

**City of Coffman Cove
Special/Regular City Council Meeting
Thursday, September 25, 2008 at 7:00 pm
At City Hall**

Workshop @ 6:30 pm

Elaine Price stated she is doing research on having a Pellet Mill set up here in Coffman Cove. It would mean 25 year-round jobs for people here in Coffman. It would use any type of wood and they would need at least 10 acres for the mill. There will be more information as it becomes available.

The Council discussed Title VII – Utilities. Copies were distributed to the council members along with a page of prospective changes, so they can look them over for the next workshop. Council also discussed the prospect of purchasing a burner for the garbage instead of hauling the garbage to the dump.

Call to Order: Russ Holbrook called the regular city council meeting to order at 7:07pm

Roll Call: Kevin Moore, P; Willy Johnson, P; Randy Wright, P; Russ Holbrook, P; Elaine Price, P.

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment:

Approval of Agenda: Elaine Price stated there were some typo errors needing to be corrected. *Russ Holbrook made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Elaine Price second. AIF*

Persons To Be Heard: Mariana Carter shared about the project between the City of Coffman Cove, the Forest Service, and the Nature Conservancy. She would like to see the city be the contractor and subcontract out the jobs that will be available through this project. This would be a huge opportunity for the city that will open up jobs that will bring in families and be a huge boost for the economy in this community. The Nature Conservancy is willing to invest money to help the community and any of the people here that want to open up a business. This project will be known as the Community Forest.

Consent Agenda

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

Elaine Price made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Willy Johnson second. AIF

Resolutions & Ordinances

- 1. Resolution 09-08 - Rasmuson Grant** - *Elaine Price made a motion to approve Resolution 09-08 the Rasmuson Grant, in support of getting funding for some of the expenses of moving the library. Randy Wright second. AIF*
- 2. Resolution 09-09 - funding for Paving from Denali Commission** - bids came in more than the money available. There will be a rebid but the funding request must be in by Oct. 1st. *Elaine price made a motion to approve Resolution 09-09. Russ Holbrook second. AIF*
- 3. Resolution 09-10 - Harbor funding from Denali Commission - Dock Expansion** - next month talk about the whole dock expansion - *Elaine Price made a motion to approve Resolution 09-10 with a Funding request for the Denali Commission for further money for the dock expansion. Russ Holbrook second. AIF*
- 4. Title VII - Utilities** - dump fees - council would like to raise the garbage rates. This will be addressed when we change **Title VII – Utilities**. The garbage rates have more than doubled in Thorne Bay so the city will have to do something to address this so the garage service will not be run at a loss. The council would like a letter of explanation sent to all garbage customers so they will understand why the rates will have to be changed, also how they may be able to better handle some of the changes, ie., composting, crushing cans, recycling, and burning papers. Resolution brought to next meeting to change the garbage fees, - possible fuel surcharge instead of raising rates.

Old Business

- 1. Commercial Firewood** - Scott with Sitka Wild was on P.O.W. a couple of weeks ago. Elaine spoke with him and he said they are very much interested in dealing with Coffman Cove versus Seeley for their wood supply. Sitka only has 7 miles of road and they don't want to see it stripped along the road ways to supply the wood they will need. There were only two responses to the RFP. One was from Wes Baird who was concerned the city would be taking customers and wood supply from him. It was explained to him the city would be dealing with taking wood from acreage not just the dead, standing that he takes for his wood, and the city would not be taking any of his customers from him. The other was from Bill Altland from Craig and he was interested in being a customer. Elaine explained she would like to see the council vote to proceed ahead with the commercial wood contract. *Russ Holbrook made a motion to pursue the Commercial Firewood avenue further. Kevin Moore second. AIF*

2. **Snow Removal** - repair truck vs. contract - Willy Johnson had a question as to why the city can't use the grader to remove the snow. It was asked if there were any regulations against using the grader. Elaine Price will check on the feasibility of adding Randy Wright's truck to our insurance and lease his truck to do the work. Russ would like to see the city get a cylinder for the water truck and whatever minor repairs need to be done to it, done. Put on Agenda next month.

