



City of Hoonah

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COMMITTEE AS A WHOLE MEETING MINUTES

March 2 , 2017

7:00pm

In Council Chambers

Agenda:

- I. **Call to Order-** 7:00 pm
- II. **Roll Call-** M. Erickson-present, A. Wilson-present, S. McConnell-present (telephonically), S. Savland-present, G. Skaflestad-absent, E. Phillips-present. Mayor Skaflestad, Administrator Gray and Clerk McKillican and members of the community also present.
- III. **Agenda Revisions** – Councilmember Wilson asked something could be added to the agenda for the public so they are aware they can comment or make suggestions about items they might like to see on future agendas. Moved by Wilson, Seconded by Savland to add community/council comments to agenda before adjournment on all future Committee as a Whole agendas.
- IV. **Committee Updates-** Harbor Board hasn't had a meeting since last council meeting- no new updates.
Budget/Amelia Wilson- Budget is looking good. First 2 EMS billings complete for Sept-Dec \$40, 000 and Jan \$16,000. \$70, 000 in salaries were not incorporated in the pool budget so looking at closing the pool from mid-May though mid-Sept. High electric bills are a concern, going to watch the meters and make sure lights are shut off when not in use.
Mayor Skaflestad has been talking to IPEC pertaining the rates and there is going to be a meeting with AK Energy Authority, Regulatory Commission, AELP CEO and board members. Will bring information back to the council.
- V. **Items of Business:**
 - a) **Title 3 Administration and Personnel; 3.04.020 Compensation for Council-** Mayor Skaflestad was going through the code and noticed this. Councilmember Erickson- Thought this was asked to be removed in the past. This is like volunteering and shouldn't be paid to be here. Mayor Skaflestad couldn't find any ordinances or resolutions from the past that did away with this. Can produce a revised ordinance and bring to council. Council agreed it should be deleted from the code. Moved by Savland, Seconded Phillips to move 3.04.020 to council for deletion.
 - b) **Title 6 Animals; 6.04 Animals in General** – Chief McKillican made changes to 6.04 but then once moved to next two chapters realized there was a lot of redundancy. After speaking to the Chief, Mayor Skaflestad recommended to the council that this be tabled until the next CAAW to give some more time to clean up all 3 chapters.
Councilmember Erickson- Stated that she thought in the past the city banned pit bulls due to aggressive behavior. Administrator Gray- If it's not in the ordinance it wasn't done.
Councilmember Savland- if we have a troubled dog, do we have what we need on paper now to go and take care of it. Chief McKillican explained that all that is in the current

ordinance and that the main thing that needs to be done is just clean-up of what is in there now. Currently having an issue with people not following animal registration code and posted a letter around town reminding people of the laws for that. Getting to the point that people will get a \$50.00 ticket if their dog is not registered.

Moved by Phillips, Seconded by Savland to table until next CAAW

1. Public Comment- Billie Miller- dogs aren't aggressive because of the breed. It's how its raised. Don't think it's right to pick on one breed.

Lori Fanning- All dogs should be required to have rabies vaccination

c) Title 4 Revenue and Finance; 4.04.080, 4.04.090, 4.04.100, 4.04.200- Mayor

Skaflestad- These are the sections on sales tax fines, fees and schedules. Not ready to send to council and is more of an information piece. Going to work on it and send to legal once a draft is complete. Welcome commentary and view from the council on changes.

City Treasurer Billie Miller recommended changing the section with penalties and interest because now any penalties stop after only 3 months and also changing the due date of taxes to the last business day of the month. Would also like the interest to be 15% like the state charges instead of 12%.

Councilmember Wilson asked what happened to having a non-payment posting like Ryan Wilson recommended we could do? We are so strict with water customers and why not be with businesses that don't pay their taxes. If we are strict on one sense we have to be with the other.

Councilmember Phillips- It's hard to run a business in this town. Why don't we just arrest people!?

Billie Miller pointed out that tax money collected is not for business to keep but some businesses are collecting it and not paying it to the city. This affects the city's budget. Mayor Skaflestad recommended that posting a non-payment list should only be for extreme cases of non-payment. Possibly people that are a year or more past due.

1. Public Comment – Lori Fanning suggested that we send sales tax forms to delinquent customers so they can't say they don't have the forms.

Moved by Phillips, Seconded by Wilson to table Tile 4, Revenue and Finance until next CAAW.

d) Resolution 17.03.08 Gym/Pool Fee for 2017- Need to establish fees by a resolution for the year.

Councilmember Phillips- would be nice to allow our volunteer firefighters access for free. Mayor Skaflestad- that is something we can do in-house.

Councilmember McConnell- Why are we letting kids go to the gym for free but charging for the pool? Kris Skaflestad explain that instead of opening the youth center they are opening the gym.

Moved by Savland, Seconded by Phillips to forward to council for approval

e) Preliminary Workshop Marijuana Ordinance – Mayor Skaflestad showed the council where in our ordinance marijuana is still illegal substance in the community. We will eventually be addressing this ordinance. Legal team in working on a new ordinance. Update will be forwarded at your next CAAW.

f) Council Comments- Councilmember Wilson asked if the waterfront discussion could be added to the next agenda. A lot of community comments are being made. Stepped forward and explained that not speaking for the council but am on the council and the council has taken no action on this.

Mayor Skaflestad explained that because of comments made at the HEDC meeting pertaining to filling in the beach with rock that it became this issue.

Councilmember McConnell stated that ideas for that area need to come from the community first then go through the right channels like P& Z etc. but that it's a huge deal and the community needs to have say it what happens down there.

III. Adjourn- 8:21 pm