



City of Hoonah

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## City Council Meeting Minutes

October 10, 2017

7:00pm in Council Chambers

- I. **Call to Order**
- II. **Swearing in of New Council Members** – Mayor Byers swore in new councilmembers John Murray and Stan Savland
- III. **Roll Call**- A. Wilson-absent, J. Murray-present, S. McConnell-present, S. Savland-present, E. Phillips-present, G. Skaflestad-absent. Quorum present. Mayor Byers, Administrator Gray, Clerk McKillican and members of the community also present.
- IV. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- V. **Agenda Revisions**- M/S Phillips, Savland to add executive session as item X111 for the council to discuss a City Sales Tax Issue. Motion passed unanimously by polled vote.
- VI. **Approval of Consent Agenda** – M/S Phillips, Savland to approve consent agenda. Motion passed unanimously by polled vote.
  - I. **Minutes Reports** – CC September 14, 2014; Spec. CC October 4, 2017
- VII. **Reports**
  - A. **Mayor's Report**-
  - B. **Administrators Report**- 13, 500 of our 20, 000 of this year's Visitors Guide were handed out. Will work on refreshing guide and reprint it over this winter. Veterans Seawalk signs have been installed. Sales tax audit almost complete, should be ready by November. 2018 Draft Budget is complete. The city has received \$45, 000 for alcohol and \$38, 000 for tobacco from the excise tax.
  - C. **Budget and Committee Reports**
  - D. **Project Updates**
- VIII. **Communications/Public Appearances**- Principal Ralph Watkins welcomed the new mayor and councilmembers. Looks forward to working and partnering with them.
- IX. **Public Hearing**- None
- X. **Ordinances and Resolutions**- None
- XI. **New Business**
  - I. **Appointment of Vice Mayor, Liquor Board Members, Finance Chair and CAAW Chair.** – Mayor Byers appointed Councilmember Wilson as Vice Mayor, Councilmembers Skaflestad, Savland and Phillips to Liquor Board, Councilmember Murray as Finance Chair and Councilmember McConnell as the School Board liaison and Thomas Courtney to P&Z. M/S Phillips, Savland to approve Mayor Byers appointments. Passed unanimously by polled vote.
  - II. **Presentation from Brent Alexander; ANTHC** – Update on the new sewer treatment plan. Fully funded project for 4.75 million. Hope to have a design done in the next year. Once that phase is complete then construction can start.
  - III. **Approval of Borough Formation Proposal from Navigate North** – M/S Phillips, Savland to consider the Navigate North Proposal. Discussion: Council agreed it was imperative to get moving on this process. Roll call Vote: J. Murray-yes, E. Phillips-yes, S. Savland-yes, S. McConnell-yes. 4 yes 0 no. Motion Carried.

**IV. Approval of \$11,000 from Excise Tax for Road Maintenance** -M/S Phillips, McConnell to approve \$11,000 from excise tax for road maintenance to the end of the payment at the Y and the dump road. Discussion: Administrator Gray explained that this is for reimbursement of work already done for 2017. Polled Vote 3 yes 1 no. Motion Carried.

**V. Kake Law Enforcement Agreement-** M/S Phillips, Savland to consider and approve the City of Hoonah, City of Kake labor sharing agreement. Discussion: Council discussed the cost for the Chief's time, Dispatchers and training of a new officer. Don't want the City of Hoonah to incur any cost with this contract.

Roll Call Vote: E. Phillips-no, S. Savland -no, S. McConnell-no, J. Murray-no. 0 yes 4 no. Motion Failed.

M/S McConnell/Savland to amend original motion to include \$12,000 for training cost and 10% admin fee. Failed by Polled Vote. 2 yes (Savland, McConnell) 2 no (Murray, Phillips).

Moved by Phillips to amend the amended motion to include 15% admin fee to contract. Motion dies for lack of second.

**XII. Council/Community Comment-** Councilmember Savland thanked the City of Hoonah for reelecting him to Council. Congratulated new Mayor Byers and Councilmember Murray. Councilmember Phillips discussed the 911 fees and the needed upgrade of the current 911 system we have.

M/S Savland, Murray to bring Kake agreement to CAAW with discussed changed.

**XIII. Executive Session-** City Sales Tax Audit- 8:30 pm M/S Phillips, Savland to go into executive session to address tax audit.

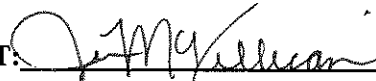
9:18 pm out of executive session

M/S Savland, Phillips to direct administration to negotiate with Huna Totem in accordance with discussion in executive session. Passed unanimously by polled vote.

**XIV. Adjourn-** 9:20 pm

**PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 9th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2017**

  
Gerald Byers, Mayor

ATTEST:   
Jennifer McKillican, City Clerk

