



**CITY OF HOQUIAM
Council Meeting Minutes**

February 23, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Those in attendance at the meeting were Mayor Durney and Councilmembers Dickhoff, Grimnes, Grun, Haugen, Hyde, McMillan, Moir, Stone and Streifel. Absent from the meeting were Councilmembers Houchens, Pellegrini and Winkelman.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Charging Citizens for Information

Mr. Dave Forbes, 2216 Aberdeen Ave., Hoquiam, stated that he was charged for his packet on Friday and doesn't believe he should have to pay for that. He also doesn't believe that the information in the packets is getting out far enough in advance.

Tree City USA and Appointment to Urban Forestry Board

Mr. Mike Larson, 1505 B Street, Hoquiam, asked questions regarding Tree City USA status and what it is going to cost the city? Mayor Durney explained the process of being a Tree City USA. The City is required to spend a certain amount on tree maintenance and tree beautification. Mr. Larson stated that he doesn't believe the city has the money to maintain more trees. He believes the trees should be kept away from the roadways and off the park strips. He doesn't believe that right now is a good time to spend more money on trees nor increase the work for maintenance. Mayor Durney asked Mr. Larson if he would be interested in serving on the Urban Forestry Board, following a positive response from Mr. Larson, he asked for council concurrence on the appointment. Councilmember Hyde moved to concur with the appointment of Mr. Larson to the Urban Forestry Board. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Hyde moved for the approval of items a through d as presented on the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded. Those items appearing on the Consent Agenda were as follows:



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- The City Council Minutes of February 9, 2009;
- The Regulatory Committee report recommending approval and payment of claim check numbers 65727 through 65951 in the amount of \$501,712.34; and payroll check numbers 21149 through 22245 in the amount of \$463,164.88;
- A Request for Progress Payment to John Lupo Construction in the amount of \$143,373.89 for work completed to date on the roof replacement project at City Hall;
- A Request for Release of Bonds to Seattle Snohomish Mill Company on Timber Sales 08-02, 08-07 and 08-11.

OFFICERS REPORTS

**Incidental Business
Reimbursement Policy**

Mr. Folkers presented Council with a copy of the Incidental Business Reimbursement Policy. The policy is intended to provide guidance to employees when they are on non-travel status. Councilmember McMillan moved to approve the request to proceed with this policy. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

**Abatement 359 Karr –
Public Hearing**

Staff requests that Council set a public hearing date to consider the abatements costs for removal of dangerous buildings at 359 Karr Avenue. Councilmember McMillan moved to set a hearing date of March 23, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

MAYORS REPORTS

Mayor Durney thanked Mr. Chris Rush, the Daily World Editor for recognizing the work that Hoquiam is doing in his Sunday editorial. It was greatly appreciated.

LEGAL BUSINESS

Ordinances

Supplemental Budget 09-01

An Ordinance adopting Supplemental Budget No. 09-01 and appropriating funds. Councilmember McMillan moved to approve the Ordinance as presented. The motion was seconded and following its second reading, the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

OTHER LEGAL

**Road Use Agreement
Washington State DOT**

Staff presented a Watershed Road Use Agreement between the City and the Washington State DOT in the amount of \$3,682.15 for use of certain gravel roads within the Hoquiam Watershed. Councilmember Moir moved for the approval of



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this use agreement. The motion was seconded and following a brief discussion, passed by voice vote.

**Road Use Agreement – GH
Paper LLP**

Staff presented a Watershed Road Use Agreement between the City and Grays Harbor Paper, L.L.P. in the amount of \$10.00 per load hauled, for use of certain gravel roads within the Hoquiam Watershed. Councilmember Dickhoff moved for the approval of this use agreement. The motion was seconded and following a brief discussion concerning the waste wood that the company would be hauling, Councilmember Moir moved to amend the motion to refer the use agreement back to staff for clarification on some of the wording, after which they will bring it back to the council for approval. The motion to refer the agreement back to staff was seconded and passed by voice vote.

**OLD BUSINESS
Committee Chair
Appointments**

Councilmember McMillan moved to recess the meeting for five-minutes to allow the Council Committees to select and appoint their chair person for 2009. Council reconvened and the following chair person appointments were made:

Public Safety: Councilmember McMillan ;
Regulatory: Councilmember Moir;
Watershed: Councilmember Winkelman;
Public Utilities: Councilmember Dickhoff

**NEW BUSINESS
Committee Meetings**

It was announced that Public Safety and Law will meet next Tuesday, March 3rd, at 5:00 at the Police Station.

It was announced that the Regulatory Committee will meet on the second and fourth Monday of each month at 6:15 p.m.

It was announced that Public Utilities will meet the third Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

**Welcome Westway
Terminals**

A discussion was held on the ground breaking ceremony for Westway Terminals; it was a good picture in the paper and we are glad they have located in Hoquiam.

Working with Legislators

Councilmember Grun stated that he thinks the City of Hoquiam needs to be more proactive in speaking with our legislators to obtain funding for projects - as the City of



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Bremerton has done. Mayor Durney spoke briefly concerning the interpretive center at Bowerman Field and other projects that have been discussed. Staff will be working closely with our Representatives and Senators for possible funding on some of these projects.

Mr. Shay spoke briefly concerning the stimulus package. GHCOG received an additional \$8M in road money. We received \$495,000 initially for our sidewalk project downtown. The City will now receive an additional \$195,000 to add to that project. Councilmember Hyde spoke briefly concerning the transmission line – we are living on borrowed time. Mr. Shay stated that this project will be over \$14M. We will be actively seeking needed funding.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilmember McMillan moved to adjourn to executive session for a period of 10 minutes to discuss Real Estate.

ADJOURNMENT

Council reconvened in regular session at 8:09 p.m. Councilmember Moir moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

JACK DURNEY – MAYOR

TRACY WOOD, CMC – Council Secretary