

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL - CITY OF THORNE BAY:
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
TUESDAY June 6, 2017, 6:30 p.m.

The meeting was preceded by a workshop of the City Council @ 6:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Gould called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. PLEDGE TO FLAG:

The council and audience stood for the pledge to the flag.

3. ROLL CALL:

Gould, Carlson, Slayton, Edenfield, Hartwell, McDonald and Burger were present.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Gould moved to approve the agenda. Hartwell seconded the motion. There was no further discussion.

MOTION: Move to approve the agenda

F/S: Gould/Hartwell

YEAS: Burger, McDonald, Gould, Carlson, Slayton, Edenfield, and Hartwell

NAYS: None

STATUS: Motion Passed.

5. MAYOR'S REPORT:

There was no Mayor report given.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: (City Administrator & City Clerk)

Meetings Attended and Updates:

1. Sam has passed his Class I water operator test and Class I water distribution test.
2. Jason and Sam gave a tour of the water operations to David Egelston's Practical Engineering class. David sent an email praising both Jason and Sam for their explanation of how the system works and to let them know their work was and is appreciated. Jason and Sam also got praise from VSW for their operations.
3. July 4th is on Tue a solid waste collection day so the collection day has been moved to Wed July 5th.

Tasks and Projects:

1. Met with WM to review Solid Waste Site for collection and storage of scrap metal. Will discuss more later.
2. Met with DOWL on the draft plan for wastewater and water treatment improvements and have settled on the best plans for improvements. Will discuss more later.

3. Looking into the possibility of charging a user fee for street lights which would help offset a little of the electric cost.
4. Shane and I are working on harbor rate structure (including seaplane fees) which will be presented at a later council meeting. The changes would go into effect Jan 2018. Teri is working on compiling a list of all user fees so we can review plus has come across several services we should be charging for. These also will be presented at a future council meeting. One rate that has not increased for years is the seaplane landing fee/slip rental fee.

Resolution 17-06-06-01 is to show the city's support for the alternative solution for modifications to the water treatment process for reduction of disinfection byproducts that DOWL is proposing. This alternative solution has had support of VSW as they feel this is the best long-term solution to add some additional filtration and modify the existing treatment process allowing the city to continue using water from water lake. This is necessary as the recommended solution is close to 1 million dollars and VSW needs the resolution of support to go back to the feds.

Ordinances for Introduction:

- A. Ordinance approving rezone of certain city property, zoned the same as adjacent property zones. Un-zoned property also zoned the same as the adjacent property zones.

Ordinances for Public Hearing:

- A. Ordinance 17-06-06-01 is the 3rd public review of the Marijuana ordinance that pertains to Zoning where definitions and special uses are established. Both ordinances that you just received are the versions that have evolved between us and legal counsel.
- B. Ordinance 17-06-06-02 is the 3rd public review of the Marijuana ordinance that pertains to the laws which relates all aspects back to the State of Alaska laws.
- C. Ordinance 17-06-06-03 is the 2nd reading of the FY 18 budget. And to spare everyone from me reading my FY 17/ FY 18 budget narrative twice, I waited until the 2nd reading. I did try and consolidate to keep it under 15 minutes but if I over run you can deduct the time from McFarland. But to save everyone from me bragging about staff there are copies available for evening reading.

Expenditures over \$2000: For once not all the expenditures are mine. The \$73,000 is Teri's insurance. The \$3000 for tree removal is for the trees cut by the Sewage Treatment and Water Treatment facilities. The initial estimate was under \$2000. The additional cost was to cut the cedar trees for the pavilion so that money can come out of the parks fund or economic development fund. Next meeting will have about \$3000 for a 20-foot container to replace the old container used for city admin storage and may use some of it for library storage also and the old container will go to the shop or solid waste site for storage.

Harbors and Parks: Two boats visiting from Seattle commented on the well-maintained harbor, clean fish cleaning station and town hospitality. Plus said we should raise our guest fees.

