

EAGLE RIVER COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES FOR THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 8, 2005

Council President Charles Horsman called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Other board members present were Mike Melielo, Bobbie Gossweiler, and Mike Foster.

Assembly President Anna Fairclough attended.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Charles Horsman passed out a proposal for a municipal sales tax submitted by assembly member Dan Coffey. There was a brief discussion on the proposed sales tax. There are still many options for what would be exempt from a sales tax and the assembly is open to ideas from the public. The proposed sales tax is to give relief to the homeowners by reducing the property tax. A question was asked that with so many more buildings and subdivisions being built, why aren't property taxes reduced? Ms. Fairclough pointed out money for schools and snow removal among other things increase with the increased building. Both Mr. Coffey and assembly member Dan Sullivan, who also has a proposal for a sales tax, were invited to attend the council meeting but did not respond. The discussion will be carried over until the November when hopefully there will be additional information.
- b. Robert Douthit attended the meeting to obtain the councils support to subdivide his 2 ½ acre lot into 1 ¼ acre lots to build a single family residence. It was moved and seconded that the council would support the changed plat.
- c. Lucky Schultz representing Senator Fred Dyson's office said the Senator is asking for ideas from the community on how the 900 million dollar budget surplus should be used. Suggestions are needed by early November. It was suggested a committee be formed to brainstorm ideas. Bill Gossweiler, Mike Melielo and Willard Ferral will meet to work on suggestions. Assembly member Fairclough asked that the assembly be kept informed regarding suggestions.
- d. The ABC board informed the council the following businesses were asking to renew their liquor licenses.

Eagle River Lions
Fred Meyer
Haute Quarter Grill
Homestead Lounge
Tips Bar
Pizza Hut

There were no objections to any of the renewals.

- e. Resident Pat Shepard came to the meeting to ask for the council's support regarding an increase of the speed limit on Monte Drive. It is current 25 MPH, which is consistent with other residential areas. Ms. Shepard believes it is a speed trap in that it is difficult to maintain the 25-MPH. A discussion ensued with the conclusion that the information should be given to the road board by Dave Sellie.
- f. Assembly member Debbie Ossiander asked for a list of capital improvement projects we would like in Eagle River. Mike Melielo will provide.
- g. The by-laws need to be reviewed by the November meeting. Brian Faye, Dave Sellie and new member Dan Pace will review.
- h. There was a discussion about how to get the word out to more people on the Eagle River Council meetings. Dan Pace volunteered to explore various sign locations such as SBS.

OLD BUSINESS

Bobbie Gossweiler reported on the progress of the rewrite of the Chugiak/Eagle River comprehensive plan. The draft plan is complete and available for review and comment. Bobbie will send by e-mail to anyone who wants a copy. Comments on the draft Title 21 are due by September 16. Another draft will be out in November and the public will have more time to comment.

REPORTS

Treasurer: Bobbie Gossweiler reported a balance of \$210. There are no current expenses, but the post office box rent will be due soon.

Parks and Rec: No report

Road Board: No report

FCC: Bill Gossweiler gave a brief report on the August Federation of Community Councils meeting. There will be an open house September 20 at 6:00 P.M. at the new location in Mountain View. Everyone is invited.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15