



City of Hoonah

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City Council Meeting Minutes

February 9, 2017

7:00pm in Council Chambers

- I. **Call to Order-** 7:01pm
- II. **Roll Call-** S. Savland-present, M. Erickson-present, E. Phillips-present, A. Wilson-present, S. McConnell-present, G. Skaflestad-present. Quorum present. Mayor Skaflestad, Administrator Gray, Clerk McKillican and members of the community also present.
- III. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- IV. **Agenda Revisions-** Mayor recommended the council move Item 3 under Resolutions and Ordinances to after project updates. No objections from council.
- V. **Approval of Consent Agenda –** Moved by Erickson, Seconded by Phillips for the approval of the consent agenda. Passed unanimously by polled vote.
 - I. **Minutes Reports –** CC January 12, 2017
- VI. **Reports**
 - A. **Mayor's Report** -Newsletter will be mailed out soon. Discussed the marijuana law and how the City of Hoonah has a much more restrictive law than the state and considering following in line with the state laws. Hoonah economic Development Committee is going to be meeting again soon and will be appointing additional people top the committee. Gave an update on the sewer project and where the city stood on in-kind contribution (\$190, 000 of the \$333, 000 match). Received a grant for the new sewer plant, new truck and sewer line repairs and improvements.
 - B. **Administrators Report** – Travelift still not operational. Should be repaired by the end of the week. Gordon Greenwald is making new Hoonah signs. Altman-Rogers is going to perform a sales tax audit for the city that will cost roughly \$12, 000 and will begin in June. Ems billing was completed for Sept-Dec with \$39, 000 in fees the city should receive. 80% of the visitor's guide is complete and should have a draft by the beginning of March. Led bulbs are almost done being installed in all city buildings.
 - C. **Budget and Committee Reports** – Councilmember Wilson provided updates on the budget meeting scheduled January 30th. Went over departments budgets for 2016. City had less revenue that projected for 2016. Possibly due to less sales tax and poor fishing year. ISP was higher for sales tax but it was lower in town. Recommendation from budget committee to have CAAW look at updating tax code. Councilmember McConnell- Harbor board discussed loading permit fees and travelift being down.
 - D. **Project Updates** – Mayor Skaflestad: Baseball diamond looking good. Early in the spring will get everything rakes. Potential for funds from outside source to fix up the basketball court and add a volleyball court.
- VII. **Resolution 17-01-05 A resolution to Re-instate the Participation in the Southeast Alaska Cities Against Drugs Task Force for the Betterment of the City of Hoonah-** Moved by Skaflestad, Seconded by Phillips to adopt Resolution 17-01-05 as written. Roll Call Vote: A. Wilson-yes, M. Erickson-yes, G. Skaflestad-yes, E. Phillips-yes, S. Savland-yes, S. McConnell-yes. 6 yes 0 no. Motion Carried.
- VIII. **Communications/Public Appearances:** Al Hill- Spoke to the council about the existing hard drug problem in Hoonah and asked the city and community for support to help combat this problem. Many other community members spoke in support of Mr. Hills ideas and suggestions. Tina Martin asked if the dug dog was still being used. Chief McKillican explained that the budget isn't there for

the required training to maintain his certification and that the dog's food, vet bills etc. have been paid by the Chief personally to keep the dog in the community.

Greg Garrison- Cell Tower Placement – Gave testimony to the council about the dangers of cell towers being placed too close to people homes.

8:22 pm- 10-minute recess

8:35 pm- Meeting back in session

Sally Dybdahl- will email minutes from the Economic Development minutes to people who wish to be added.

Bill Miller- How far out is the sewer extension? If the sidewalk is getting tore up for this then we should wait to do repairs to the sidewalk. Mayor Skaflestad explained it will go all the way to ISP so they can receive service.

Chris/Sno Cloud- Monday at 6pm will have an informational workshop regarding internet service.

IX. Public Hearing

- I. Final Reading of Ordinance 16-12-16 An Ordinance of the City of Hoonah Authorizing Sales Tax Proposition of 1% to go to the General Operating Fund –** Mayor Skaflestad opened public hearing for Ordinance 16-12-16. No public comments. Mayor closed public hearing.

