

City of Coffman Cove  
Special City Council Meeting Minutes  
Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
At City Hall 7:00 pm

**Call to Order:** Mayor Sharon Toman called the meeting to order at 7:00PM

**Roll Call:** Sharon Toman, present. Bill Bateman, present. Bryce Brucker, present. Dick Stewart, present. Brian Wilson, absent. Perry Olson, present. Randy Lenz, absent.

Pledge of Allegiance:yes

**Public Comment:** Carolyn Duncan was present as a part of the Arts and Seafood committee. She asked that it be moved up on the agenda to hear from public. Randy Neuberger was present representing the Fire Department, fireworks.

Persons to be heard: none

Resolutions & Ordinances: none

Unfinished Business: none

Some of the public spoke on behalf of the Arts & Seafood Festival in favor of Heather Hedges receiving wages for her time. Sharon made it clear that the intent was not to cancel the Arts Festival, but transition it over being supported by income brought in by the festival. The cut of the funding was brought on by the discussion last year with the understanding that the Arts Festival could stand on their own as the City has supported them financially in the past.

Last year, the city authorized \$5,000 in support of the festival with the understanding that we would not pay city employees to work. In the past, the city was in support of helping with the event until they got on their feet and become financially stable. Last year they had \$8,000 in their budget, and they could have paid Heathers wages. Arts & Seafood is not part of the city. They are their own non-profit. Council was not in favor of giving city money to run the Arts and Seafood Festival, as they are financially set to support themselves now.

Bill Bateman pointed out that there are benefits to the Festival as income for our local businesses.

Council asked Heather what they had in their bank account. She said they have \$14,000.

Bryce is in support of the festival, but we have a deficit budget and he would does not think we should budget for Festival wages.

Dick thought we could budget half of what Heather was asking of the \$4,000.

Carolyn asked that the festival use Bill Fitzpatrick, as they could not put on the Festival without his help.

Council was not opposed to keep Bill on the payroll to help run equipment to set up tents.

Heather pointed out that the city budgeted \$5,000 in the years before, but last year they budgeted \$4,000. She said that Arts Festival is not non-profit as a 5013C, but they are non-profit.

Perry said that the Baptist Church wrote a check for \$5,000 to the Festival last year that was never cashed. Sharon will look into this.

Sharon took a poll of Council as to who would like to increase money in the budget for Arts and Seafood wages. Perry, no. Dick, yes. Bill, yes. Bryce, no. Sharon, no.

**New Business: FY 17 Budget-1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Perry made the motion to accept the first reading of the FY17 budget. Bill Bateman Seconded the motion.** Discussion: Randy would like to see a separate line item for fireworks for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July on the budget. He would like Council to raise the budget for fireworks as he gets a discount for bulk orders. Council agreed as the fire department is self-sustaining.

**Perry made the motion to amend the budget to add \$500 the purchase of fireworks and \$300 to pay for freight. Bryce seconded the motion. Sharon, yes. Bill, yes. Bryce, yes. Dick, yes. Perry, yes. Motion passes.**

**Roll call for approval of the first reading of the FY17 budget: Bill, yes. Bryce, yes. Dick, yes. Perry, yes. Sharon, yes. Motion passes.**

Public / Council Comment: Perry has put in some time clearing loggers lane. He thought that if we employ a couple people brushing, we could get this done.

Bryce would like the dock cleaned up. He said the dock needs pressure washed also. He would like to see a letter written to dock users. He counted 11 skiffs at our dock without licenses. According to our code, we cannot more vessels that are not current.

Jean said that Bert is working on a letter for public.

Peter Chaille, our Fire Chief, said the fire department appreciates councils work on the budget and will work hard to keep costs down. He said the state fire Marshall has sent fire/ smoke detectors for the community. These must be installed by volunteer fire members.

Perry thought the fire Chief needs to be appointed by Council. This needs to be put on our next meeting.

Adjourn: Sharon moved to adjourn. Dick seconded. All in favor.

Passed and approved this 16<sup>th</sup> day of June 2016.

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Mayor, Sharon Toman

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Clerk, Jean Soderberg