

**City of Coffman Cove
Special/Regular City Council Meeting
Thursday, October 16, 2008 at 7:00 pm
At City Hall**

Workshop @ 6:30 pm

All who were present for the workshop watched a video on the garbage burner. There was much discussion concerning the options the city has for taking care of the garbage. The options discussed were: raising the rates for garbage pickup, recycling, and having everyone burn their own burnables, or purchasing a burner to burn as much of the garbage as possible to reduce the amount of garbage needing to be hauled to the Thorne Bay dump. It was stated in order for the burner to work the garbage would have to be picked up with a flatbed truck. It was asked if there was the possibility of Thorne Bay working with us and putting a cap on our rates. It was explained they raised the rates last year and just raised the rates again this year so it wasn't likely they would be willing to do that.

The proposed changes for Title VII – Utilities ordinance was discussed, it will be put on the agenda to be adopted at next month's council meeting.

Call to Order: Randy Wright called the regular city council meeting to order at 7:15pm

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment:

Approval of Agenda: There is one thing to add to the Agenda, one is the Proposal the State has for the administration site, to put their facility there, this would be New Business #5 DOT Acquisitions. *Elaine Price made a motion to approve the Agenda as amended. Randy Wright second. AIF*

Persons To Be Heard: Ron Rusher requested letter of approval from the council for transfer of Liquor License from Blackpowder Inc, to Rainy Day Inc,.

Mariana Carter was sworn in as Council Member for Seat B earlier, she didn't know if she would make it to the meeting. Willy Johnson for Seat E and Carolyn Duncan for Seat F were sworn in at this time. *Carolyn Duncan made a motion to nominate Randy Wright as mayor. Randy declined.* Appointing the mayor will be deferred until next month. *Carolyn Duncan made a motion to nominate Randy Wright Mayor pro tem for a month. Elaine Price second. AIF Carolyn Duncan made a motion to appoint Kevin*

Moore Vice Mayor. Randy Wright second. Kevin declined. Council will leave it at this for the month.

Consent Agenda

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

Elaine Price made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Randy Wright second. AIF

Resolutions & Ordinances

- 1. Title VII - Utilities - carried over to next month – public hearing before**
- 2. Resolution 09-11 - garbage rates - next month mtg.**
- 3. Resolution 09-12 - supporting wood burner for new school - Elaine Price made a motion to approve Resolution 09-12 supporting South East Island School District grant application for a wood burner for the new school. Carolyn Duncan second. ROLL CALL VOTE: Elaine Price, YES; Mariana Carter, YES; Randy Wright, YES; Willy Johnson, YES; Carolyn Duncan, YES; Kevin Moore, YES. AIF**

Old Business

- 1. Tourism** - There is work for someone to do in this area and it's more than can be done by the office staff. We do need to hire someone for this position. There is money for this in the budget. This will not be just for the Charter Boat fisherman but for all the Tourism possibilities in Coffman Cove. *Elaine Price made a motion to hire someone as a Tourism Coordinator for the City of Coffman Cove and then we select one of the two applicants. Randy Wright second.* Elaine's proposal is, the city pays someone \$14.00 an hour for 12 to 16 hrs. per week for 7 months. They will do some advertizing, work on the city web site, put together a brochure, work with the Chamber of Commerce, with the Alaska Rainforest Islands, and the IFA to do some marketing. **ROLL CALL VOTE: Mariana Carter, YES; Randy Wright, YES; Elaine Price, YES; Kevin Moore, YES; Carolyn Duncan, YES; Willy Johnson, YES. AIF** Council will hire after Executive Session later during the meeting.
- 2. Snow Removal Proposal** - there was much discussion on how to be ready for the snow fall this winter. Elaine Price made a proposal to pay Randy Wright

\$250.00 per wk. standby for snow removal and starting in January we pay \$1000.00 per wk. for actual snow removal. We will be getting Timber Receipts this year, plus Federal Hwys. Administration has agreed to pay \$7000.00 per month to keep the snow plowed so the money can come from these two sources. Willy suggested the city lease Randy's truck for 40 hrs. of snow removal to include removal and putting on of the blade for plowing, if needed. Then if it snows a lot, when the 40hrs. are up we re-up his lease to continue throughout the winter until the end of the snow fall. ***Willy Johnson made a motion that the city negotiate a contract with Randy Wright for 40 hours of snow removal to be renewed when that time is up, at his price for the truck and plow. The City will provide the fuel. The pay will be at city operator wages, and plow removal and chain removal to be charged at his hourly rate, included in the 40hrs. Kevin Moore second. ROLL CALL VOTE: Kevin Moore, YES; Carolyn Duncan, YES; Willy Johnson, YES; Randy Wright, ABSTAIN; Mariana Carter, YES; Elaine Price, YES. AIF***

