



**CITY OF HOQUIAM  
Council Meeting Minutes**

**January 26, 2009**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Mayor Durney called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Councilmember Grun led the flag salute.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Durney and Councilmember Grun, Haugen, Houchens, Hyde, McMillan, Moir, Pellegrini, Stone, Streifel and Winkelman. Absent/Excused: Councilmember Dickhoff and Councilmember Grimnes.

Staff in attendance were Police Chief Jeff Myers, Fire Chief Ray Pumphrey, City Librarian Mary Thornton, City Attorney Steve Johnson, City Administrator Brian Shay, Finance Director Mike Folkers and Council Secretary Tracy Wood.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**Donation to Crime Watch**

Mr. Damon Gleason has done a lot in our community and asked what he could do to help out. Chief Myers suggested the need for bike helmets. Mr. Gleason presented a \$500 check to the Crime Watch that they can use towards the purchase of helmets.

**Grays Harbor Young Professionals**

Ms. Lisa Smith and Katie Stamwitz representing the Grays Harbor Young Professionals, spoke about their organization of some of the activities that they are undertaking. They are a civic minded, young professional group in Grays Harbor who want to live, work and play here. They currently have 80 members and meet at local restaurants and speak about projects and things going on in our communities. They are willing to partner with the city on projects.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Councilmember Hyde asked that the minutes be corrected to reflect his arrival at 7:02 p.m. He moved for the approval of consent agenda items A through C as presented. His motion was seconded. Those items appearing on the Consent agenda were as follows:

- Council Minutes of January 12, 2009;
- Regulatory Committee report recommending approval and payment of claim check numbers 65516 through 65695 in the amount of \$550,871.46; payroll check numbers 22052 through 22148 in the amount of \$444,211.60; US Treasury deposits in the amount of \$87,472.08; and that payroll and benefits for the month



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of January 2009 be approved and issued at the proper time.

- Request for Final Payment and Release of Retainage and Bonds for Bonnell Tree Technicians in the amount of \$7,900.00.

The motion made by Councilmember Hyde passed by voice vote.

**Grays Harbor Community Network – “Our Community Our Kids” Forum**

Rob Atkinson, Grays Harbor Community Network, spoke to the council regarding a forum scheduled for Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup>. “Our Community Our Kids” will focus on issues surrounding the children in our communities. Mr. Atkinson informed the Council that there are a tremendous amount of opportunities for them to volunteer and encouraged their attendance at the forum.

**OFFICER REPORTS  
Field Turf at Stadium**

Councilmember McMillan provided information on a recent meeting where staff, council and civic groups spoke about field turf at the stadium. They would like to put this on a special ballot this spring. They held a meeting last week and several people were in attendance representing the various recreation programs, youth recreation organizations, schools, city and others. Councilmember Grun asked if anyone has spoken with other entities about the turf. Councilmember McMillan stated that he knows that the coaching staff and athletic director at the schools are interested. It will cost over \$1,000,000 to do section A which would be approximately \$42.00 per year for tax payers with \$100,000 homes. The turf would allow for increased usage of the facilities. Certain types of maintenance will no longer be needed (i.e., lining fields, etc.). Maintenance will be required, it will just be different then it was in the past. Mayor Durney thanked Councilmember McMillan for his work on this project. There is still information that needs to be gathered. The reason we want to put it on the ballot is so the public can make the choice.

**Tree City Annual Work Plan Planting Update**

The City has formally applied to be a Tree City USA through the National Arbor Day foundation. One of the requirements is that the City adopt an annual work plan. It is included in the council packets for review. A motion was made to approve the work plan as presented by Councilmember Dickhoff. The



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**Mayor Reports**

**Railroad and Roadway  
Repairs**

motion was seconded and following a brief discussion, passed by voice vote.

There have been concerns expressed lately with the quality of the roadway and railroad tracks throughout town. Mr. Shay has been working with the railroad who are sending a contractor to meet with staff in the next few weeks to get some of these repairs taken care of.

**Grand Re-opening 7<sup>th</sup> St.  
Theatre**

The 7<sup>th</sup> Street Theatre had their grand re-opening on Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>. There have been a lot of great improvements made to the building over the last year or so. The Marquee in the front, the seats, the organ are just to name a few of the projects that have been accomplished. Mayor Durney encouraged Council to stop and visit the theatre.

**Downtown Revitalization**

Staff met with Mr. Entezar who has purchased LaVogues. He has great plans for revitalizing that building. Possibility of a hotel, restaurant and other ideas. The plans will be made public in the near future.

**Pontoon Construction  
Meeting**

The DOT will be at the Hoquiam High School on Thursday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, for another Pontoon Construction Public Scoping meeting. It begins at 5:30. Council and citizens are encouraged to attend. This project will provide jobs, businesses and we need to support it.

**LEGAL BUSINESS**

**Resolutions**

**Establishing a City of  
Hoquiam Employee  
Wellness Program**

A Resolution establishing a city of Hoquiam employee wellness program. Councilmember McMillan moved to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

**Surplus Equipment**

A Resolution declaring certain personal property owned by the City to be surplus items pursuant to Hoquiam Municipal Code Sections 1.64.005, 1.64.010 and 1.64.020. Councilmember Pellegrini moved to approve this resolution. The motion was seconded and following a brief discussion, passed by voice vote.



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**Supporting Hoquiam Sites  
for Pontoon Project**

A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Hoquiam, Washington, demonstrating support for the selection by the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) of the Port of Grays Harbor's IDD-1 site or the Anderson Middleton Log Yard, in Hoquiam as the location of WSDOT's Pontoon Construction Site. Councilmember Moir moved to approve this resolution. The motion was seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote.

**OTHER LEGAL**

**Service Provider  
Agreement – Bobby  
Jackson**

Staff presented Council with a Service Provider Agreement between the City and Bobby Jackson for Network/Computer Services. Councilmember Moir moved to authorize the Mayor to sign all necessary paperwork and approve the service agreement with Mr. Jackson. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Workshop – 2008 in  
Review and Discussion on  
Comp Plan**

There will be a Council Workshop on February 2, 2009, at 6:30 p.m. to review the 2008 accomplishments and the Draft Comprehensive Plan.

**2009 Committee  
Assignments**

Council Committee Assignments – 2009 – have not met to determine new appointments.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Tank Project Permits**

Councilmember Haugen asked if there has been any permitting for the new tank project. Staff anticipates receiving information this week.

**Excuse Absent Members**

Councilmember McMillan moved to excuse absent members. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Real Estate and Possible  
Litigation**

Councilmember McMillan moved to recess the meeting for five-minutes after which Council would adjourn to executive session to discuss the possible sale of real estate and potential litigation. The executive session will last for approximately 15 minutes after which Council will reconvene in regular session. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.



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**Motion to Postpone to a  
Certain Time**

Mayor Durney called the regular meeting back to order at 8:17 p.m. Councilmember McMillan moved to recess the meeting until February 2, 2009, at 6:30 p.m. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

**Information on Roadless  
Area Conservation Rule**

Mayor Durney provided Council with information on the Roadless Area Conservation Rule for their review. This item can be referred to committee if there is any interest.

**Community Events**

It was announced that the High School Band Students would be holding a Spaghetti Dinner on January 31<sup>st</sup> to raise money for their trip to Disneyland. Tickets are \$5.00 a piece and they would appreciate support.

Meeting adjourned until February 2, 2009.

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JACK DURNEY – MAYOR

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TRACY WOOD, CMC – Council Secretary