
I. CALL TO ORDER

The Special Meeting of the Dillingham City Council was held on Tuesday, May 1, 2014, at the Dillingham City Council Chambers, Dillingham, Alaska. Mayor Alice Ruby called the meeting to order at 12:18 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Mayor Alice Ruby was present.

Council Members present and establishing a quorum (a quorum being four):

Holly Johnson, Seat A
Chris Maines, Seat B
Bob Himschoot, Seat C
Keggie Tubbs, Seat D
Tracy Hightower, Seat E
Paul Liedberg, Seat F

Staff in attendance:

Carol Shade, Acting City Manager/Finance Director
Dan Pasquariello, Chief of Police/Sergeant at Arms
Jody Seitz, Planning Director
Janice Williams, City Clerk

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Chris Maines moved and Holly Johnson seconded the motion to add citizen's discussion before Special Business.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

IV. CITIZEN'S DISCUSSION

Kim Parker, co-owner of Willow Tree Inn and Bar, reported their liquor license renewal was received at the State Alcohol Board past the two month extended deadline (Feb. 28). The envelope had an incorrect postmark stamp, but the envelope had a Feb. 28 notary signature stamp. The State had notified the business to cease operation until they received a temporary license and went before the Board for a renewal. Even though they received a temporary license the business remained closed to finish some projects in the bar. At the hearing, the ABC renewed their license April 29. She explained at no time did the business operate illegally, that they took the matter very seriously, and had she known the license was going to be protested at the May 1 Council meeting, would have made an appearance. She was concerned with comments from some Council members that the bar had operated illegally, but had not gathered the facts beforehand. *(Previous concern was that the Willow Tree Inn and Bar had operated from January 1 without a license.)*

V. SPECIAL BUSINESS

A. Committee of the Whole

1. Liquor License Renewal – Willow Tree Inn

MOTION: Keggie Tubbs moved and Chris Maines seconded the motion to go into the Committee of a Whole.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

Discussion ensued:

- stated the City had not received enough facts at their Council meeting, the reason for the special meeting, and it would have been in order to contact the Board beforehand;
- confirmed the city had received a call from the State's ABC Board that the liquor license had expired as stated at the Council meeting, but was not aware that anyone had called the police about the Willow Tree prior to that;
- clarified the Council relied on staff to bring forward information on liquor licenses and expiration dates, but did not do their own research.

MOTION: Bob Himschoot moved and Holly Johnson seconded the motion to come out of the Committee of the Whole.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

VI. CITIZEN'S DISCUSSION (Open to the Public)

There was no further citizen's discussion.

VII. COUNCIL COMMENTS

MOTION: Bob Himschoot moved and Holly Johnson seconded the motion that the Council did not have any objections to the renewal of the Willow Tree liquor license.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

Bob Himschoot:

- thanked Kim [Parker] and apologized for any detrimental effects that may have occurred.

Holly Johnson:

- thanked the owners and City staff for the time they put in and gathering the information for the meeting in short order.

Tracy Hightower:

- apologized for bringing up all the concerns and attributed it to misinformation.

Paul Liedberg: no comments.

MOTION: Chris Maines moved and Tracy Hightower seconded the motion to refer a policy dealing on alcohol licenses to the Code Committee.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

Keggie Tubbs:

- supported tightening up procedures to prevent a misunderstanding from happening again.

VIII. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Ruby:

- spoke in favor of routinely bringing up liquor licenses for renewal, even if it was just a report that would include taxes owed or police reports.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Ruby adjourned the meeting at 12:43 p.m.

Keggie Tubbs
~~Mayor Alice Ruby~~ *Mayor Pro Tempore*

ATTEST:

[SEAL]

Bernadette Packa, Acting City Clerk
 Janice Williams, City Clerk

Approval Date: 6-5-14