3. **W/S @ harbor Ave. / Loggers Lane & Kodiak Dr.** - Elaine Price asked Mark Storm, from Civil Science, the contractor who was hired to do the feasibility study for the hydro project at Trumpeter Lake, to give us a price estimate on engineering the water and sewer for those two areas. He has not gotten back with the estimate yet. Elaine asked to put this off until next month's meeting.
4. **Community Forest** - the city has been talking with the Forest Service, the Nature Conservancy and the State of Alaska about doing a Community Forest Project in Coffman Cove. For Coffman Cove to become the prime contractor for all the Pre-Commercial Thinning, Commercial Thinning, Stream Restoration, Road Closures, Trails and everything. The Tongass Futures Round Table, a group of 30 people, all voted to support it. Clarence Clark is working with the Forest Service to hopefully get this started next summer in North Thorne. There are a couple of projects there; we can get up and running. We can start working on our contracts and when the Staney Creek work comes up in two years, it's a 10 year project, and they're going to give the whole thing to the City of Coffman Cove. It will be good jobs for people in Coffman Cove. In the meantime Elaine has contacted a man in Oregon who wants to build a pellet mill on POW. There are a few drawbacks but they can be overcome. If the pellet mill is put in here it will mean 25 year round, full time jobs. He's going to be at the Bio-Mass/Wood Heat workshop in Sitka and he has promised he will not make any decision on where he is going to put his facility until he comes to Coffman Cove.
5. **Commercial Firewood** - Elaine Price has spoken with Jason Anderson from the Forest Service about cutting firewood on a commercial scale, and she has also checked on the cost of getting the firewood sent out on pallets via the ferry to Sitka. Steve Seeley is also looking into this. The people from Sitka Wild and some of the other environmental groups that are sponsoring this shift

from electric and oil heat to wood heat would rather help Coffman Cove rather than Ketchikan. There have been a couple of local people who have come in and expressed an interest. They just want to work; they don't want to be in charge. They don't want to go into a private business. This is something Elaine would like to see the City manage actually employing people, providing jobs, and marketing this wood.

- 6. Wood Heat - wood stove in office - Elaine Price made a motion that we have Clayton Smalley build a wood stove for the city office. For in the neighborhood of \$600.** There will be stove pipe involved and Darrell Harmon can install it. **Randy Wright second. ROLL CALL VOTE: Carolyn Duncan, YES; Randy Wright, YES; Mariana Carter, YES; Kevin Moore, YES; Willy Johnson, YES; Elaine Price, YES. AIF**

New Business

- 1. Transfer of Liquor License from Blackpowder Inc. to Rainy Day Inc. – Ron & Becca Rusher** - Ron Rusher is asking for the council to approve the transfer of the liquor license from Blackpowder Inc. to Rainy Day Inc. and write a letter to that effect to the ABC board. **Willy Johnson made a motion the city approve the transfer of the liquor license and write a letter to that effect. Kevin Moore second. AIF**
- 2. RFP - Dock Ramp Repair)** - R &M Engineering told the city we needed to do some repair to the dock ramp. **Elaine Price made a motion to do an RFP for Dock Ramp Repair. Willy Johnson second. AIF**
- 3. Etolin View ROW wood** - Elaine proposed the city just put an ad in the paper and see if we can just sell the wood. **Elaine Price made a motion to put out an RFP to sell the wood on Etolin View ROW. Randy Wright second. AIF**
- 4. DOT Acquisition** - The Forest Service told the State of Alaska DOT that there was 12 acres of land in the future administration site. They were willing to give 2 acres to DOT for their facility here in Coffman Cove. There is not 12 acres in the site. DOT wanted 2 acres of that land to put their shop and sand stockpile on. Elaine explained to the Forest Service the city wants to be involved in whatever they decide to give to DOT because we have been negotiating with them for years to get that area of land. DOT has settled on 1 acre. It was suggested Elaine try to stall the final settlement between the Forest Service and State of Alaska until next month to see if the city is awarded the property. The council would really rather see the DOT facility put in up by the city shop. Elaine will try to see what she can do.

Public/Council Comment -

Executive Session - interview applicants for Station Master position & Tourism

Elaine Price made a motion to go into Executive Session to do job applicant interviews @ 8:25pm. Randy Wright second. ROLL CALL VOTE: Kevin Moore, YES; Carolyn Duncan, YES; Willy Johnson, YES; Randy Wright, YES; Mariana Carter, YES; Elaine Price, YES. AIF

Record shows Council came out of Executive Session @ 9:01pm

Two more items on Agenda:

- 1. Hire Tourism Coordinator :** *Elaine Price made a motion to hire Jackie Wetherbee as the Tourism Coordinator. Willy Johnson second. ROLL CALL VOTE: Elaine Price, YES; Mariana Carter, YES; Randy Wright, YES; Willy Johnson, YES; Carolyn Duncan, YES; Kevin Moore, YES. AIF*
- 2. Hire Station Master:** *Kevin Moore made a motion to hire Jackie Wetherbee as the postal worker. Willy Johnson second. ROLL CALL VOTE: Randy Wright, YES; Willy Johnson, YES; Carolyn Duncan, NO; Kevin Moore, YES; Elaine Price, NO; Mariana Carter, NO MOTION FAILED*

Elaine Price made a motion to hire Becky Bateman as the postal worker. Carolyn Duncan second. ROLL CALL VOTE: Mariana Carter, YES; Elaine Price, YES; Kevin Moore, NO; Carolyn Duncan, YES; Willy Johnson, NO; Randy Wright, YES. MOTION PASSED

Adjourn: *Elaine Price made a motion to adjourn at 9:10pm. Willy Johnson second. AIF*

Passed and Approved on: December 1, 2008

Mayor/Vice Mayor

ATTEST:

Cindy Huff, City Clerk