

**MINUTES
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL,
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL
TUESDAY, May 3, 2016
6:30p.m.**

The meeting was preceded by a workshop beginning at 6:00p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

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

2. PLEDGE TO FLAG:

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

3. ROLL CALL:

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

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

MOTION: Move to approve the agenda

F/S: Gould/McDonald

YEAS: Burger, Gould, McDonald, Edenfield and Hartwell

NAYS: None

STATUS: Motion Passed.

5. MAYOR'S REPORT:

No report was given.

6. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

The City Administrator gave a report. (Report attached to minutes)

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Jim McFarland commented on the following:

- Thank you to the City for road work in the South Thorne Bay Subdivision, recommended people using the road drive slow in order to keep from tearing it up
- May 4th is the Grand Opening of Totem Trail Café
- May 5th Thorne Bay School Kids town cleanup
- May 7th Salmon Derby potato feed at the school beginning at 6p.m., bring your favorite toppings and a desert for the auction
- May 8th is the first day of the Salmon Derby, weigh in's will be at the Tackle Shack
- May 12th Dinner Out in Thorne Bay, school kids will be fundraising for traveling to tour the Alaska Universities, ASC Meeting following the dinner
- May 15th is the Top of the Dock Party beginning at 3p.m., free hamburgers and hotdogs, bring your own drink and a dish to share

8. COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Hartwell inquired if the concern from the last council meeting regarding the minutes had been resolved. McDonald replied that it had.

9. CONSENT AGENDA:

MINUTES:

1. Minutes for the April 19, 2016, Regular City Council Meeting, discussion and action item:

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

MOTION: Move to approve the consent agenda

F/S: Gould/Hartwell

YEAS: Edenfield, Gould, Hartwell, McDonald and Burger

NAYS: None

STATUS: Motion Passed.

10. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Approval of additional boat stalls for Jason Clowar (Adventure Alaska), discussion and action item:

Gould moved to approve 8 additional boat stalls for Jason Clowar. Edenfield seconded the motion.

There was discussion clarifying the number of stalls needed and availability.

MOTION: Move to approve 8 additional boat stalls for Jason Clowar

F/S: Gould/Edenfield

YEAS: Hartwell, Gould, Burger, Edenfield and McDonald

NAYS: None

STATUS: Motion Passed.

- B. Resolution 16-05-03-01, request for Payment in Lieu of Taxes from the Department of Commerce Community and Economic Development, discussion and action item:

Gould moved to approve Resolution 16-05-03-01, requesting Payment in Lieu of Taxes. McDonald seconded the motion. Gould explained the resolution was a requirement in order for the City to receive the PILT funding and was done annually. Hartwell inquired what the amount of the PILT funds were for FY17. The City Clerk stated the amount was undetermined at this time. Wayne Benner stated the FY17 budget had an estimated \$104,000.00 budgeted, which based on a certain percentage decreased from the prior year. There was no further discussion.

MOTION: Move to approve Resolution 16-05-03-01, requesting Payment in Lieu of Taxes

F/S: Gould/McDonald

YEAS: McDonald, Burger, Gould, Edenfield and Hartwell

NAYS: None

STATUS: Motion Passed.

C. Approval of Rental Agreement between the City of Thorne Bay and Community Connections for the placement of modular building on City property, discussion and action item:

McDonald moved to approve the Rental Agreement between the City of Thorne Bay and Community Connections for placement of modular building on City property. Gould seconded the motion. Edenfield stated she felt the rental amount of ten (10) dollars was too low and suggested the amount of one hundred and fifty (150) dollars. Discussion ensued about the rates charged in different areas of the City for the rental of city property. Hartwell stated the City requires the Tackle Shack to pay for rental of City property including the rental of space where their propane tank is located. Hartwell suggested charging higher rent but possible waiving utility charge. Gould stated the City had to charge for utilities because they need to be able to pay for themselves. McDonald stated Community Connections was good for the community. Edenfield agreed that Community Connections was good for the community, but felt they could pay more than ten (10) dollars a month for rent. There was further discussion of the monthly rental fee. Hartwell suggested a rate of one hundred (100) dollars per month, plus utilities. McDonald amended his motion to change the rental rate from ten (10) dollars to one hundred (100) dollars per month. Gould amended his second to the motion. There was further discussion of Community Connections move from where they currently are is contingent upon being able to get internet service to the location discussed.

