City Moves to Sell Land

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At last week's meeting the Kodiak City Council took the first steps towards putting three parcels of land into private hands. One lot in town has a buyer lined up, and another person is interested in two lots the city owns in Chiniak.

The in-city lot is on Selief Lane, not far from Von Sheele, and is going for 70-thousand dollars. The two lots in Chiniak combined are selling for 50-thousand. The city was given the land in Chiniak by Rachel Rogers in her will several years ago.

City Councilman Tom Walters was supportive of the proposed sales:

-- (City Land 1 27 sec "In my opinion where we ... on the tax rolls.")

Councilman Jack Maker said putting land in private hands is the best way to keep revenue flowing to the city:

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2 32 sec "You know we can't ... there's some
decent spaces out there.")

The city
went through Bob Brodie of Associated Island Brokers to sell the land, and will have to pay about 7-thousand dollars in closing costs. City Manager Linda Freed said the city will see how the process of selling land through a broker goes, and may conduct more sales that way in the future.

The city
will hold a public hearing at its January meeting and make a final vote on the sales. That meeting is scheduled for January 15th.

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