3. **Wood Energy Conference** - Elaine Price explained she is planning on going to move ahead with the Commercial Firewood plan and meet with the Sitka wild people to move that project ahead. Mike Barnett expressed an interest in going also. *Willy Johnson made a motion to send Elaine Price and Mike Barnett to the Wood Energy Conference. Russ Holbrook second. AIF*

4. **RFP - Hydro Feasibility Study** - we only received one proposal, it's from Mark Storm in Klawock. AP&T decided they were too tied up with their project in Guatemala to worry about their project over here. We have an \$80,000 grant and their feasibility study comes in at about \$54,000. *Elaine Price made a motion to award the RFP to mark Storm with Civil Science. Willy Johnson second. AIF*

5. **Paving - post office parking lot & Office/Library parking lot** - *Russ Holbrook made a motion to have the Post Office parking lot paved, along with what is to be paved, out of the Timber Receipts Fund. Elaine Price second. Roll Call Vote: Elaine Price, YES; Russ Holbrook, YES; Randy Wright, YES; Willy Johnson, YES; Kevin Moore, YES. AIF*

6. **Tourism - Island Guide Advertizing** - *Russ Holbrook made a motion to advertize in the Island Guide with ½ page. Willy Johnson second. AIF* Liz Mosenthin-Masi will check with Megan Fitzpatrick to see if she would be willing to put together the ad. Liz will ask Megan to contact the city office with her response.

7. **W/S @ harbor Ave. / Loggers Lane** - at this point we don't have any more information on this. Elaine Price asked Mark Storm with Civil Science, what he would charge to do some sort of engineering for this; it would be a whole lot less than CRW. Council suggested we contact Mr. Page and let him know we need the work done now or we will have someone else do the work. Elaine will contact Ken on 09-26-08.

8. **Wood Heat** - there was information put in the packet about the Garn WHS, Turbo Burn (wood heating system). Elaine would like to see the council agree to this so we could use it to heat the office and the library. There will be a trade show at the Wood Energy Conference in Sitka with more information about these products. Put on next month's Agenda.

- 9. Snow Blower** - retail price \$2400 Timber & Marine will sell to us for \$2200, no tax. *Elaine Price made a motion to buy a snow blower for the dock and take it out of the Harbor fund. Randy Wright second. 3 votes for, Kevin Moore and Willy Johnson votes against. FAILED*

New Business

- 1. Forest Restoration Proposal** - this was discussed at the beginning of the meeting with Neil and Mariana Carter. *Elaine Price made a motion the City proceed with a Community Forest Plan at the City of Coffman Cove. Willy Johnson second. AIF*

- 2. Firewood @ Cedar Grove & Clarence Straits** (wood-splitter) - there are trees down above the water treatment plant also. There are people wanting to know what can be done with the trees that are down on city property. It seems there are 3 choices:

1. Do nothing
2. Haul the wood to a central area and either sell it or let people cut it
3. Leave it where it is and let people cut it there

Council asked Mike Barnett if he was interested. He explained he isn't set up to be able to move it, he would have to go to the wood and then it could be a problem. **It was decided it is the city's wood, everyone should leave it alone.**

- 3. Catch Basin Downtown** - Russ Holbrook said he believes it is just a culvert, not a catch-basin. It was decided to dig it out a little and fill it with big boulders. Willy Johnson will ask Kelly Nickerson w/Southeast Roadbuilders if we can use or buy some of the aggregate rock from the storage area to fill the hole.

- 4. Dock Expansion - Bar Harbor Floats** - Leonard Leach is supposed to look at the floats to see if they are worth getting. *Elaine Price made a motion, if Leonard Leach thinks the floats are worth it, we work with Tenneco to see about acquiring them for Coffman Cove.* Russ Holbrook asked if we would be purchasing the floats. It was explained they are free, but we will have to get them here. Either barged or floated. Elaine explained this will be paid for out of the grant money. *Russ Holbrook second. AIF*

- 5. Crushed Rock - 1/2 Dog** - *Willy Johnson made a motion to put out an RFP for crushed rock on 1/2 Dog. Russ Holbrook second. AIF*

- 6. Sea Alaska Land Transfer** - council decided to do nothing at this time.

- 7. Halloween** - decorations & prizes - *Willy Johnson made a motion the city spend \$500.00 for decorations and prizes for Halloween. Russ Holbrook*

second. Roll Call Vote: Kevin Moore, YES; Willy Johnson, YES; Randy Wright, YES; Russ Holbrook, YES; Elaine Price, YES. AIF

8. **AAMC Academy/Conference, KTN - Cindy - November** - there is a possibility of scholarship funds for some of the expenses. *Russ Holbrook made a motion to send Cindy Huff, City Clerk to the AAMC Academy/Conference in November. Randy Wright second. ROLL CALL VOTE: Russ Holbrook, YES; Randy Wright, YES; Willy Johnson, YES; Kevin Moore, YES; Elaine Price, YES. AIF* Council agrees to pay whatever the scholarship doesn't cover.

Public/Council Comment - Mariana Carter thanked the council for moving ahead with the Forest Restoration Proposal Plan.

Adjourn: *Russ Holbrook made a motion to adjourn at 8:50pm. Willy Johnson second. AIF*

Passed and Approved on: October 16, 2008

Mayor/Vice Mayor

ATTEST:

Cindy Huff, City Clerk