X. Ordinances and Resolutions

- I. Final Reading of Ordinance 16-12-16 An Ordinance of the City of Hoonah Authorizing Sales Tax Proposition of 1% to go to the General Operating Fund-** Moved by Erickson, Seconded by Skaflestad for the final reading of ordinance 16-12-16. Discussion: Councilmember Phillips- Will the election date be updated? Mayor Skaflestad- We will update this. Allowable since it doesn't change the scope of the ordinance. Roll Call Vote: A. Wilson-No, G. Skaflestad-yes, E. Phillips-yes, S. Savland-yes, S. McConnell-yes, M. Erickson-No. 4 yes 2 no. Motion Carried.
- II. Introduction of Ordinance 17-02-01 An Ordinance to Levy an Alcohol and Tobacco Excise Tax Dedicated to Fund the City of Hoonah General Operating Fund, Which Includes Funding for Education and the Police Department-** Moved by Erickson, Seconded by McConnell for the introduction of Ordinance 17-02-01. Discussion: Both Councilmember Phillips and Erickson said they couldn't support this. Going to hurt sales. Mayor Skaflestad-It is the public's money your dealing with, not yours. If this is not something you want, then look forward to the council bringing different ideas for the budget problem. Administrator Gray stated it would be roughly \$1.50 more for a pack of cigarettes and about 15 cents on a \$4.00 beer. Still cheaper than Juneau. Councilmember McConnell- This is an increase to the consumer, not the merchant. It is one of the only tools we have available to cover the budget. Both Councilmembers Phillips and Erickson tried to recuse themselves from voting due to a conflict of interest. Mayor Skaflestad declined their recusal due to not being a conflict of interest since there is no financial gain for either business, required both councilmembers to vote. Roll Call Vote: G. Skaflestad-yes, E. Phillips-no, S. Savland-yes, S. McConnell-yes, M. Erickson-no, A. Wilson-yes. 4 yes 2 no. Motion Carried.
- III. Resolution 17-02-06 A Resolution Certifying that the Municipality Did Suffer Significant Effect During the Program Base Year from Fisheries Business Activities that Occurred Within the FMA17: Northern Southeast Fisheries Management Area-** Moved by Erickson, Seconded by Skaflestad to adopt Resolution 17-02-06 as written. Roll Call Vote: S. McConnell-yes, S. Savland-yes, E. Phillips-yes, G. Skaflestad-yes, M. Erickson-yes, A. Wilson-yes. 6 yes 0 no. Motion Carries.
- IV. Resolution 17-02-07 A Resolution of the Hoonah City Council Adopting a Harbor Rate Schedule for Calendar Fiscal Year 2017-** Moved by Erickson, Seconded by Phillips to approve resolution 17-02-06. Discussion: Councilmember McConnell- After examining the minutes from the harbor board meeting there seems to be one item on there that wasn't agreed upon at that meeting and that is the additional \$70.00 per

company fee under "A" permit. The only thing decided at the harbor board meeting was the \$30.00 per passenger fee.

Moved by McConnell, Seconded by Phillips to amend the rate structure to strike the \$70.00 from the permit fee. Amendment passed unanimously by polled vote.

Roll Call Vote: A. Wilson-yes, M. Erickson-no, G. Skaflestad-yes, E. Phillips-yes, S. Savland-yes, S. McConnell-yes-yes. 5 yes 1 no. Motion Carried.

XI. New Business

- I. Appointment of Adjudication Board for Utilities-** This is a subsection of the council that will answer and listen to grievances pertaining to utility services or bills. Mayor Skaflestad appointed Councilmembers McConnell, Wilson and Skaflestad.
- II. Fisheries Board Appointment; Stan Savland & Frank Wright Jr. –** Mayor Skaflestad appointed both to the fisheries board.
- III. AML Lease Renewal – Moved by Savland, Seconded by McConnell for the approval of the AML lease renewal.** Roll Call Vote: M. Erickson-yes, G. Skaflestad-yes, E. Phillips-yes, S. Savland-yes, S. McConnell-yes, A. Wilson-yes. 6 yes 0 no. Motion Carried.
- IV. Funding Approval for Cannery Road Pedestrian Improvements-** Moved by McConnell, Seconded by Erickson to lay topic on the table until the special meeting. Roll Call Vote: A. Wilson-yes, G. Skaflestad-yes, M. Erickson-no, E. Phillips-yes, S. Savland-yes, S. McConnell-yes. 4 yes 2 no. Motion Carried.
- V. Funding Approval for R&M ISP Road Widening Project –** Moved to next meeting
- VI. Cannery Road Sewer Extension/Raw Water Main Funding-** Moved to next meeting
- VII. Rural Schools Fund CD Transfer to School District-** Moved to next meeting
- VIII. Elizabeth Peratrovich Day-** Moved to next meeting
- IX. Executive Session- Tunnel Bluffs –** Moved to next meeting

XII. Council Comment- None

XIII. Adjourn- 10:16 pm

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 9th DAY OF MARCH, 2017



Kenneth K. Skaflestad, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jennifer McKillican, City Clerk