MOTION: Move to approve the Rental Agreement between the City of Thorne Bay and Community Connections for placement of modular building on city property, amending the rental rate of ten (10) dollars to one hundred (100) dollars per month
F/S: McDonald/Gould
YEAS: McDonald, Burger, Edenfield, Gould and Hartwell
NAYS: None
STATUS: Motion Passed.

D. Approval of Rental Agreement between the City of Thorne Bay and Ken Batton for rental space at the Sort Yard, discussion and action item:

Gould moved to approve the Rental Agreement between the City of Thorne Bay and Ken Batton. McDonald seconded the motion. McDonald inquired if the City would be paying for the hanger to be placed on the property. Wayne Benner stated it was Mr. Batton that would be paying for the hanger to be placed on the property. There was further discussion of the helicopters that would be located in the hanger.

MOTION: Move to approve the Rental Agreement between the City of Thorne Bay and Ken Batton
F/S: Gould/McDonald
YEAS: McDonald, Burger, Edenfield, Gould and Hartwell
NAYS: None
STATUS: Motion Passed.

E. Approval of Rental Agreement extension between the City of Thorne Bay and Jeremy Zeman for rental space at the Sort Yard, discussion and action item:

Gould moved to approve the Rental Agreement extension between the City of Thorne Bay and Jeremy Zeman. Edenfield seconded the motion. There was no further discussion.

MOTION: Move to approve the Rental Agreement extension between the City of Thorne Bay and Jeremy Zeman

F/S: Gould/Edenfield

YEAS: Burger, McDonald, Edenfield, Gould and Hartwell

NAYS: None

STATUS: Motion Passed.

F. Resolution 16-05-03-02, a resolution supporting the City of Thorne Bay's request for the FLAP Grant, discussion and action item:

Gould moved to approve Resolution 16-05-03-02. Hartwell seconded the motion. Gould stated the Grant was actually the Village of Kasaan's (OVK) FLAP Grant Application, and the City of Thorne Bay is assisting with support. Gould stated the grant OVK is requesting will benefit the City of Thorne Bay.

MOTION: Move to approve Resolution 16-05-03-02

F/S: Gould/Hartwell

YEAS: Hartwell, Burger, Edenfield, McDonald and Gould

NAYS: None

STATUS: Motion Passed.

G. Resolution 16-05-03-03, recognizing the Thorne Bay Fisheries Association as a nonprofit organization, discussion and action item:

McDonald moved to approve Resolution 16-05-03-03. Gould seconded the motion. Gould stated the City had to approve a resolution recognizing the Fisheries Association as a Non-profit Corporation in order for the Association to receive and lease Charter Halibut Permits to the local fisherman. Gould stated the Fisheries Association had been operating as an Association since 2005 and it was good for the Community that they keep operating. There was no further discussion.

MOTION: Move to approve Resolution 16-05-03-03

F/S: McDonald/Gould

YEAS: McDonald, Burger, Gould, Hartwell and Edenfield

NAYS: None

STATUS: Motion Passed.

11. ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION:

There were no ordinances for introduction.

12. EXPENDITURES EXCEEDING \$2,000.00:

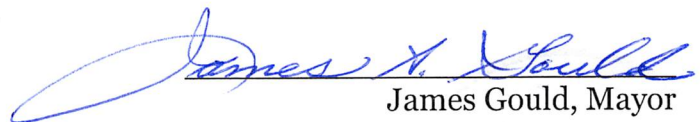
There were no expenditures exceeding \$2,000.00.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Council may adjourn to executive session for the purpose of discussing pending or threatened lawsuits in which the city has an interest, which are matters, the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have adverse effect upon the finances of the city. No executive session was called.

14. CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC COMMENT:
There were no further public comments.

15. CONTINUATION OF COUNCIL COMMENT:
Gould stated the City Council still had their mile 5 to mile 6, to do for the Highway Cleanup. Gould suggested the council meet on the 14th or 15th to complete. Edenfield stated the 14th would be better since there were activities planned for the 15th. Council agreed to meet at 11am at City Hall Council Chambers then head out. McDonald stated the IFA Director for Hydaburg, Jolene Edenshaw, had passed away after a long battle with cancer.

