



City of Hoonah

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COMMITTEE AS A WHOLE MEETING MINUTES

April 6, 2017

7:00pm

In Council Chambers

Agenda:

- I. **Call to Order-** 7:01 pm
- II. **Roll Call-** M. Erickson-present, A. Wilson-present, S. McConnell-present (telephonically), S. Savland-present, E. Phillips-present, G. Skaflestad-present. Mayor Skaflestad, Administrator Gray, Clerk McKillican and members of the community also present.
- III. **Agenda Revisions-** Administrator Gray asked the council if we could add the Driver for Hire application changes to the agenda. Council approved action. Added to agenda after item h.
- IV. **Committee Updates** – Administrator Gray suggested we remove from the agenda since it's also on the council agenda, seems repetitive. Council agreed.
Councilmember Wilson – Went to SE Conference in Juneau. Was a good opportunity for networking, Met the Director of DCRA who oversees our government specialists. Discussed the budget cut and how they are on the chopping block and would appreciate a letter of support for them. Met Senator Stedman and went while him and Mayor Skaflestad testified for HB82 which provides off road licenses for towns like Hoonah. Hoonah, Kake and Angoon are looking to get added to the list to allow them. Would be a good thing for our town.
- V. **Items of Business:**
 - a) **Marijuana Ordinance-** Administrator Gray explained that this ordinance will amend our land use code to allow marijuana sales in the city. Councilmember Erickson asked if it had been to P&Z for approval. Administrator Gray – It doesn't need to go to P&Z because we are just adding to zoning districts that are already establishes. Council and Administration discussed the new ordinance and after much discussion it was recommended by council to change the ordinance to only allow sales in the industrial area. They don't want to see stores popping up all over town and doing this will keep it in one area outside of town. Moved by Skaflestad, Seconded by Phillips to move on to council with recommended changes.
 1. Public Comment – Bob Starbard- Would like to see another meeting about this with more people and more opinions. People from all sides discussing their thoughts and ideas about this.

Tyler Hickman- Agree with Bob that there should be a more informal meeting to discuss this. Do agree that if it's going to pass the industrial area is the best place for it.

- b) **Grant for Broadband-** Mayor Skaflestad plans to finance the internet portion of the library through a grant to get it up and running. Want to get it open for the summer months.
- c) **Tideland Development Plan** – Mayor Skaflestad gave a concept plan to the council. Just an introduction for the council to look over, Economic Development Plan had tideland development as one of the priorities. Very early in the stage, want the public to have say. Both Councilmembers Wilson and Savland stated they were against the filling of the beach. Piling walk way would be ok but to fill in the beach is not something that they want to see done.
- d) **Amended Budget Ordinance** – Moved by Savland, Seconded by Skaflestad to move on to council for approval.
- e) **Canvass Board for Special Election-** Councilmembers Savland and McConnell were chosen for Canvass Board. Will Meet at 11am 4/12/17.
- f) **RFQ for Engineer Response-** Moved by Phillips, Seconded Savland to move on to council for approval
- g) **Tideland Lease Request** – Sea Level Transport want to lease an acre. Moved by Savland, Seconded by Phillips to move on to council for approval.
- h) **Council Meeting Schedule-** Administrator Gray explained that with this being a fishing community it would be better to not have a July/August meeting. Also in the winter, it would be better to go back to Tuesday meetings so that we aren't left with only one day in the week to complete tasks like we are now with Thursday meetings. Council agreed that no July meeting and go to Tuesday meetings during the winter and Thursday meetings during the summer season. Administration will provide an ordinance at the next meeting.
- i) **Driver for Hire-** The city would like to change the application to remove verification of sobriety, physician check and employment history. Council agreed that this information should be removed but we will still require the driving record of people applying. Councilmember Wilson also mentions the fee on \$10.00 being too low that the Police Department shouldn't be losing money to process the applications. Chief McKillican stated it shouldn't be as high as Juneau that around the cost of a driver's license would be fair. Councilmember Skaflestad agreed that we shouldn't charge too much since the businesses are bringing revenue into the community. Council agreed to raise the fee to \$20.00 and have administration bring changes to council.
- j) **Community/Council Comments** – Ed Phillips- Have spent 4 years running the trolley. Can't afford to run in it anymore. Have offered it to the city for the purchase price of \$10, 000. If the City doesn't purchase it then it will probably go to Skagway.

Bob Starbard- May 8th the Raven/Eagle totem poles will be moved at 8 am to the ferry to go to Bartlett Cove and on May 20th there will be a dedication at Bartlett Cove. Cost is \$65.00 per person for roundtrip travel and includes a lunch. Tribe

has expanded the bus service to every 30 minutes through town from the Airport to the Ferry terminal from 6:30am to 12pm.

k) Executive Session; HIA/City Agreement – 8:44 pm- Moved by Phillips, Seconded by Savland to go into executive session. 9:21 pm came out of executive session.

III. Adjourn- 9:22 pm