

City of Hoonah

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Special City Council Meeting Minutes


April 10, 2017

5pm

in Council Chambers

- I. **Call to Order-** 5:01 pm
- II. **Roll Call** – A. Wilson-absent, S. McConnell-present, M. Erickson-present, G. Skaflestad-present, S. Savland-yes, E. Phillips-present. Quorum present. Mayor Skaflestad, Administrator Gray, Clerk McKillican also present.
- III. **Personnel Action** – Mayor Skaflestad discussed the hiring of Andy Gray with the council and the nepotism waiver.
Moved by Savland, Seconded by Phillips to accept waiver as written.
Discussion: Mayor Skaflestad explained that it is the role of the council to review the waiver to see that we have properly addressed it. Paul Johanson and Andy Gray are related to Administrator Gray and each other. Given that all matters of salary, benefits and leave will go through the Mayor. It was explained we had only 2 applicants and he was the better choice. He did speak to another person named Brian Rice who called after the position was technically filled but before the waiver was submitted but didn't accept his application since it wasn't found that he had any better qualifications than the two applicants that had already applied.
Councilmember McConnell: Did we advertise? Mayor Skaflestad: Posting went up 3/13/16 and was posted on AML website which is statewide.
Councilmember Erickson: What makes Andy Gray more qualified than Brian Rice?
Mayor Skaflestad: Andy has more of a mechanical background and administrative background.
Councilmember Erickson recused herself from the vote based on being family and knowing too much of what's going on. Doesn't want to put her name on this. It is a conflict of interest. Mayor did not allow her to recuse, direct conflict of interest has not been substantiated.
Councilmember Skaflestad stated that if she feels so strongly about recusing herself it should be allowed. Council agreed with a polled vote. Councilmember Erickson is recused from voting.
Roll Call Vote: G. Skaflestad-yes, E. Phillips-yes, S. Savland-yes, S. McConnell-yes. 4 yes 0 no. Motion Carried.
- IV. **Adjourn** – 5:36 pm

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 11th DAY OF MAY, 2017


Kenneth K. Skaflestad, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Jennifer McKillican, City Clerk