16. ADJOURNMENT:
Gould adjourned the meeting at 7:12p.m.


James Gould, Mayor

ATTEST:


Teri Feibel, CMC

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT 5-3-16 Wayne Benner

Meetings Attended and Updates:

1. SEASWA is once again seeking a company to work with communities in addressing scrap metal disposal. Poole Engineering has not been responsive in helping communities set up long term programs and agreements to deal with our needs.
2. The FS Landscape Assessment organization meeting has been postponed until 1 pm May 16th at the Klawock VOTEC building.
3. DOWL will be in town the morning of May 10 to morning of May 11 so for that 24 hour period I will be busy looking at and discussing projects.
4. Had about 30 minutes to share some issues and concerns with the Lieutenant Governor. Top of the list was internet/communications as well as unfunded mandates and acquisition of tidelands. I do have to say that he actually did listen and not spend all the time trying to defend the state issues.
5. The 2 day Chamber Economic Development workshop, from my perspective, was an excellent program. Every business and organization on POW could have benefited from the information that was presented. I am making arrangements for all City staff to take the 4 hour Alaska Host program.

Tasks and Projects:

1. Teri and I have been working on budgets and various ways to balance expenditures with expenses without reducing services. One of the main focuses is the health insurance but this will not have much bearing until our renewal in December. By next year there will be a need to reduce services and/or cut services and/or increase revenues. I will share some of the suggestions on budgets, including suggestions for further cost savings and a thought for road funding allocations, in my FR 17 budget narrative.
2. Don't forget Highway cleanup. Just a reminder that the city council has from the Thorne Bridge to Kasaan Road. School cleanup is May 5th.
3. For those of you that saw hydrants being flushed on Sunday, the first of each month is hydrant flushing time where approximately 1/3 of the hydrants are flushed with the intent that every 6 months hydrants are flushed twice.
4. There have recently been a number of inquiries for buying rock from the city. I am looking at presenting at next meeting a resolution to adjust the costs the city charges for material as well as labor which currently are way below current private charges.

Old Business:

New Business:

- A. Request by Jason Clowar for additional boat stalls which is a routine request each year. Slips are available at this time.
- B. Resolution 16-05-03-01 is the routine support for receipt of the payment in lieu of taxes from the FS.
- C. Rental Agreement with community connections is to rent the land from the city to retain the mobile home they are tentatively buying from Nick Gefre. The final sale is pending the availability of affordable internet.
- D. Rental Agreement with Ken Batton is for space at the Sort Yard for his helicopter operations which includes a possible small hanger and fuel storage for his operations.

- E. Rental Agreement with Jeremy Zeman is for space at the Sort Yard for parking of his logging equipment. This is a renewal request.
- F. Resolution 16-05-03-02 is supporting a 2nd FLAP (Federal Lands Access Program) grant for continued work on the Kasaan Road. This resolution is updated from the resolution for the FLAP grant that has been approved for work on the Kasaan Road.
- G. Resolution 16-05-03-03 is recognizing the Thorne Bay Fisheries Association as a nonprofit organization. This resolution is the same as the resolution passed supporting the Thorne Bay Fisheries Association in 2007. The Association was an independent board and when members left the area there was no notification to the State hence their no profit status expired. This triggered the QCF to expire even though the board has been operating every year. Teri has been exceptional in getting the nonprofit status re-instated and should have all the paperwork in place to get the QCF re-instated.

Ordinances for Introduction:

Ordinance for Public Hearing

Harbors: First Allen Marine tour boat arrives the morning of the 16th and the 2nd boat on the 20th. For those using the harbor please keep an eye out for unusual activities as the busy season is now upon us.

Streets and Roads: Work in South Thorne Bay Subdivision should be wrapped up this week and then if material is available OVK will move to a spot on the Kasaan Road where the logs keep surfacing. Never done road work before where there are more complaints (threats) about fixing the roads than thanks for fixing them. Also we have had a rash of equipment breakdowns. Not serious but very disruptive when trying to do a project.

Water and Sewer: Thanks Ray for inquiring about the hydrants being flushed on Sunday. The first of each month is hydrant flushing time where approximately 1/3 of the hydrants are flushed with the intent that every 6 months hydrants are flushed twice. And Sam after doing daily checks was doing the May flushing. Never done road work before where there are more complaints (threats) about fixing the roads than thanks for fixing them.

Solid Waste: Yes this is the big Saturday. If the rains ever let up we will continue work on making room for containers to be used to ship waste south.

Law Enforcement: There are a number of vehicles, trailers and other items surfacing on City property. We will be having the VPSO track down owners so we can have them removed or get parking permits.

FIRE/EMS: David Egelston and Shan Jennings will be assisting as Fire Chief during the time that Jim Silverthorn is working this summer.

Library: One of the areas that we are looking at to consolidate operations is with the library and some suggestions how to increase capacity.