

**City of Coffman Cove
Special/Regular City Council Meeting
Thursday, June 18, 2009 at 7:00 pm
At City Hall**

Call to Order: Willy Johnson called the regular city council meeting to order at 7:00pm

Roll Call: Kevin Moore, P; Misty Fitzpatrick, P; Willy Johnson, P; Mariana Carter, P; Elaine Price, P; Carolyn Duncan, P (7:35);

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment: 1) Vaughn Cartwright shared concerns about the King fisheries and also the Silver Salmon fisheries. Willy Johnson suggested drafting a letter to express the concerns about declining numbers of fish returning up the creeks. It was also suggested to invite the Fish & Game to come to next month's meeting

Approval of Agenda: *Elaine Price made a motion to approve the Agenda but amend it by moving number 5 Port Authority to number 3 so Carolyn Duncan wouldn't be held so late, she's in St. Louis. Willy Johnson second. AIF motion carried*

Persons To Be Heard: 1) Keith Webb asked if the City would be interested to partner with the Blue Water Christian Camp to approach AP&T to get power and water to the Island. Council has said they will look into the cost of doing this. This issue will be put on the agenda in August or September. . Gary Soderberg asked if the City would be interested in him removing all the old cable TV lines that are hanging down around town for the cost of \$1500. This will be added to the Budget and put on the agenda for the September meeting.

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. Misty Fitzpatrick, second. AIF motion carried

Resolutions & Ordinances

Unfinished Business

- 1. Council Seat D – Elaine Price made a motion to appoint Sara Yockey to Council Seat D. Carolyn Duncan second. Roll Call Vote: Mariana Carter, Y; Kevin Moore, N; Willy Johnson, N; Misty Fitzpatrick, N; Carolyn Duncan, Y; Elaine Price, N. Motion failed Discussion followed. Elaine Price restated her motion to appoint Sara Yockey to the City Council. Carolyn Duncan second. Roll Call Vote: Mariana Carter, Y; Misty Fitzpatrick, N; Willy Johnson, N; Kevin Moore, N; Elaine Price, Y; Carolyn Duncan, Y. Motion failed. Willy Johnson made a motion to appoint Frank Wetherbee to Council Seat D. Kevin Moore second. Roll Call Vote: Mariana Carter, Y; Misty Fitzpatrick, N; Elaine Price, N; Willy Johnson, Y; Carolyn Duncan, N; Kevin Moore, Y. Motion failed. No council seat D yet.**

- 2. Stewardship Project -** The U.S. Forest Service and the Tongass Futures Roundtable, the State of Alaska and a whole bunch of other entities want to work towards a Stewardship Project for Coffman Cove and Stanley Creek. It's a ten year project. It's a huge undertaking, one that's never been done in Alaska. The Wilbefore Foundation and the Wilderness Society both are willing to fund the amount of meetings it will take to get this going. They would like to hurry this along. The Forest Service would like to take two years but they are trying to get it done in one, so that we could actually start working next year. These people are willing to put forth a lot of money, a lot of time and a lot of effort. So it's time that we vote on whether we want to go ahead and pursue this or not. The City of Coffman Cove at this point needs to be committed, because it's going to be an enormous amount of time. There's going to be a big meeting of all the entities in September. It's going to be a face to face meeting which is going to involve quite a bit of expense. A question was raised, if we approve it now will we be locked in or can we back out if we don't like what is going on? The opinion raised was they are not being very flexible and that the ultimate end is they will be trying to close a lot of roads that we would like to see left open. Jason Anderson with the Forest Service will be here July 7th to have a meeting about the Access Travel Management Plan, they call it the ATM. It has to do with the road closures and stuff like that and that would be the time to address that. These timber sales, whether it's a Stewardship contract or not, a Community Forest or not. These contracts are already designed where some of the roads close and some of them they don't. It was explained; when they build the road into a unit if they are going to leave the road open they have to build that road to a certain standard, and it makes a lot of the units not profitable. There's some they are

going to leave open and some they aren't. The advantage of having the Stewardship Project is that you get ten years of assured work for your subcontractors. Instead of having to bid it year to year and project to project. And by doing it with the Stewardship, they feel that everyone can work together and no one will sue.

