

City of Coffman Cove
Special/Regular City Council Meeting
Thursday July 17, 2008 @ 7:00 P.M.
At City Hall
Public Hearing 6:30 pm

Public Hearing started at 6:30. Council Members present; Russ Holbrook, Elaine Price, Kevin Moore, Randy Wright. Community members present; Paula Douglass, Debbie Igo, Johnna Holbrook, Steve Mathews. There was discussion concerning the problems with size of boats and the slips at the harbor. It was determined there would be a further charge for the wider boats. Canoes and Kayaks will be \$25.00 per month. The new rate changes will not be enforced until January of 2009. It was also decided if someone is putting their boat in the wrong spot they will be fined and every boat must have AK numbers on it according to regulations. Public Hearing was adjourned at 6:55pm. There was a suggestion made to some of the council members to refurbish the old steam engine that is being hauled off and display it as a historical monument in Coffman Cove. None of the people present at the meeting were interested in doing that. It was also stated at this time the city doesn't have any place to display it. Also, Steve Newburger told Randy Wright that he had been told by someone from the Army Corp of Engineers the Herrera Report is worthless. Elaine explained Fed. Hwys. were the ones who paid for that report and Mike Traffalis was very upset by this news. He will be going to Anchorage and he will check into this. Elaine asked if the Blue Water guys could use the bus to get to the ferry at Hollis. Council all agreed this was fine.

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment: Deedee Jeffreys shared that Bruce Jones had gone to speak with the governor and the budget people and they haven't heard any word yet as to what has happened.

Approval of Agenda: *Russ Holbrook made a motion to approve the agenda. Elaine Price sec. AIF*

Persons To Be Heard:

Consent Agenda

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

Paula Douglass had a request to separate the treasurer's job into two positions with some cross training so there will be someone to cover in case of emergency. Elaine explained Debbie Igo is already working here and she could pick up the slack and fill this position. Council approved. *Elaine Price made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Russ Holbrook second. Roll Call vote: Kevin Moore, yes; Randy Wright, yes; Russ Holbrook, yes; Elaine Price, yes.*

Resolutions & Ordinances

1. **Title X – Harbor** - *Elaine Price made a motion to approve the Harbor Ordinance 09-01 including the additions added by Steve Mathews and also including a \$25.00 per month charge for Canoes and Kayaks for transients. Russ Holbrook second. Roll Call Vote: Kevin Moore, yes; Randy Wright, yes; Russ Holbrook, yes; Elaine Price, yes.*
2. **Resolution 09-01 – Certified Financial Statement** – Elaine Price explained if the council doesn't pass this at this time the city will lose out on the Revenue Sharing which is \$160,000.00. *Elaine Price made a motion to pass it as submitted. Russ Holbrook second. Roll Call Vote: Kevin Moore, yes; Randy Wright, yes; Russ Holbrook, yes; Elaine Price, yes.*
3. **Resolution 09-02 – Support continuing Neck Lake COHO program** – *Russ Holbrook made a motion to accept Resolution 09-02 supporting continuing Neck Lake COHO program. Randy Wright second. Roll Call Vote: Kevin Moore, yes; Randy Wright, yes; Russ Holbrook, yes; Elaine Price, yes.*

Old Business

1. **Moving City Office to Library bld. / Library to old school bld.** Lauren Burch from S.I.S.D stated he was not interested about a land swap at this time but the city is welcome to use the buildings as long as needed. The projected completion date for the new school is February. The city can then move the office building. *Randy Wright made a motion to move the city office to the*

library building and the library to the old school building. Kevin Moore second. AIF motion passed.

- 2. R & R Fuels - land sale** - Paul Kaiser had a concern but was not at the meeting to voice that concern. It was suggested the city have a committee to meet with Ron and work out the issues dealing with this. Russ Holbrook and Elaine Price both agreed they would be on the committee. Russ Holbrook also stated, at this time he would be more in favor of having a lease with the option to buy on the property rather than see the city just sell the property out right. The lease would also have to state the property must be used for the agreed upon purpose and the purpose could not be changed later on. This would be strictly enforced. *Elaine Price made a motion to form a committee and work with Ron Rusher and discuss it in two weeks at a special meeting. Russ Holbrook second. AIF motion passed*
- 3. Paving - Kodiak to School** - CRW wants \$40,000.00 just to design in the water and sewer to the school. It was decided to just sweep the streets at the school instead of paving Kodiak Drive at the present time. The council will keep this on the burner for next year. Lauren Burch will look into the fire hydrant problem at the school and keep the council informed.
- 4. Harbormaster position:** Darrell Harmon said he would be willing to take on the duties of harbormaster along with the maintenance job. Everyone is happy with the work Megan has done but she is just overwhelmed with all her other jobs at the present time. Council decided to combine both the harbormaster and maintenance jobs. *Russ Holbrook made a motion to add the harbormaster duties to Darrell's position now and pay him an hourly rate till October first and then go to a salary rate for the winter months. Elaine Price second. AIF motion passed*
- 5. Winter Road Maintenance:** Elaine Price spoke with Mike Traffalis and their plan was to close the road now until the job was completely finished. Elaine explained to him the plan would not work, because people have to drive the road all year to get to their jobs and they would not be willing to drive the detour during the winter months. Since the state won't take over the road maintenance, the city didn't budget for snow removal and the Forest Service won't do snow removal and someone was looking at grading the road but they would probably only do it once every six weeks, and that would leave the roads in a mess. Elaine suggested the city do the maintenance on the road, snow removal and grading it for the winter and that they pay us a flat fee. Mike Traffalis said if she would write something up he would run it past all

