

City of Coffman Cove
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 20th 2014
7:00 p.m. @ CITY HALL

Call to Order: Mayor Randy Neuberger called the meeting to order at 7:02PM.

Roll Call: Mariana Carter, present. Mayor Neuberger, present. Bryce Brucker, present. Cindy Huff, absent. Brian Wilson, present. Perry Olson, present. Randy Lenz, present.

Pledge of Allegiance: yes

Public Comment: Mayor Neuberger glad to see everyone here. Now there are 6 and soon we will be back at the Ferry Building to accommodate everyone.

Persons to be Heard: none

Appoint IFA Representative: Misty, Brian and Mayor Neuberger are all interested in this position. **Perry Olson** made the motion to nominate Brian Wilson to be Coffman Cove's IFA Representative. Brian Wilson and Mayor Neuberger abstained with Vice-Mayor Bucker's approval. **Roll Call:** Bryce Brucker, yes. Perry Olson, yes. Randy Lenz, yes. Mariana Carter, yes. **Motion carries.**

Consent Agenda: Mayor Neuberger made the motion to accept the consent agenda with exception of the Mayors Report. There are a couple things I want to add. **Bryce Brucker seconded. AIF**

Mayor Neuberger reported that we had a couple good things happen this month. The RUBA assessment is coming early next week. We have been removed from the SNICK list. We are at the sustainable level, which is their highest level of approval. This took a lot of work from staff, thank you. CDBG Block Grant for the drive-down-harbor-ramp; Misty put in a lot of work and time to make this grant happen. As of March 14th we have been approved for \$609,000 for the drive-down-ramp. That is a really good accomplishment for this city, very important. Misty called Representative Peggy Wilson this morning to request roughly \$139,000 more. Good Things are Happening. Compliments to the staff for getting this work done and getting this money for us.

Last meeting there was talk about me and a lack of communication. I agree communication has not been as good as I like. Need to find a legal way to exchange information that is good for everyone. There were comments about a letter to staff; I thought it had been approved by Council. Time Card Policy is on the Workshop Agenda for April. Mayor Neuberger is a resident and registered voter. Mayor Neuberger loves our City. Find solutions not blame. Argue subject at hand, not person.

Comments: none

Correspondence & Issues: none

Resolutions & Ordinances:

- 1. Resolution 14-13 FLAP Federal Land Access Program: Brian Wilson made the motion** to accept Resolution 14-13. **Randy Lenz seconded.** This will pave to the end of the water/sewer lines. Use Timber Receipts for the match %. **Roll Call:** Bryce Brucker, yes. Brian Wilson, yes. Perry Olson, yes. Randy Lenz, yes. Mariana Carter, yes. Mayor Neuberger, yes. **Motion Carries.**

Unfinished Business: none

New Business:

- 1. Cindy Huff – Resignation from Council: Randy Lenz made the motion** to accept Cindy's resignation. **Mariana Carter seconded.** Cindy has requested to resign for personal reasons. **Roll Call:** Brian Wilson, yes. Perry Olson, yes. Randy Lenz, yes. Mariana Carter, yes. Mayor Neuberger, yes. Bryce Brucker, yes. **Motion Carries.** We will post a sign asking for volunteers.
- 2. AP&T Rate Increase: Randy Lenz made the motion** for the City to spend up to \$1,000 towards the petition for kWh rate reduction. **Brian Wilson seconded.** AP&T filed a tariff with the regulatory commission asking to raise our electric rates. Craig filed a petition with RCA to reduce our electric rates; Thorne Bay and Coffman Cove have joined in. It takes an attorney to file this petition. Craig is willing to spend up to \$10,000. Would we like to participate in the cost? If so, how much? City of Thorne Bay is also pitching in. Rate increase amounts to. 2.5 cents per kWh. **Roll Call:** Perry Olson, no. Randy Lenz, yes. Mariana Carter, yes. Mayor Neuberger, yes. Bryce Brucker, yes. Brian Wilson, yes. **Motion carries.**
- 3. Halibut Derby/Bingo/Gaming-Heather:** removed from agenda
- 4. Scrap Metal Barge: Randy Lenz made the motion** to post two weeks in advance. Staging location to be above the barge ramp. **Mariana seconded.** Channel Construction is the Barge Company, they have always shown up. Concerns about cruise ship coming and seeing mess, lots of glass left behind, liability/safety issues. Lots of scrap collected when location is accessible. Concerned with roads getting torn up if Barge Company went to scrap dump to pick-up metal and take to the barge. Joelle volunteered to help with this as an AmeriCorps Volunteer. Important to get notices out, post list of what barge will take.