Elaine Price made a motion that we support the Stewardship Project. Mariana Carter second. Roll Call Vote: Willy Johnson, N; Mariana Carter, Y; Misty Fitzpatrick, Y; Kevin Moore, N; Carolyn Duncan, Y; Elaine Price, Y. motion passed

- 3. Port Authority** – Elaine Price met with Kent Miller and Jim VanAltvorst in Ketchikan to discuss the forming of the Port Authority, Kent Miller said there is two ways we could do it. One is with SeaRoads, in which they do most of the heavy lifting because they do the marketing; they set up the ticketing office, the things that we would have to pay for up front before we ever start service. They would actually be paying for. The second alternative is we do it ourselves. Based on cutting back expenses dramatically by cutting back on administration and some of the other issues. Kent said the numbers show that the three communities which would be Wrangell, Petersburg, Coffman Cove, possibly Thorne Bay would join in and Ketchikan would have to come up with \$290,000 in start up money. To pay for marketing and to get the office set up, to purchase trip tickets and stuff like that. Then, there would have to be some sort of guarantee set aside in a savings account in case there weren't enough revenues. Based on his marketing, the projected revenues, based on what it made before he used an independent company out of California to project numbers. This is someone who does this kind of analysis, to make sure that his numbers were accurate. The final calculation is close. If we did it ourselves it's close. We could make it or not, depending on how well we market it and what the economy does next year. Now, with SeaRoads it's a whole other story because they would be paying basically all of the start-up costs.

When you form a Port Authority the first phase is you introduce an Ordinance. Then you go through all the public hearing process, then you have to vote on the Ordinance. This can take up to two or three months, then you have a public vote.

Mariana Carter made a motion to pursue getting a Port Authority established in Coffman Cove. Kevin Moore second. AIF motion passed

- 4. Sign Policy** – *Misty Fitzpatrick made a motion; in order to erect a sign on City ROW it must be a post approved and put in by the city and beyond that it is up to each person's good judgment what is on the sign, with the exception there will be no lewd signs posted. There will be a fee appropriate to the cost of the employee's time to put up the post. The site has to be approved by the Mayor. Discussion followed. 4 in favor 1 (Elaine Price) oppose.*

5. **Bus, Boat & Pick-up Policy** - the clerk will continue to work on setting up a policy to present to the council for approval.
6. **F.E.R.T.A.** - postponed until next month

Never-Ending Business

1. **Scenic By-Ways** - waiting for Jason Anderson from the Forest Service to come and talk to the council.
2. **RFP Dock Repair** - pass
3. **P&T Construction** – Mr. Hamilton has still not come to the city office to pay up on his royalties as directed. CRW is going to deduct his dump fees from his final payment, and they are going to deduct the rock royalty for what he hauled to Joel Buchanan’s lot from the final payment. Mr. Hamilton has made a claim against the city for \$27,625 for the rock that he felt was his to sell, that we had him haul up to the city pad. Randy Wright had a letter that stated he (Mr. Hamilton) intended to sell the rock for \$2 a yard. Elaine is to check with Randy about the letter.

New Business

1. **Garbage** – Allan Thompson is to represent the city at a meeting in Thorne Bay on the 23rd of June. Garbage rates will be put on the agenda next month. Debbie Igo will do a cost analysis for garbage costs.
2. **Contractors – City Properties – Insurance** - Willy Johnson will talk to Ken Page and report to the council. All paper work must be done before any work starts.
3. **Water Dusty Roads - Earthbind** - there was discussion on what products might be available to handle the problem of so much dust. Sol-Tec handles dirt suppressants. Council agrees nothing to be done at this time.
4. **Kasaan Dungeness Commercial Crab Season Districts #1 & #2** – council agrees we should stay out of this issue.
5. **ROW Wood Blacktail Estates** – this is on the newest road in this area. Arlen Weber asked to cut the wood for half. Willy Johnson and Mike Barnett to look at the wood to evaluate what is there and will bring a report back to council.

Public/Council Comment Elaine Price had a comment concerning the Harbor. Keith Webb’s boat won’t fit next to Frank Wetherbee’s boat. Elaine has been on Darrell Harmon about following up on getting the harbor fees from all the boats. Elaine is asking

the council for suggestions on how to deal with harbor issues. The issues at the dock have cost the city about \$3000 a year in moorage because of the issues.

Adjourn: *Willy Johnson made a motion to adjourn at 8:50pm. Kevin Moore second. AIF motion carried*

Passed and Approved on: July 16, 2009

Mayor/Vice Mayor

ATTEST:

Cindy Huff, City Clerk