the powers that be to see if they would be agreeable. Elaine said she knows all of these people who are involved, with the Forest Service, Fed. Hwys. and the State, and has been in contact with them and it is set up now so they don't do anything without the city being able to sign off on it. Which means the city will be at the table for any decision they make. Council agreed to start the proposal at \$10,000.00 per month for the road maintenance. The head people for the DEC, DOT, Fed. Hwys., Forest Service and the State will be here next week for a meeting on the subject of the problem with the gravel used on the road.

New Business:

1. **Extend W/S Utilities @ Harbor Ave. & Loggers Lane:** the city is going to re-align the corner around the Riggins' Shack and in doing so it's an opportunity to put in the water and sewer so that we don't have to dig it up. There is the possibility of businesses going in along through there. So there are four (4) options:
 - 1) do nothing and just let the road be paved.
 - 2) extend gravity sewer lines on one side of the road and water lines on the other, with crossovers put in, under the asphalt, where needed for future use.
 - 3) extend pressure sewer lines on one side of the road and regular water lines on the other with crossovers back and forth. This would require fusion welding. VSW has a fusion welder; if they are not using it we might be able to use their welder when the time comes.
 - 4) just put crossovers in and do water and sewer lines at a later date.

Elaine suggested the city dig up the sewer at the end of the sewer line, see where it's at, do a little bit of cost estimation for putting in gravity feed and then see if we can get the information together, have Ken do the work, bring this to the workshop. Check in to this on Monday 7/21/08.

2. **Business Proposal - Downtown City Lot - Nick Higson:** Nick wants to open up a small eating place, with a large screen TV to watch sports during the seasons, this will not be a greasy spoon but have healthy foods, designed for people to come and hang-out, eat and watch TV and talk with friends and neighbors. He would like to hire locally, especially high school seniors to get work experience. He would like to lease with the option to buy, with the money put down on the lease to go toward the purchase price of the land. Elaine Price explained what was done in the past; the city has the lot appraised, then the person leasing the property, based on the appraisal, pays 8% of the appraisal per year and 80% of that amount goes toward the purchase price, 20% goes to the city permanently.

There would need to be language in the lease agreement stating you would have to prove up on it before you could buy it.

3. **Commercial Firewood - Elaine Price** there was further discussion on the possibilities for commercial firewood. Lauren Burch with SISD stated he was in support of this as it would give someone a job plus keep all the money here in Southeast rather than sent out of the state for the oil.
4. **IFA - Concerns - nothing new**
5. **Crushed Rock on Weatherford Subdivision Road** – Elaine Price explained there are five or six cabins on this road now and she feels the city should upgrade the road with some crushed rock; there are two options: 1) the city can put it up for contract and purchase the rock from the vendor. Which at this point the only one here with a crusher is Randy Wright. His price to the city would be the same price as he sells to anyone else. 2) put it out to bid. *Russ Holbrook made a motion to put it out to bid, putting crushed rock on Weatherford Subdivision Road. Kevin Moore second AIF motion passed.* Elaine Price will do an RFP and put it out in the paper.

Public/Council Comment: Gary Wilburn wants a reminder to hunters; 1st and 2nd Dog spur roads are part of the water shed so please don't leave any carcasses in the water shed and possibly not even shoot a deer in this area. Also, alert the residents to be careful pulling anything down the road on the new pavement. The last thing is people are not to hunt on ½ Dog. Elaine Price also stated we will send out a notice reminding people it is against the law to hunt or trap, with any kind of weapon inside city limits.

Adjourn: *Russ Holbrook made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:47pm. Randy Wright second. AIF motion passed*

Passed and Approved on: August 21, 2008

Russ Holbrook, Vice Mayor

ATTEST:

Cindy Huff, City Clerk