wilson-yes, M. Erickson-yes, E. Phillips-yes, S. Savland-yes, S. McConnell-yes. 5 Yes 0 No. Motion Carries.**

X. Old Business - None

XI. New Business

- I. Draft Marijuana Ordinance – Mayor plans on having a Town Hall Meeting to discuss this item and invites the council to join. Would also like to do a workshop for council. Moved by Erickson, Seconded by Phillips to move to Committee as a Whole. Motion passed unanimously by polled vote.**
- II. Possible Reallocation of Gym/Pool 1% Sales Tax – Informational piece for the council. No action needed.**
- III. Hoonah 2017 Visitors Guide Contract- Councilmember McConnell wanted to know if we had other proposals. Mayor hasn't seen any other proposals. Will only have a yearly update cost after this initial fee. This doesn't include printing fee. Moved by McConnell, Seconded by Savland to allocate \$23,000 from excise tax to**

produce the visitors guide. Moved by Erickson, No Second to amend the motion to include generic community voices section and not just focus on one business.

Roll Call Vote: E. Phillips-yes, S. McConnell-yes, S. Savland-yes, A. Wilson-yes, M. Erickson-yes. 5 yes 0 no. Motion Carried.

- XII. Council Comment-** Mayor would like to have a Town Hall meeting regarding the tax proposition. Information will be forwarded on to the council and then schedule a workshop to discuss. Council Meeting moved to September 15th due to Economic Development Committee meeting. Councilmember Phillips wants to know where our public dock is at. The public isn't getting that privilege and we should be defending the public on this topic. Councilmember Wilson wanted to thank the public for their comments. Appreciate the attendance and views of the people that are here. Councilmember Erickson -What happened to the George Hall Memorial Sign that was down by the harbor. This sign needs to be put back up.

- XIII. Adjourn – 9:08 pm**

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 13th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2016


Kenneth K. Skaflestad, Mayor

ATTEST:


Jennifer McKillican, City Clerk

