

**City of Coffman Cove**  
**Special/Regular City Council Meeting**  
**Thursday, May 15, 2008 @ 7:00 P.M.**  
**At City Hall**  
**Public Hearing 6:30 pm**

Mayor Ashe called the public hearing to order at 6:35pm to discuss two ordinances, Title II – Administration and Title XIV – Subdivisions. Russ Holbrook stated it had been discussed, in Title II changing Section 2.03.020 which refers to the day the council meetings are held, change to Thursday instead of Friday. Add Section 2.04.085 – Reconsideration. Section 2.09.030 – Internal Control, Chapter heading is about duties of the Treasurer not internal control dealing with purchasing or contractual agreements.

Ordinance 08-04 – Title XIV – Subdivisions, Dave Matelski felt the changes made to the ordinance were all in good order. He mentioned the council will need to consider adding some sort of specifications concerning the installation of roads to private property, to ensure they are up to city standards. There were some attending the meeting who felt changes had been made without public knowledge. There was much discussion concerning some of the amended wording to this ordinance. It was decided another workshop was in order.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:05

**Call to Order:** Mayor Ashe called the regular city council meeting to order at 7:05pm.

**Roll Call:** Russ Holbrook, P; Willy Johnson, E; Elaine Price, P; Randy Wright, P; Mikael Ashe, P; Bryce Brucker, P; Kevin Moore, P.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approval of Agenda:** Randy Wright requested we drop #6 under New Business. He didn't get a plan drawn up. Elaine Price stated we could drop numbers 3 & 4 under Resolutions and Ordinances. Russ Holbrook stated we could scratch Ron Hull from Person's to be Heard, he has submitted something more concerning a dock repair bill, as he had to work late. Ron has requested to be put on next month's agenda. Mayor Ashe stated we could make copies of this new bill and send it out to the council members in a mail-out. City Clerk stated we needed to add to Old Business, the danger trees at Bill Weaver's property, he has submitted a proposal for removing the trees. *Elaine Price made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Russ Holbrook second AIF motion passed*

**Public Comment**

**Persons To Be Heard** ~ Dusty from Fed. Hyws. brought a project update concerning the paving job. He explained it appears to be on track or close to it for having the paving done by the end of September. The main reason he came was to let the community know what was going on with the Environmental problems that are going on out on the project. There is some problem with some of the drainages that were put in prior to this. They have a team of people working on this problem to get it worked out.

Jonathan Fitzpatrick shared the school board has asked him to come up with a design for paving the parking lot at the new school. He asked if the city would be willing to finish paving the road from the ferry terminal turn-off to the school parking lot. Russ Holbrook stated the reason the council had withdrawn that portion of road from the prospective road to be paved was because there are no utilities installed along that road yet. Mayor Ashe stated, we can't make any decisions at this time. Jonathan stated he wasn't even sure the school district will be willing to pave the whole area he has in mind for the parking lot either.

### **Consent Agenda**

- 1. Regular Meeting Minutes**
- 2. Treasurer Report**
- 3. Water/Sewer Report**
- 4. Project Managers Report**
- 5. IFA Report**

*Elaine Price made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda. Mikael Ashe second.* Paula explained First Bank is requiring verbiage from the minutes of the meeting expressing she now has authority to sign checks. Mikael Ashe stated, now that Paula is the treasurer she has authority to sign checks. City Clerk specified this also included designating a new administrator since Linda is no longer the treasurer. Mayor Ashe stated this will need to be put on next month's agenda.

Mayor Ashe asked if we had any idea how much to date the city has invested into the internet. Elaine Price explained, combined with the grant money, the city has put about \$60,000.00. grants have been, one for \$10,000.00 and one for \$30,000.00.

Mayor Ashe also asked if we had received a fax from Thorne Bay concerning our garbage. Elaine Price stated we had received no fax from Thorne Bay, but we have received some information on an incinerator and it may be in the city's best interest to look into this. *Mayor Ashe stated there is a motion on the table. AIF motion passed*

### **Resolutions & Ordinances**

- 1. Title II - Administration ~ Section 2.02.020 Order of Business – Internal Control - Elaine Price made a motion to accept Title II- Administration, with the changes on page 1, page 2, leave page 3 as it's written and delete page 4, which is the wording that was added at the last meeting. Bryce Brucker second.** Discussion: Mayor Ashe stated, again we just talked about knowing what we are passing, and it's not clear to me, so I'm not willing to vote a yes vote

as far as passing it tonight. I would be more inclined to see it passed on to the next meeting, just because we have a lot of changes here. Bryce Brucker explained, all we are saying is we messed up the last time, putting something in that belongs in a different ordinance, so what we are doing now is we're going to clear that out and then go back in and put what we want into the right ordinance. Russ Holbrook stated that was his understanding of it also. It was asked again what would be taken out. It was stated it would be the whole page listed under Ordinance 08-03. The concern of the mayor was having restrictions on the spending of city monies for safeguards. It was stated there is an ordinance in the code of ordinance concerning purchasing and contractual services governing the spending restrictions for city funds. **Roll Call Vote: Elaine Price, yes; Bryce Brucker, yes; Russ Holbrook, yes; Randy Wright, yes; Kevin Moore, yes; Mikael Ashe, no. Motion passed with 1 dissenting vote.**

