



City of Hoonah

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COMMITTEE AS A WHOLE MEETING MINUTES

June 1, 2017

7:00pm

In Council Chambers

Agenda:

- I. **Call to Order-** 7:02 pm
- II. **Roll Call-** M. Erickson-absent, A. Wilson-absent, S. McConnell-present, S. Savland-present, E. Phillips-present, G. Skaflestad-present. Quorum Present. Mayor Skaflestad, Clerk McKillican and members of the community also present.
- III. **Agenda Revisions-** None
- IV. **Items of Business:**
 - a) **Karl Greenewald; Water Service-** Mr. Greenewald spoke to the council about the issues he is having with the water line hook up. His house is not hooked into the main, it is hooked into his dad's water line on the same property. He feels that to pay for the service he should be hooked into the main water line. He stated that in the past he had a discussion with Mayor Dennis Gray Jr and was given a discounted rate for his water and that when his father passed away it suddenly went back up to full price. Has had many discussions with current administration with the intention of working something out but hasn't made any progress therefore he will let his attorney deal with it and is prepared to go to court. Also brought to the council's attention that he feels there is an encroachment issue on his family's lower lot and that the 14ft right-of-way adjacent to his lot wasn't offered to him to purchase half like it should have been. Mr. Greenewald also brought up that he feels the city is encroaching on his lower property off Lumbago. Mayor Skaflestad explained to the council what the City attorney has found regarding this issue and the City has the right to have two services with one connection according to HMC 13-16-220. There was a letter from the City attorney given to the council on all the findings. Was also explained that there is a statute of limitations for easement dispute that is 7 years and it has been well over that since the water line was installed. There is a 2nd water service line on the property that can be hooked up on request of the property owner. Mayor also researched the claim that his father was given half price due to the water line issue. It was explained to him by Dennis that Karl and Cecilia had been using the little cabin as a rental on and off and there was a problem with the shut off valve, so instead of turning it on and off multiple times a year, Dennis agreed to a certain rate for 12 months out of the year. That had nothing to do with Karl now and he wasn't living there at the time. In 2013 Karl Greenewald Jr. moved back to Hoonah he set up his own utility account he paid with no complaints for many, many months. The fix is to the water line issue is to separate the two houses using the other water line on the property that is currently to the hose hook-up, then the City will have the ability to shut off the water service that isn't being paid.

Mr. Greenewald was also misinformed about the easement issue. It is owned by the City and hasn't been sold to anyone. Was explained to him that if he wanted to purchase it then he would have to seek that through the council.

The Mayor also researched the Lumbago property issue and found out that the City owns a 16ft right-of-way on that corner and it is not owned by Mr. Greenewald's family. After much discussion, the Council the council suggested that this move forward to the next council meeting.

- b) **Jessica Voeller; Smoking in the Park** – Brought policy and information on second hand smoke. Asked the Council to consider making the park a tobacco free area. Shouldn't have the smoke or the litter that comes with it around the kids.

Kris Skaflestad stated that the biggest problem in the park with smokers is the teenagers at night.

Councilmember Skaflestad suggested that there be a smoking area in the far corner away from the kids.

Councilmember Savland- What about the Youth Center? Kris Skaflestad explained that there is no current policy it's just something that isn't done.

Chief McKillican without anything posted then not much can be done about it. Need signs posted to enforce it.

Council agreed that there shouldn't be smoking in the park and asked that this be forwarded on to the council agenda.

- c) **Construction Request-Marine Way & Hill St. Drainage Improvements**

\$35, 000 land Development Fund – Mayor Skaflestad explained that he wants to repave the lower section of Hill Street to help with some of the drainage issues in that area.

Forwarded to council for consideration.

- d) **Cell Tower Ordinance** – Councilmember McConnell explained that this ordinance sets things like tower heights and permitting process. People or companies seeking a permit must appear before P&Z for permit approval since it's a conditional use permit. That gives the community a place to speak on the record about it.

Forwarded to council for approval.

- e) **Dalton Creek Development; Cost Approval-** Mayor Skaflestad not looking for the full allocation of \$98, 473.00 right away. Need to start with the first stages of wetlands delineation and utility concept. Will have an amount for beginning phases at council meeting.

Councilmember Phillips- What is the range of the lot price going to be?

Mayor Skaflestad- Estimated property sales once completely sold is \$4.8 million.

Forwarded to council for approval with funding request from land development.

- f) **Community/Council Comments-** Councilmember McConnell brought up the issue of the dumpster being overfilled by people down at the Harbor and the need for signs.

Mayor Skaflestad updated the Council about the RFP that is out for the borough formation. Hasn't reviewed anything we have received but once its closed they will be reviewed and go through a procurement process.

Councilmember Phillips brought up the letter from SEARCH and was surprised to see that the 911 patch was having so many issues. It's a problem that needs to be dealt with.

Mayor Skaflestad agreed that it is a huge liability to the City and will be bringing this to council. Is it worth the liability to the City for the \$30, 000 we would could spend to have a full-time dispatch. It could cost us much more than that.

Councilmember Savland wanted to remind people that the Fisheries Board have the quotas for lease. Any fisherman can apply for this, they just need a NOAA certificate. Forms are available at City Hall to apply for one.

Mayor Skaflestad would like to start the budget process early this year. Would like to begin in August.

V. Adjourn- 9:17 pm