



City of Hoonah

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COMMITTEE AS A WHOLE MEETING MINUTES

September 1, 2016

7:00pm

In Council Chambers

Agenda:

- I. **Call to Order-** 7:06 pm
- II. **Roll Call-** A. Wilson-present, S. McConnell-present, M. Erickson-present (arrived at 7:21), S. Savland-present, E. Phillips-present, B. Starbard-absent. Quorum present.
- III. Items of Business:
 - a) Councilmember Wilson asked to add Committee Updates to the agenda. Councilmember Phillips agreed. No objection from any other council members. Councilmember Wilson- Update on the Harbor budget there has been a substantial amount of funds not collected in the amount of around 90,000. Would like to send to the Harbor Board to see if they can come up with some type of policy to collect the funds and consequences for not paying. Mayor- We have begun sending collection letters for past due accounts. Council would like a report on the progress at the next council meeting.
 - b) **Resolution 16-09-09 Delegating Canvass Board for October Election-**
Ed Phillips and Mary Erickson will serve on the Canvass Board. Forward to council for approval.
 - c) **Sales Tax Options** – Most departments are staying on budget. Public Safety is slightly over which was discussed at the budget meeting. The 1% that we need for the general fund is about \$240,000. We are not showing a willingness to drop services drastically to get that money from somewhere. We need to raise revenue. The school has shown that without double our minimum contribution they will be in a dire situation. Administration, Public Works and Public Safety are the three areas in the general fund and what we are proposing is to balance our general fund numbers and maintain city services as current levels. This makes up for the state cut revenue across the board. They cut timber tax, PILT, revenue sharing and fish tax. Council agrees we need money but how do we do it without hurting the people in the community. Need to be honest and open with the public and explain what the reasons are and the options we have. Finance is doing an audit on all the sales tax files to see who has been paying and not. If we haven't received payment demand letters are being sent. Council tabled item pending workshop with more information.
 - d) **Other Revenue Options- Fish Tax, Alcohol/Tobacco Tax, Road Use Tax, Bed Tax Etc.**
Council tabled item pending workshop
 - e) **Marijuana; General Information-** Mayor has a request in to the Marijuana Control Board to have someone come over for a presentation and possibly Bob Beasley who used to be the head of enforcement. Council agreed we should bring someone in to help us with this and explain our options.
 - f) **Thompson Park Development-** Dedication to officers is on the piece of property. Mayor would like to add additional memorials on this property to include a Veterans memorial. Councilmember Wilson suggested a wall to divide from the property next to it and possibly use it to put veterans name on it. Mayor would love to hear ideas from the council and the public. Get a list of ideas and the Mayor will send on to Planning and Zoning.

g) Dalton and Shotter Creek Development- Clearing has started for the water line project and rock spread for a haul road. Do not have a startup date but Mayor will keep the council informed. If we have residual funds from the water line project would like to use funds to get the design done and get treated water to the new subdivision. Council would like to see the pile of rock behind city hall cleared out.

h) Library Updates; Library Allocation- Not a lot of progress to establish a long term library plan but we do have volunteers willing to help. We joined with HIA in the library grant but in order for us to use the funding we have to some minimum requirements. School Board required the city to pay for electricity and janitorial work in order for us to open it. Mayor would like \$10,000 allocated of land development fund to cover these costs. Moved by Wilson, Seconded by Phillips to put the library allocation from the land development fund on the council agenda

i) Gym and Pool Updates- Pool open 3 days a week and Gym is open 5 days a week now. Esther Heath at the clinic has discussed having water aerobics. Need to bring in some type of electrical administrator here to determine if there is a cross link between the power systems of the gym and school.

j) Tunnel Project Updates- EPA updates- the rest of the infraction need to be corrected. As of now there are no fines for this infraction. This fall will have an improvement project for what the EPA recommends and also to repair the street and sidewalks. All the rock from the water has to be removed.

k) Potential Agenda Items- What is the status of the signs? The George Hall Harbor sign will be put back up by September 15th. Harbor Board- Need more security lighting at the haul out. Cameras are in at the harbor. The company that installed them put them in and will do service for free in exchange for the Wi-Fi fee at the harbor. Cameras can be accessed by multiple departments. What is the status of the grid repair? Councilmember Savland has talked to the harbor staff many times about this issue. Will be forwarded to put on the Harbor Board agenda. Councilmember Savland is looking into Hoonah becoming a release area for king salmon. Council would like to see a nice painted crosswalk down by the cannery road area. Hoonah Cruise Ship Dock Company meeting will be this month on September 26th at ISP.

III. Adjourn- 9:10 pm