

City of Coffman Cove
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
7:00 p.m. @ CITY HALL
Thursday, August 21st 2014

PUBLIC HEARING 6:45

ALASKA COASTAL AGGREGATES PROPOSAL TO USE COFFMAN'S LOG TRANSPORT FACILITY FOR ROCK CRUSHING, STORAGE AND EXPORT.

Public Hearing: The public hearing was called to order at 6:30PM.

Alaska Coastal General Manager Bill Bennet explained to the audience the plan for exporting, crushing and hauling rock from Half Dog, or Labrador Road to Coffman Cove's Log Transport Facility. He said they did not plan to run their operation from the dates of June 1st through August 31st during our tourism months, unless they have written approval from the Council and City of Coffman. They do plan to move the crusher up to Half Dog, but until they know how much rock they will be selling, and how much crush they move, they do not know when this can happen. They need a lot of room for the crusher. He said their company is known for being great neighbors in the communities they operate in. It will, however, have some impact on the City. He said they want to get away from the day in and day out of crushing. If that does happen, it would mean that they are moving enough rock to be able to move the crusher out of the LTF. In that case, he said they still need to export the rock off the LTF, and it is location to the barge ramp is key. They want exclusive rights to export the rock. They do not want to go through all this expense and have another corporation buy a lot and do the same thing. He said they are not interested in effecting anyone's livelihood here in Coffman, as far as local sales. That is not where they would make the money. Mr. Bennet then named the different organizations that ACA has participated in, in other communities. He mentioned the time limit the operation would run: 8:00AM – 5:00PM.

Janice Schad then read a letter written from Steve Mathews voicing his concerns. Mr. Bennet addressed the concerns in his letter. Most of the concerns in the letter were addressed at the first workshop.

A concerned citizen asked if the barge ramp would be available for other barges, scrape metal barges, log barges etc. In the agreement it states that ACA would not encumber the barge ramp for any other uses the city would have for it, and that includes logs. ACA would have rock storage at the LTF, and would not move the rock for log storage, but there is room for loading logs and/or scrape metal. The agreement is binding on fixing the roads and improving the LTF area. The rock trucks do not go above the limits on weight, same as the logging trucks. The impact on the roads will not have more of an impact than a log truck.

The quality of the rock was then explained to the audience.

Mr Bennet said it is not their intension to create a giant hole in the ground on Half Dog. When they leave, it is prudent to develop it so they can have home-sites.

The agreement is for 5 years, at the city's option to renew. ACA will also have an agreement that any material left on site, after the agreement is up, would revert back to the city.

An audience member pointed out that we have many Southeast Road Builders that live here in the city, and it would be nice for them to have a job close to home.

A council member asked when the rock crusher would be able to move up the hill and off of the downtown property. It was explained that they would have to crush a lot of rock to be able to move the crusher as it needs a lot of room. They cannot estimate how much rock they will be able to sell.

Call to Order: Regular meeting was called to order at 7:40PM

Roll Call: Mariana Carter, here. Randy Neuberger, here. Bryce Brucker, here. Dick Stewart, here. Brian Wilson, here. Perry Olson, here. Randy Lenz, here.

Pledge of Allegiance: yes

Public Comment: no public comment at this time.

Consent Agenda: Randy N. made the motion to approve the consent agenda with the exception of financial report, which Misty will give a report on during council comment. **Mariana seconded the motion. All were in favor by verbal call.**

Mariana made the motion to approve the agenda adding an item under correspondence and issues related to cell phone issues: GCI Also, under new business Alaska Municipal League scholarship for Jean Soderberg. **Randy N. seconded the motion. All were in favor by verbal call.**

Randy L. made the motion to relax the agenda. Mariana seconded. All were in favor by verbal call.