Streets and Roads: Removed one old trailer and addition from the RV Park and now have another one that has been abandoned. Cheap way to get rid of old trailers and cars---leave them at the RV Park.

Water and Sewer: Jason and I reviewed with DOWL and VSW, DOWL's draft engineering report and the alternatives recommended for both water treatment upgrades and sewage treat disinfection. I have a copy of the report if you would like to wade through the engineering and recommendations. The sewage disinfection is fully funded but the water improvements will need about 1 million more although that project can be done in phases. Both projects show substantial operational cost increases but both operational cost increase estimates are based on maximum plant operations. With the sewer plant operating at 15 to 20 percent capacity and the water plant at 15 to 20 percent capacity on average the estimated operational costs will be approximately these percentages of the estimates. Both DOWL and VSW feel good about the improvements bringing both sewage treatment and water treatment into compliance with current regulations.

Solid Waste: Waste Management was on POW visiting SEASWA communities to review their scrap metal. The next step will be a proposal for how they plan to do the collection.

Law Enforcement: Buck has been out of town but is back hopefully for a long time.

FIRE/EMS: Staff has taken the test for a gaming license, all passed and now to finalize the application and send in to the state. Also have a new application for an EMT 1 from a new resident to Thorne Bay.

Library: Have not been able to meet up with friends of the library to discuss proposed improvements to the library.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Thom Cunningham commented on the following:

- Growing problem with trash all over South Thorne Bay. Request possible ordinance of a blight law.
- Inquired about the cost of disposal for vehicles and metal when Waste Management does their collection.

Wayne stated the prices had not been determined, but would find out.

8. COUNCIL COMMENTS:

McDonald commented on the IFA Ferry Ridership for 2017, stating the ridership was up this year. McDonald commented on the IFA having a new route they take around Kasaan every occasionally. Nice change in scenery.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Resolution 17-06-06-01, supporting DOWL recommended alternative for water treatment plant improvements, discussion and action item:

Gould moved to approve Resolution 17-06-16-01. McDonald seconded the motion. There was no further discussion.

MOTION: Move to approve Resolution 17-06-16-01

F/S: Gould/McDonald

YEAS: Edenfield, Carlson, Slayton, Gould, Hartwell, McDonald and Burger

NAYS: None

STATUS: Motion passed.

10. ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION:

A. Ordinance 17-06-20-01, zoning of Old skid road subdivision, and South Thorne Bay Addition 1, to be zoned Residential/Commercial III, Tract AP and Tract AQ, to be zoned Deer Creek Residential, Tract NT, to be zoned Residential Commercial III, Tract BP-4, to be zoned as Public, Tract BP-2A amended from Commercial to Deer Creek Residential, Tract BP-3, amended from Industrial to Residential Commercial III, discussion and action item:

Gould moved to approve Ordinance 17-06-20-01. Hartwell seconded the motion. There was no further discussion.

MOTION: Move to approve Ordinance 17-06-20-01

F/S: Gould/Hartwell

YEAS: Slayton, McDonald, Edenfield, Gould, Hartwell, Burger, and Carlson

NAYS: None

STATUS: Motion Passed.

11. ORDINANCE FOR PUBLIC HEARING:

A. Ordinance 17-06-06-01, Amending Title 17-Zoning, Chapter 17.04-Planning Zoning, Adding Sections 17.04.015-Definitions "M-Marijuana" discussion and action item:

Gould moved to approve Ordinance 17-06-06-01. Carlson seconded the motion. Hartwell stated he would vote against the Marijuana Ordinance because Marijuana remained to be federally illegal. Hartwell stated he was a Navy Veteran and collected a Federal Pension, therefore would not vote against the Federal Laws. There was no further discussion.

MOTION: Move to approve Ordinance 17-06-06-01

F/S: Gould/Carlson

YEAS: Gould, McDonald, Slayton, Edenfield, Burger and Carlson

NAYS: Hartwell

STATUS: Motion Passed.

