



City of Hoonah

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## COMMITTEE AS A WHOLE MEETING MINUTES

March 3, 2016 7:00pm

In Council Chambers

### Agenda:

- I. **Call to Order-** 7:00 pm
- II. **Roll Call-** E. Phillips-present, B. Starbard-present, A. Wilson-present, M. Erickson-present, M. Marks-absent, K. Hill- absent.
  - a) **Ryan Wilson; Government Specialist** – Completed the Ruba score for Hoonah and we received 53 out of 54 components. Scored well above most cities our size. The only issue that he could find was the Water Operator not attending the monthly safety meetings provided by AML/JIA. It is an issue that will be fixed immediately. Ryan will also be working on 2 new ordinances for the city which will include adding council members to the hiring committee for certain city positions and also one on the budget, to include the department heads being at the monthly meetings.
  - b) **Water, Sewer, Garbage Rate Schedule-** Councilmember Erickson would like to decrease the rate or have a seasonal rate. Administrator Gray stated that it wasn't possible to decrease the rates because we are already subsidizing money out of the general fund to the water department every year. Councilmember Erickson thinks that in the winter to pay such a high rate for only one bag of trash but in the summer paying a higher price is fine. Councilmember Starbard mentioned that we should add to the ordinance to cover places like a Bed & Breakfast for example, they shouldn't have to pay the same cost year round for a service they aren't using. It's already in the ordinance and as a business you can call and on a case by case basis it can be looked at and possibly change the category you're in. Administrator Gray thinks that we should raise rates. Councilmember Wilson agrees that we should raise water rates so that we aren't subsidizing out of the general fund. Councilmember Starbard stated that the inequity between metered business and flat rate businesses is a huge issue. Council recommends a rate study and for it to be brought back to committee as a whole.
  - c) **Smoking Ordinance-** Councilmember Starbard presented a smoking ordinance. Council is more concerned with public places like city hall, the park, bars, stores and post office. Jessica Voeller from HIA gave a presentation on clean air and second hand smoke. Mayor thinks we have a policy in place already that would work we just need to have better signage and enforcement.

Council would like to keep at committee until changes are made.

- d) **Title 10- Vehicles and Traffic Ordinance-** Nothing in our ordinances pertaining to impound fines and fees. Moved by Starbard, Seconded by Erickson to move on to council.
- e) **Chris Erickson Land Purchase-** Request came in to purchase lot next to his land. He has put in request multiple times plus he is in violation with a set of stairs at his current property on variance issues. Recommendation made by Administrator Gray to deny this request. Moved by Starbard to move on to council, no second. Motion dies in committee.
- f) **Abandoned Buildings-** The city in conjunction with HIA would like to begin the condemnation process on some properties in town. Recommended by council to move forward with identifying derelict buildings for condemnation.
- g) **Joint meeting with HIA-** Motion made by Erickson, Seconded by Wilson to meet with HIA March 29<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

**III. Adjourn-** 8:48 pm