

transaction. Not all the people turned over their old property rights. Not all the people received a new house. The new houses required new lots, and the new lots were not surveyed according to the old property rights. To this day, almost thirty years later, not many of the \$3500 unit prices have been paid. The results are left to the readers imagination.

The Hoonah Indian Association, funded by Congress in 1937 through the Indian Re-organization Act, controlled monies primarily used to purchase boats. After the fire individual loans were given to people as down payments on the new houses.

After the fire and the re-building of Hoonah in 1945-46, at a town council meeting held in the B.I.A. school the people of Hoonah unanimously carried a motion made by John K. Smith to incorporate the City of Hoonah. They wanted to be considered a first class city and they wanted the advantages which came with it. Unfortunately they became a first class city in name only due to little industry and restricted land rights which have prevented any form of tax structure. This being the case, the only income which the city has is from the water and power systems; therefore, it has not really been to the advantage of the people to incorporate.

Party Politics In the early days, before Hoonah was incorporated, the people were primarily Republican, under the influence of the noted Tlingit leader William Paul and the well-liked Juneau attorney and Republican leader, Albert White. Around the time of the fire and after the city was incorporated Hoonah turned Democratic. Politically speaking, Democrat Senator Gruening's efforts to help Hoonah were not in vain. At any rate the first class City of Hoonah's first mayor was a Democrat--Harry Douglas. Serving on the city council were: Frank O. Williams Sr., George Carteeti Sr., Charles Fawcett, John G. Fawcett Sr., Elsie Greenwald, and William Johnson. Hilda Schoonover was the city clerk, Art Andrews was the chief-of-police, and Kelly St Clair Sr. and Frank See also served on the police force.

Since the time of that first council, Hoonah has had many councils but only four mayors. The first mayor, Democrat Harry Douglas, served eight years, the last mayor since 1956, Democrat Frank See, is now in his 17th consecutive year. Two Republicans, Robert Grant and Richard Dalton, served one year each in 1954 and 1955 respectively.