Power Line Extension: Misty said we are under budget under the USDA grant to run power lines. We have spent roughly \$102,000. They still need to do Chum Creek Drive, which is included in the \$102,000. Roads and costs were discussed. It was pointed out that Coffman Island would need three phase power, which is significantly more money than the original quote. The quote for the Island years ago was \$21,000. The city does own 50 acres on Coffman Island. Randy L.: The grant was written for residents who were paying a dollar a kilowatt or more, and there are more residents who live out the road than the Island. Dan S. said if he could get power, that would be great, or he could buy another generator. He just needs to know before he buys another generator. Randy N. asked what roads were dropped in the beginning of the project, we should look at those. Brian pointed out that we should not jump over roads to go "out the road" because writing a grant to come back to the roads that were skipped over is a harder sell. Lots that were sold before the lots "out the road" should not be looked over just because they do not have buildings on it now. **Randy N. made a motion** to continue with the originally planned extension to include the four roads which we deleted when we thought we had a shortage of funds, with or without houses.

Perry would like the motion to include: take the \$15,000 out for administrative, take the other money allocation toward, first, Four Point, second, Yellow Cedar, and the third, going out the main line, Loggers Lane, as far as the money will take us. **Randy N. amended his motion as stated. Perry Olson seconded. Roll call: Mariana, yes. Randy N. yes. Bryce, yes. Dick, yes. Brian, yes. Perry, yes. Randy L. yes. Motion passes 7/0.**

Correspondence & Issues

1. Coffman Creek Restoration Support Letter: Misty has taken notes from Steve Mathews letters and has put together a letter to the Forest Service per council request at the last meeting. **Randy N. made the motion for Mariana to precede and send the signed letter. Randy L. seconded. All were in favor by verbal call. None opposed.**

2. GCI: Misty has spent a lot of time the last few weeks working on our cell phone issues and getting to the bottom on what we could possibly do to help our situation. Cell phone companies are not regulated. They are just regulated to the extent that they have to submit an annual report to the RCA detailing some of the activities that they undertake. GCI is our designated eligible telecommunication carrier for Coffman Cove, along with dozens of other communities. Our ETC needs to make an effort to provide service to communities that request it or detail in their annual report to RCA why they are not fulfilling requests. Misty would like the council permission to request service as the first step. Council was in favor of Misty proceeding.

Resolutions & Ordinances:

- 1. Resolution 15-02 Addition of Check Signers: Randy N. made the motion to pass Resolution 15-02 to add the check signers listed. Randy L. seconded. Randy N. yes. Bryce, yes. Dick, yes. Brian, yes. Perry, yes. Randy L. yes. Mariana, yes. Motion passes. 7/0.**
- 2. Resolution 15-03 Luck Creek Enhancement Project. Mariana made the motion to pass Resolution 15-03 with the amendment of changing the word Enhancement to restoration. Randy L. seconded the motion. Roll Call: Bryce, yes. Dick, yes. Brian, yes. Perry, yes. Randy L. yes. Mariana, yes. Randy N. yes. Motion passes 7/0.**
- 3. Resolution 15-04 PCE Resolution for Alaska Power and Telephone:** AP & T is proposing the state has the ability to designate more money for the PCE fund to encourage small business growth. Their resolution details how they are asking the state to do this. The council also has the e-mail in their packet explaining the resolution.

Mariana made the motion to accept Resolution 15-04 Brian seconded the motion. Roll Call: Dick, yes. Brian, yes. Perry, yes. Randy L. yes. Mariana, yes. Randy N. yes. Bryce, yes.

4. Resolution 15-05 Disposal of Surplus Property to Snow Pass Seafood:

Council's discussion: It was understood that we would keep the equipment and surplus what we can and keep what we do not surplus, then continue leasing.

Council would like to know what property the city owns at Snow Pass. Brain pointed out that this past winter the council had asked Doug to come up with a proposal and what his intentions were with the equipment. This is what brought the conversations up about surplus with the smoker. He said the property will still be used for the fish enhancement and what the grant was intended for. **Randy N. made the motion that we do not pass Resolution 15-05.**

Mariana seconded the motion. Perry would like to have an inventory of everything up there and what was provided by the grant. Perry would also like the council to review the lease. **Roll call: Brian, yes. Perry, yes. Randy L. yes. Mariana, yes. Randy N. yes. Bryce, yes. Dick, yes. Motion passes.** Misty said she will do an inventory and put it in her Administrators report. Randy N. agreed with Perry that it should be in a workshop so they can discuss the lease.