Perry Olson amended the motion to add: delineate the area off and post it. **Mariana Carter seconded. Roll Call:** Randy Lenz, yes. Mariana Carter, yes. Mayor Neuberger, yes. Bryce Brucker, yes. Brian Wilson, yes. Perry Olson, yes. **Original motion, made by Randy Lenz, as amended:** Approve the location above the barge ramp for scrap metal collection and staging area. Notice to be posted no earlier than two weeks prior to barge proposed arrival date. Delineate the area off and post it. **Mariana Carter seconded. Roll Call:** Mariana Carter, yes. Mayor Neuberger, yes. Bryce Brucker, Yes. Brian Wilson, yes. Perry Olson, yes. Randy Lenz, yes. **Motion Carries.**

- 5. FY15 Insurance Policy:** Move to April agenda, after quote is received. Insurance provider is AMLJIA. Every year we fill out a summary of risk, they provide a general liability and workers compensation insurance quotes.

Public/Council Comment: Mayor Neuberger thanked everyone for coming and staying through to the end. Seven is good. Appreciate public participation.

Joelle Wetton, AmeriCorps Volunteer gave school comments. AmeriCorps purchased baby chicks and the kids are having a ball with them. New storage and chick building going up. Really fun to be with the kids, they are awesome. We are very lucky to live here and enjoy the older and younger kid's interaction.

Councilman Lenz asked about phone line extension with power lines. For ACS to come behind AP&T they wanted \$230,000. Council could instruct staff to put on priority list. Telephone projects are high. What about a Cell tower? Misty is meeting with Richard Peterson of Kasaan in a couple weeks. Kasaan successfully received money to provide infrastructure. Cell service was discussed with legislature during recent visits.

Broadband Taskforce lead has resigned and asked Misty to take over. There is a statewide Broadband Taskforce and one for Southeast with a goal to provide a certain amount of megabytes per rural households by 2020. Southeast Conference says we need to align ourselves with them. Four fiber optic cables go by POWI. Council chooses for Misty not to take this on at this time. Councilman Olson wants City employees to stay within the boundaries of Coffman Cove to work on local projects.

Councilman Brucker spoke to Councilman Olson's request to teach staff Excel Spreadsheet and purchase the four necessary \$50 manuals out of Training Budget. Councilman Olson showed Council his reformatted version of City Budget Report. Export report out of QuickBooks into raw data report to be compiled into Excel report. Misty and Perry will get together next week to look at this. Goal is to have report show more information to make City more efficient.

Councilman Wilson asked what is going on with the Boiler. Fire out of control, pipes broken, water bled off. Main line coming in was frozen, whole line bled off, no water could come in. Not fixed since Council questioned if we would continue to use the boiler. Now we have the pipe part and when Alaska Heating schedule is freed up they will repair the boiler. Alaska Heating will get it fixed.

Mayor Neuberger has an e-mail list and if you would like a copy of the Mayor's Report e-mailed to you let him know. We are all here because we love the City. When we leave the City we should be able to have coffee together and remain friends.

Adjourn: Mayor Neuberger motioned to adjourn at 8:24PM. Randy Lenz seconded. **AIF**

Passed and approved this day _____ of _____ 2014.

Mayor/Vice Mayor

Clerk