

Kodiak Loses Civic Leader

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A long-time public figure in Kodiak died Monday evening. Dave Woodruff, who operated Alaska Fresh Seafoods for decades, and who helped shape the community with his service on the Kodiak City Council, passed away in Anchorage after a long fight with cancer.

Mayor

Carolyn Floyd said she visited with Woodruff in recent weeks, and that he was planning on coming home soon:

-- (Woodruff 1 49 sec "Joe and I visited him ... when he passed away.")

Floyd

remembered Woodruff as a staunch supporter of Kodiak's main industry, commercial fishing:

-- (Woodruff 2 24 sec "And
we needed that ... very, very missed.")

The mayor
also remembered Woodruff as being an independent voice on the Kodiak City
Council:

-- (Woodruff 3 24 sec "Well,
whenever there was ... that needed to be addressed.")

She said
Woodruff pushed the hardest for a new police station. Ground was broken for the
new structure just last week.

Less than
two weeks ago, the Kodiak City Council commended Woodruff for his years of
supporting civic events. The proclamation was read by City Councilman Tom
Walters at the March 26th regular meeting:

-- (Woodruff 4 34 sec "Certificate
of appreciation ... all he's done.")

Floyd
remembered some of the many donations Woodruff made over the decades:

-- (Woodruff 5 52 sec "We
also knew him as ... Dave was always there.")

Dave Woodruff
is survived by his wife Barbara, son Mike, and daughter Jeanie.

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