

City of Coffman Cove
Regular City Council Meeting
Thursday, July 29, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m.
At Harborview Hall

Call to Order: Mayor Fitzpatrick called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.
Roll Call: Mariana Carter, late arrival; Elaine Price, P; Sara Yockey, E; Misty Fitzpatrick, P; Carolyn Duncan, P; Gary Wilburn, P; Bill Fitzpatrick, late arrival.

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment - Barb Sinclair shared her concern about the kids riding the 4-wheelers to fast around town. Much discussion followed. Misty asked Roxy Wilson if she would be willing to teach a safety class next spring. Roxy said she was willing to do whatever to help the kids. Misty will go house to house to speak with the parents regarding the kids riding and what can be done about getting a handle on the problems before one of the children gets hurt. The alternative discussed was all kids under 16 being banned from city streets if the rules cannot be followed. Council will look into other alternatives. Signs will be posted for speed limits and enforced. Elaine suggested the mini-bikes should have flags also.

Persons to Be Heard

Approval of Agenda - *Misty Fitzpatrick motion to move #5 Cordwood Project of Unfinished Business to top of agenda; table till next month #1: Appoint Platting Board member, #3: purchase large garbage cans, #6: Wander Around Town of Unfinished Business & Resolution 10-26 & remove Resolution 10-27. AIF*

Consent Agenda:

1. Regular/Special Meeting Minutes
2. Water/Sewer Report
3. Project Manager's Report
4. Mayor's Report
5. Harbormaster Report
6. IFA Report

Misty Fitzpatrick motion to approve the consent agenda. Gary Wilburn second. AIF

Resolutions & Ordinances

1. **Resolution 10-25 - PILT - Elaine Price motion to pass Resolution 10-25 PILT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes). Misty Fitzpatrick second. ROLL CALL VOTE: Bill Fitzpatrick, Yes; Gary Wilburn, Yes; Carolyn Duncan, Yes; Misty Fitzpatrick, Yes; Elaine Price, Yes; Mariana Carter, Yes.**

2. **Introduce Ordinance 10-09 – Title II – Administration Section 2.04.020**
Order of Business - amend & add wording *Elaine Price motion to introduce Ordinance 10-09 Title II – Administration in order to change some wording to Order of Business. Misty Fitzpatrick second.*
ROLL CALL VOTE: *Misty Fitzpatrick, Yes; Gary Wilburn, Yes; Carolyn Duncan, Yes; Elaine Price, Yes; Bill Fitzpatrick, Yes; Mariana Carter, Yes.*

Unfinished Business

1. **Cordwood Project** – Brian Wilson called in to participate. Council discussed the merits of the city fronting \$30,000 payment to move forward with Brian owning the business. Elaine hasn't spoken with Senator Hoffman yet. She hadn't spoken with Steve Seley either at this time. She explained Rural Development has another funding cycle starting October 1st, possibility of getting money from them. It was explained at this time the city is only making funds available to move ahead and committing to pursuing grant funds. Brian will draw up a business plan to present to the council. Bill Fitzpatrick asked if we vote to go ahead and make this money available this is not locking the city in to give it. It was explained to him, no, this is just making this money available as a loan, to get the process started if everything else falls into place. *Elaine Price motion to make \$30,000 available to as a loan to start up the cordwood business if everything falls into place. Carolyn Duncan second.* Further discussion followed, Misty explained what the city is doing is loaning money for economic development. There is virtually no risk involved for the city at this point. The loan will be offered at terms above what we are getting at the bank but less than what the bank would charge him. Misty asked if the money was being taken from the Disaster Fund, could we make sure the money was put back in to the Disaster Fund.
ROLL CALL VOTE: *Mariana Carter, Yes; Elaine Price, Yes; Misty Fitzpatrick, Yes; Carolyn Duncan, Yes; Gary Wilburn, Yes; Bill Fitzpatrick, Yes. AIF*
2. **Appoint NorthEnd Ferry Authority Board Member** – Cindy Huff said she would like to be a board member but not the clerk. *Elaine Price motion to appoint Cindy Huff. Gary Wilburn second. AIF*
3. **Taxes** - this is on the agenda to bring to public attention the need for raising some kind of revenue to replace the Timber Receipts and PILT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes) which is scheduled to end in 2012. It was suggested to identify other communities of the same size and see what they do to raise monies. If the city is to add taxes it will first have to be passed by 2/3 of the voters. It was suggested Sara Yockey evaluate what ideas will work and do further research. Carolyn Duncan suggested a service fee on all services. Bill Fitzpatrick suggested property tax. This topic will be on the agenda for further discussion until October.

New Business

- 1. Meeting Times – Sara Yockey** - council will table this item until next month, and also add V.P.S.O. on the August agenda.
- 2. IFA Issues** - money to spend on lawyer - Mike Gatty has lowered his fee for the city. He has gathered information and spoken with Bob Blasco, the IFA lawyer and told them the things they were talking of implementing were not appropriate and the IFA Board has now dropped these issues. Elaine feels this will probably be the end of the problem.
- 3. Lease/Monthly Rent Policy - charges for use of City Property** - the office staff has started working on this but have not come up with anything yet. We are planning to compare prices with Ottis over in Craig. We have the storage area, we are in Lisa Murkowski's legislative budget to repeat funding for the boat haul-out and the storage area for \$300,000. We are in Senator Begich's budget for legislative appropriation for \$900,000 for the barge ramp and bulkhead. If we get either one of those it will encourage more business so we need to have some sort of policy for use of city land, whether it's parking, structures, use of storage area, sort yard. So, we need some sort of clear policy on what we are going to charge people to set up business or store stuff on city property. Gary Wilburn suggested we have a workshop on this item. Workshop August 5th.
- 4. Storage Area Use - Commercial Fishermen** - Pete Knutson has requested renting space at the storage area. He would like to have something in place by the end of season. Council will have to make a decision on the rates to be charged and what policy will be used. We will need renter's insurance, rent at your own risk, city not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged property. City must have some sort of security deposit.

Public / Council Comment

***Adjourn: Misty Fitzpatrick motion to adjourn at 8:38pm. Gary Wilburn second.
AIF***

Passed and Approved on: August 19, 2010

Mayor/Vice Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk / acting City Clerk