- B. Ordinance 17-06-06-02, Amending Title 9-Public Peace Morals & Welfare, Adding Chapter 9.30-Marijuana, discussion and action item:

Gould moved to approve Ordinance 17-06-06-02. McDonald seconded the motion. Gould explained the ordinance was adopting the State of Alaska Marijuana Laws, with few amendments recommended by the City Attorney. There was no further discussion.

MOTION: Move to approve Ordinance 17-06-06-02

F/S: Gould/McDonald

YEAS: McDonald, Burger, Carlson, Gould, Slayton and Edenfield

NAYS: Hartwell

STATUS: Motion Passed.

- C. Ordinance 17-06-06-03, establishing the authorized income and expenditures for the City of Thorne Bay Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2018 beginning July 1, 2017 ending June 30, 2018, discussion and action item:

Gould moved to approve Ordinance 17-06-06-03. McDonald seconded the motion. Gould thanked Wayne and Teri for their hard work preparing a budget that has kept the City operating in the black for the last 7 years. There was no further discussion.

MOTION: Move to approve Ordinance 17-06-06-03

F/S: Gould/McDonald

YEAS: McDonald, Burger, Edenfield, Carlson, Gould, Slayton and Hartwell

NAYS: None

STATUS: Motion Passed.

12. EXPENDITURES EXCEEDING \$2,000.00:

- A. Expenditure of \$76,635.00, to Alaska Municipal League Joint Insurance Association, discussion and action item:

Gould moved to approve the expenditure of \$76,635.00, to AML/JIA Insurance. Hartwell seconded the motion. There was no further discussion.

MOTION: Move to approve the expenditure of \$76,635.00, to AML/JIA Insurance

F/S: Gould/Hartwell

YEAS: Burger, McDonald, Edenfield, Gould, Hartwell, Slayton and Carlson

NAYS: None

STATUS: Motion Passed.

- B. Expenditure of \$3,000.00, to Killian's Tree Cutting for, clearing trees around sewage and water treatment plant, discussion and action item:

Gould moved to approve the expenditure of \$3,500.00 to Killian's Tree Cutting. Hartwell seconded the motion. There was further discussion.

MOTION: Move to approve the expenditure of \$3,500.00 to Killian's Tree Cutting
F/S: Gould/Hartwell
YEAS: Slayton, Carlson, Burger, Edenfield, McDonald, Hartwell and Gould
NAYS: None
STATUS: Motion Passed.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION:
No executive session was held.

14. CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC COMMENT:
Thom Cunningham commented on the following:

- Advocate for legalization of Marijuana
- Respects Councilman Hartwell's position against the legalization of Marijuana and expressed appreciation for his service
- Request for grading of South Thorne Bay Road including the subdivision past Davidson Landing and Boardwalk Lodge. Commented that it had been over one year since last blade.
- Volunteered his services to help with the Thorne Bay Pearl Nelson Park improvements.

Patrick Tierney commented on the following:

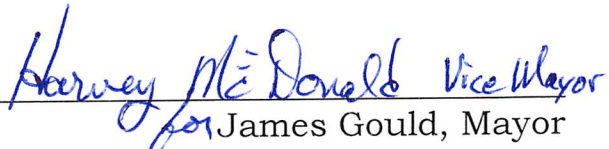
- Expressed great concern of the USFS plans of possibly dismantling the Thorne Bay Ranger District.
- Urged City Council to send a letter to the USFS Government requesting that they continue to support the small communities in Southeast Alaska, of which they helped build.

15. CONTINUATION OF COUNCIL COMMENT:

McDonald thanked the volunteers from the Church of Thorne Bay that have been building the pavilion at the Pearl Nelson Park.

16. ADJOURNMENT:

Gould adjourned the meeting at 7:17 p.m.


for James Gould, Mayor

ATTEST:

Teri Feibel, CMC