Unfinished Business:

1. Nominations for Rain Forest Islands Seat: There are two letters of interest. One from Jean Soderberg and one from Mike Barnett. **Bryce made the motion** for Jean to be on the Rain Forest Island Board. **Randy L. seconded the motion. Roll Call: Perry, yes. Randy L. yes. Mariana, yes. Randy N. yes. Bryce, yes. Dick, yes. Brian, yes. Motion passes.**

New Business:

- 1. Rasmuson Grant Tier I Grant Application & Tier II Letter of Interest:** Lynn Bateman
Talked about the Grant application for the library. Before you can write a tier 2 grant, you need to apply for a tier 1. We have to be invited to apply for a tier 2 grant. Lynn is asking permission from the council to write the letter of inquiry. **Randy N. made the motion for Lynn to write the letter. Mariana seconded. Roll call: Randy L. yes. Mariana, yes. Randy N. yes. Bryce, yes. Dick, yes. Brian, yes. Perry, yes. Motion passes.**
- 2. Travel Request Southeast Conference in Wrangell September 16-18:**
Randy N. made the motion for Misty to go SE Conference. Dick seconded the motion. Roll call: Mariana, yes. Randy N. yes. Bryce, yes. Dick, yes. Brian, yes. Perry, yes. Randy L. yes. Motion passes.

3. **Alaska Municipal Clerks Conference:** This conference is in November in Anchorage. Jean would like to go to this as it does add educational points towards her certification. They are offering a scholarship she would like to apply too. **Dick made the motion for Jean to apply for the scholarship for the conference in November. Randy N. seconded the motion. Roll call: Dick, yes. Brian, yes. Perry, yes. Randy L. yes. Mariana, yes. Randy N. yes. Bryce, yes. All were in favor 7/0**
4. **SE Conference Scholarship:** Our community has supported this organization since it began. It is our way to show support for this organization. **Mariana made the motion to pay our annual sponsorship of \$200. Randy Lenz seconded the motion. Roll call: Dick, yes. Brian, yes. Perry, yes. Randy L. yes. Mariana, yes. Randy N. yes. Bryce, yes. All were in favor**
5. **Support for Dayna Jo Johnson Swim Team:** Dayna Jo has written a letter asking for support for her swim team. **Mariana made a motion to give Dayna Jo \$20. Dick seconded the motion. Roll Call: Brian, yes. Perry, yes. Randy L. yes. Mariana, yes. Randy N. yes. Bryce, yes. Dick, yes. All were in favor.**
6. **Solid Waste agreement with the City of Thorne Bay:** **Mariana made the motion to sign the agreement with the City of Thorne Bay. Randy N. seconded the motion. Roll call: Randy N. yes. Bryce, yes. Dick, yes. Brian, yes. Perry, yes. Randy L. yes. Mariana, yes. Motion passes.**
7. **Job Posting - Assistant Water Treatment Plant Operator:** The job description we have for our water treatment plant operator is close to a full time position. At this time our employee has taken on so many personal endeavors that the hours he has been able to contribute to this position has become less and less. As this happens, the duties on the job description has been delegated to other personal. Misty would like to pull all the jobs back into one position. She has talked with our treatment operator about this. The position posted will be a secondary water plant operator.

The employee would work under our current operator for maybe up to a year. It takes a year to get level one. You can work as operator if you do not have your level one. As long as you are working toward your certification, we will not be out of compliance if our main operator leaves the position before the year it out. Council agreed to post the position.

Public / Council Comment: Misty went over the new financial reports with the council. Perry would like to put on the agenda, for the next meeting, a maintenance program on loggers lane.

Adjourn: Randy N. made the motion to adjourn at 9:40. Dick seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Passed and approved this day _____ of _____ 2014.

Mayor, Mariana Carter

Clerk, Jean Soderberg