



City of Hoonah

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**City Council Meeting Minutes
September 15, 2016
7:00pm in Council Chambers**

- I. **Call to Order- 7:00 pm**
- II. **Roll Call-** M. Erickson-present, B. Starbard-absent, S. McConnell-present, S. Savland-present, A. Wilson-present, E. Phillips-present. Quorum present. Mayor Skaflestad, Clerk McKillican, Administrator Gray and member of the community also present.
- III. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- IV. **Agenda Revisions- None**
- V. **Approval of Consent Agenda – Moved by Erickson, Seconded by Phillips to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried by unanimous polled vote.**
 - I. **Minutes Reports – Special Workshop July 27, 2016**
- VI. **Reports**
 - A. **Mayors Report-**Recently in Sitka and talked about the subdivision built with trust land that has family homes for rent and once the tenants pay rent for a period of time then the banks and city help to get people qualified to buy or build their own home. Met with USDA rural development and set up a meeting in Hoonah that council members will be invited to. Earlier today we finalized a draft agreement for the use of the gym. New bear proof cans out around the city. Mayor hopes to work on a beautify Hoonah plan. Barb Sheinberg presented her draft from the HEDC plan. Mayor will have to appoint new members to our HEDC. Will be getting a new employee in city hall that will fill in some of the gaps we have here in city hall. Garbage truck is back in full service and on the road.
 - B. **Administrators Report –** Back in the office pretty much full-time, only one more fishing trip. Getting good reviews about the Wi-Fi in the harbor. LED lights are installed at the harbor. Came up with a plan to fix the grid in the harbor starting with getting the bad parts cut out. Sent a request Army Corps of engineer to get an extension for haul-out. Bethany Goodrich in town to work on the Visitors Guide and also doing a history of Hoonah. Would like a base date for when Hoonah was settled. Dick Summerville from PND to get us an assessment on the tunnel project. Admin Assistant, Shannon Miller will be starting next week. She has a medical background so hopefully can help with the Ambulance billing. Been trying since March to get a contract with SEARCH. Should have one by Friday.
 - C. **Budget and Committee Reports- Councilmember Wilson-** Overall the city is doing pretty well where we are and most departments are doing well. Looking into a way to save cost on telephones for departments. City working with SEARCH to look into recovering cost for ambulance call outs and looking into software to help with that. Department of Public Safety expressed concerns about not receiving funds for animal control. Harbor Department is still having issues with collection. With having about \$80,000 in outstanding invoices. Sent to the Harbor Board to look into that. Sales Tax proposal tabled until we had a workshop and received comprehensive information regarding the sales tax to see if it's even needed. Mayor- because of the lag time between the harbor and city and the collection number isn't as large as previously thought. Updated information will be given to the council. Councilmember

McConnell- Harbor Board Discussed the billing and the process for payment hasn't been followed.

D. Project Updates – Within 2 weeks the equipment will be arriving for the water transmission line. Will be hiring from applicants that we have at City Hall. Park project on hold. We have received quotes on the backstop. Still have the grading and seeding to do. It has been requested that the Mayor run equipment for the water line project. Will be declared when the Mayor is doing any work.

VII. Communications/Public Appearances – Sally Dybdahl wanted to thank the city for the bear proof garbage cans.

VIII. Public Hearing- None

IX. Ordinances and Resolutions

I. Resolution 16-09-09 A Resolution Delegating Canvass Board Functions to Two Council Members – Moved by Erickson, Seconded by McConnell to approve Resolution 16-09-09 as written. Roll Call Vote: E. Phillips-yes, S. McConnell-yes, S. Savland-yes, A. Wilson-yes, M. Erickson-yes. 5 yes 0 no Motion Carries.

X. Old Business - None

XI. New Business

I. Allocation of Funds for Library in the Amount of \$10,000 – Moved by Erickson, Seconded by Phillips for the allocation of funds from the land development fund. Discussion: Councilmember Wilson suggested that we look into getting the internet access up and running at the library too.

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

II. Allocation of Funds for Legal Fees in the Amount \$50, 000- City attorney working on 3 large projects for the city and we are close to using the previous allocation of funds. Finance suggested we request the additional money to cover fees through the end of the year. Moved by Erickson, Seconded by Phillips for the allocation of funds for legal fees in the amount of \$50,000 from excise tax/
Roll Call Vote: S. McConnell-yes, S. Savland-yes, M. Erickson-yes, A. Wilson-yes, E. Phillips-yes 5 yes 0 no. Motion Carried.

III. Schedule Time and Date for Canvass Board – October 5th at 1pm

IV. Council Comment- Councilmember Wilson- At the last meeting council was told George Hall sign would be up and wanted to know the status. Mayor Skaflestad stated that the original sign is missing but we will be replacing it. Councilmember Phillips- How is the Veterans Memorial coming along. Mayor Skaflestad is still researching and working on it. Councilmember Savland- Paramount that the admin follows up on the EMS billing. Also think we should name the walkway between the cannery and town. Visitors love it and it's a huge asset to the city. Drafting a letter to spearhead an effort to get a king release site in Hoonah. Need the community support. Will draft a letter and show that it has community support.

XII. Adjourn- 8:04 pm

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 13th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2016

Kenneth K. Skaflestad
Kenneth K. Skaflestad, Mayor

ATTEST: *Jenny Killean*
Jennifer McKillican, City Clerk