- 2. Title XIV – Subdivisions – Elaine Price made a motion to pass Ordinance 08-04. Bryce Brucker second; Discussion:** after much discussion it was decided to withdraw the motion in favor of a new motion being made. **Bryce Brucker made a motion to have another workshop on this ordinance before the next scheduled meeting. Russ Holbrook second AIF motion passed**

## Old Business

- 1. R. O. W. - Ron Rusher** is interested in leasing or purchasing the 50' strip of land the city owns along his corner property out on the main road. He wants to put his gas station there and would like to put in an access driveway from the main road. He would like to make a deal with the city concerning the rock that will be available when this strip is blasted. Curtis Glasscock is also interested in putting in a driveway on the strip of land along his property that is adjacent to Ron's. Elaine Price suggested she thought the only fair thing to do would be to have an appraiser come in and find out exactly what it would be worth and have Ron and Curtis pay for the square footage they will require. She doesn't think it's going to be worth all that much as it is a rock bluff that really doesn't have much value for anyone else.
- 2. Harbor Parking and Boat Launch** – Elaine Price explained she would continue to put this on the agenda until something is done about these vehicles that have been left here.
- 3. Subdivision Ordinance** – (shall pending applications abide by new ordinance?) It was explained this is now a moot point, so it will be dropped from the agenda.
- 4. Bill Weaver proposal** - The proposal offers \$300.00 stumpage to the city for the removal of danger trees on his property. Russ Holbrook stated he had gone with a timber faller, to look at these trees and he didn't think the danger trees

would amount to very much. *Elaine Price made a motion to accept Bill Weavers proposal, excluding the spruce trees, and Russ Holbrook will make it clear to them which trees they can cut and which ones they can't. Mikael Ashe second, Roll Call Vote: Bryce Brucker, yes; Russ Holbrook, yes; Kevin Moore, yes; Elaine Price, yes; Randy Wright, yes; Mikael Ashe, yes. Motion carried AIF*

#### **New Business:**

- 1. Tourism Committee** - Elaine Price explained she had put this on the agenda because someone in the tourism industry needs to form up a tourism committee for promoting tourism in Coffman Cove. Bryce Brucker stated he would be interested in doing this.
- 2. Etolin View review** – This will be the final chance for the city council and the community to comment. After discussion and agreement between the council and community members the map will be given to the platting board at the next meeting for acceptance.
- 3. Scrape Metal Barge** - Elaine Price explained she had spoken to Channel Construction and was told there would be a scrap metal barge sometime between now and fall and if we had enough scrap metal they would pull in. It has been suggested we start the pile sooner rather than later. It was suggested we not do the pile on the Forest Service ground. We will start the pile on city property, but it was strongly suggested we patrol this so people can't take advantage. Linda Webster has said she will be more than happy to patrol this. *Elaine Price made a motion we allow staging on the city property, that we mark it off, people have to come during certain hours, all oils and tires must be removed, we will make arrangements for some of this stuff and we will try to do it at least six weeks before the barge. Bryce Brucker second. Russ Holbrook stated and this is with Linda Webster in charge. AIF motion carried*
- 4. Whale Welding Proposal** - Elaine Price explained the city has been looking at boats for the Fish Enhancement for a long time. We had contracted with a construction outfit in Wrangell to build the city a boat and he has built three or four boats in front of ours and he doesn't know when he will get to ours. We've looked at boats in Canada, and if we had bought it when we first looked at them it would have been a good deal. Now with the price of the dollar dropping it is no longer a good deal. Over the years Clayton Smalley has wanted to build boats and he's never gotten started. Elaine stated she had talked to Clayton because this seems like great opportunity. The city can support the community by having Clayton build the boat, and he can use this

