



## **Special City Council Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, October 29, 2018**

**6 pm in Council Chambers**

**I. Call to Order- 6:00 pm**

**II. Roll Call-** S. McConnell-absent, A. Wilson-present, G. Skaflestad-present, S. Savland-present- telephonically, J. Murray-absent, M. Smith-present. Quorum present. Clerk Bidiman, Mayor Byers, Administrator Gray and members of the community also present.

**III. Cruise Ship Dock Permit-**

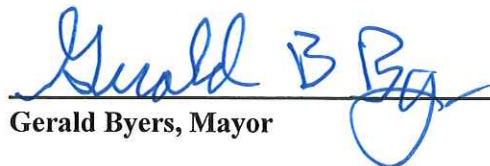
Discussion- Administrator Gray explained that the special meeting was to go over the Army Corps Review, now that Council has had time to digest the review. The Planning and Zoning looked it over and after discussion from Johan, they offered no comment of concern. He shared that this will be on two tidelands, parcel A and B. Johan Dybdahl shared that the cruise ship industry is changing its approach in the Alaska market and going now with much larger ships. In order to be competitive in the market, we are moving to accommodate those larger ships. The existing dock did exactly what we hoped it would do. We are planning our expansion of facilities to the Outer Point area. We have to develop more facilities and more tour capacity in order to handle the number of ships coming to Icy Strait and Hoonah. This year we had 107 ships, but in 2019 we will have 138 ships. Some of those ships are going to be larger. This dock is going to be privately financed. Johan explained that Mark Keller is the construction manager again for this project.

Mark Keller explained that the first dock was a 400 foot by 50 foot dock. He explained that construction for this new dock would start at the end of April beginning of May 2019, with the hopes of it being ready by April of 2020. This cruise ship dock will be built so that cruise ships will have 50 feet of water under them at a 0 tide. It will be anywhere between 250-270 feet off shore. There is a hope that we can put a small craft mooring off the back of it. It is a very similar configuration to the one that is there now. We are still now in the planning stages of things. We don't have a design quite yet, but getting close. If we get the funding in place, we should be able to do a 35% review in November and 65% review in

January. We hope to get an issue for construction in February and then by the middle of March start construction. We are making good progress but tight on money. Administrator Gray shared that Planning Commission had zero concerns and recommended to proceed with the tideland lease with Huna Totem. Councilmember Wilson said that she feels like we should go with what P & Z recommends. Councilmember Savland wondered how they planned on moving people from the dock to ISP because there are already complaints about people having to walk quite a distance. Mark Keller explained that they would use the tram road for access. There would be pick up for people behind the buildings as a receiving center. People would be picked up by buses. He said there were some test pits dug and it is cobble all the way down, so we will probably end up building this receiving center on piles. We don't know what the building will look like, but know roughly where we will put it. It will be about 5000 square feet. Councilmember Smith asked about the incidental harassment authorization and what that entails. Keller explained that this is done during construction and it basically protects harbor marine mammals. We have sea lions, whales, seals etc...we need to worry about during this process. Administrator Gray ended the meeting by stating that he will write a letter to the Army Corps and say that the City of Hoonah has no concerns at this time per P & Z's recommendation.

Adjourn – 6:20 pm

**PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 20th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2018**

  
Gerald Byers, Mayor

ATTEST:   
Jennifer Bidiman, City Clerk