boat as a model as we won't need it until next spring. He can use it as a model to promote selling other boats. Because of Clayton's physical capabilities now, if he's successful at this he's going to have to hire people, and that's jobs for in the community. Elaine showed this picture to Al Edsall, our fish enhancement consultant, and he said if he would have seen this he would have ordered one and he knows four or five people who would order one just off the picture. Al said he couldn't believe he could build one for that price. Because of the price of aluminum the city will need to act right away. Elaine wanted to make sure the council was on board for this. The money for this is already set aside in the fish enhancement grant. Mikael Ashe asked what the primary use for this boat will be. The primary use will be for the fish enhancement, but the city has entered into an agreement with the Forest Service to keep Lake Bay as the Forest Service is going to let it go and they were going to burn down the cabins also. This way there will be a boat to be available to haul lawnmowers and whatever needs to be taken to Lake Bay for upkeep. Bryce Brucker stated his main concern is the quality of the boat. He would like a reassurance from Clayton as to the quality. ***Elaine Price made a motion that we enter into an agreement with Whale Welding to build a boat for the Fish Enhancement. Russ Holbrook second.*** Discussion: Russ Holbrook stated his only concern is that we won't need the money for something else down the road. Mikael Ashe asked if we were only considering the proposal and then wanting more information. His concern is, the proposal is pretty bare bones. Mikael Ashe stated he would personally like to see more information. Elaine Price stated she would write a contract between Clayton Smalley and the City of Coffman Cove. Chuck Bateman stated maybe there could be a warning clause in the contract concerning the quality of work. Elaine Price stated of course. ***Roll Call Vote: Mikael Ashe, no; Russ Holbrook, yes; Bryce Brucker, yes; Elaine Price, yes; Kevin Moore, no; Randy Wright, yes. Motion carries, 2 dissenting votes.***

5. ***Hire lawyer - Russ Holbrook made a motion to end our contract with our lawyer, Robert Blasco. Bryce Brucker second.*** Discussion: Mikael Ashe asked to hear the reasons why everyone wanted to fire him. Russ Holbrook stated in general we haven't been real pleased with his fees and what we have received versus what we pay. Chuck Bateman stated it has been his experience, the answers he has received from Mr. Blasco have been very tentative. Russ Holbrook stated yes and he charges very well for tentative answers. Mikael Ashe asked if we need a motion to discharge the lawyer or to look for a new lawyer. Elaine Price stated she thought the motion mainly should be that we look for a new lawyer. Russ Holbrook stated he would withdraw his motion to make a new motion. ***Russ Holbrook made a motion***

*the City look for a new lawyer and upon finding one, stop our contract with the lawyer that we have. Elaine Price reiterated she was not sure we even had a contract. Bryce Brucker second. Roll Call Vote: Randy Wright, yes; Russ Holbrook, yes; Kevin Moore, yes; Elaine Price, yes; Bryce Brucker, no; Mikael Ashe, yes. Motion carried 1 dissenting vote*

6. **Pit Plan** - dropped
7. **4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee** - Elaine Price shared we have done some of the preliminary work. We have the fireworks, the lucky ducky's are on the way, the little kids pond, and the sumo suits are ordered. The church has a hot-dog stand, a pop-corn thing, they've got these slides and they've got a couple of missionary 's that are going to help but we need someone to head up the whole thing, someone with enthusiasm. Mikael Ashe stated he would do the parade again. Johnna Holbrook stated she would do the saw-dust pile. Chuck Bateman and Ken Page will cook the salmon. Bryce Brucker asked if the community would be willing to do something for the Aaron Schad family when they are here for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Mikael Ashe suggested the possibility of having a plaque made up. Chuck Bateman, Bryce Brucker, and Ron Rusher will head up the committee for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.
8. **Support of Appeal of TLMP by S.E. Conference** - *Elaine Price made a motion to support the Appeal of TLMP by S.E. Conference. We will be joining our support to 16 to 20 other communities around South East. Randy Wright second. AIF motion carries*
9. **RFP – realigning corner by Riggin' Shack.** D.O.T. was in Coffman Cove the other day concerning the paving of Harbor Ave. and Bay View in town. If they have to realign the corner it means they have to do a whole Erosion plan and a whole lot of other stuff because they are opening up the ground. What we've asked them to do, basically, is pave what's already there. So it was suggested we go ahead and put out an RFP and the City realign the corner by the Riggin' Shack. The pin is way out in the middle of the road and as it is everyone drives across Riggin' Shack property. It is assumed the bidders will be Ken Page and Randy Wright so there will be a little competition. *Mikael Ashe made a motion to put out an RFP for realigning the corner by the Riggin' Shack. Russ Holbrook second. Roll Call Vote: Bryce Brucker, yes; Elaine Price, yes; Kevin Moore, yes; Russ Holbrook, yes; Randy Wright, yes; Mikael Ashe, yes.*

## **Public/Council Comment**

Gary Wilburn suggested the City let people go in to cut blow-down wood from the city ROW for firewood so it can be cleaned up as no one seems to be interested in taking the wood.

**Adjourn:** *Mikael Ashe made a motion to adjourn the meeting @ 8:57pm. Russ Holbrook second. AIF motion passed*

**Passed and Approved on:** June 19, 2008

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Mikael Ashe, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Cindy Huff, City Clerk