



**CITY OF HOQUIAM  
Council Meeting Minutes**

**March 23, 2009**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ROLL CALL**

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

**Public Hearing –  
Abatement Cost  
Assessment 359 Karr**

Councilmember McMillan moved to open the public hearing at 7:03 p.m. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote. Mayor Durney read the fair hearing doctrine. Councilmember Winkelman stated that he was approached by Scott Weyer regarding the abatement of properties. Councilmember Dickhoff also received an email today from Mr. Weyer. Following no discussion, Councilmember Dickhoff moved to close public hearing at 7:06 p.m. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

**COMMUNICATIONS  
Silver Star Proclamation**

Mr. Folkers read a proclamation declaring May 1, 2009, as “Silver Star Banner Day” in the City of Hoquiam.

**Arbor Day and Arbor  
Month in the City of  
Hoquiam**

Mr. Folkers read a proclamation declaring April 24, 2009, as Arbor Day in the City of Hoquiam and further declaring the month of April, 2009, as Arbor Month in the City of Hoquiam. Mayor Durney provided information to the council regarding the planned Arbor Day activities.

**Hometown Sanitation  
Contract Extension**

Mr. Dave Forbes, 2216 Aberdeen Avenue, Hoquiam, presented the council and mayor with a letter concerning the extension of the Hometown Sanitation contract. He expressed concerns with this extension and feels the officer report that is listed later in the meeting from the Finance Director does not give a clear picture of the financial benefit to the city.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Councilmember McMillan moved to approve consent agenda items a through d as presented. The motion was seconded. Those items appearing on the consent agenda were as follows:

- The City Council minutes of March 9, 2009;
- The Regulatory Committee report recommending approval and payment of claim check numbers 65968 through 66156 in the amount of \$501,994.46;



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- A report from Police Chief Myers on the most recent warrant sweep;
- A request for final payment and release of retainage and bonds for Rognlin's, Inc., in the amount of \$74,603.00 for work completed on the Hoquiam River Water and Sewer Crossings.

Councilmember Grun asked Chief Myers if the warrant sweep is working. Chief Myers stated that dollar for dollar it is cost benefit for the city. The motion for approval passed by voice vote.

**OFFICERS REPORTS  
Contiguous Lots**

Currently the Hoquiam City Code does not set forth a procedure to allow homeowners of two or more contiguous lots to consolidate the lots into one. Staff requests that the draft ordinance presented tonight be referred to planning commission for study and recommendation. Councilmember McMillan moved to refer to the planning commission with action taken within two months. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

**Hometown Sanitation  
Contract Extension**

Mr. Folkers provided an officers report to the Council regarding the extension being requested on the Hometown Sanitation Contract. They are asking that the City reduce their bond level to allow Hometown to use the money from the reduction to purchase new 65 gallon totes. They are also asking for two 5-year term extensions which will allow them to amortize the cans over the 10 year timeframe. Staff recommends that council reduce the bond and grant the two five year extensions. Councilmember McMillan moved to take this item from the table. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

Councilmember McMillan asked Mr. Byron why they are looking at changing the size of the cans now. Mr. Byron stated that they have had people asking about the larger cans and this will also reduce the possibility of injuries on their employees as the totes will be loaded by the lift on the truck vs. their personnel. The company also did not want to do any lay-offs and with the retirement of one of their personnel, they can now do this without reduction in their labor force. People who currently have a 32 gallon can picked up every week will go to



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a 65 gallon tote to be picked up every two weeks and those with the 20 gallon mini-cans will have a 40 gallon replacing the 32 gallon can and a 40 gallon tote to be picked up every other week. Councilmember McMillan commended Hometown Sanitation for the job they do. Councilmember Moir moved for the adoption of the request. The motion was seconded. Councilmember Grun asked what the council would be adopting. The Council would be adopting an amendment to the contract that would come back before the council for approval. Councilmember Grimnes moved to send the request to the Public Utilities Committee for their review. The motion was seconded but declared out of order as the previous motion had not been voted on and was still on the floor. Councilmember Winkelman asked to abstain from voting due to a possible conflict. The motion to approve the amendment and reduce the bond passed by voice vote. Councilmember Grun called for a division of the house and the motion passed by a vote of 4 to 3 with Councilmembers Stone, Grimnes and Grun voting no.

**MAYORS REPORTS**

Mayor Durney spoke briefly about the year-end financial report presented by Mr. Folkers at the last meeting. He commended each department for underspending on their budgets, staff has done a great job.

**LEGAL BUSINESS**

**Ordinance**

**Work Construction Hours**

An Ordinance relating to the regulation of public noise nuisances during the period of the paving of US 101 (Sumner Avenue, Riverside Avenue, Levee Street, Lincoln Street, and Perry), US 101 Couplet (5<sup>th</sup> Street and Simpson Avenue), State Route 109 (Emerson Avenue) and State Route 109 Couplet (Simpson Avenue between Emerson Avenue and 5<sup>th</sup> Street) by the Washington State Department of Transportation. Councilmember Dickhoff moved for approval of the ordinance and the motion was seconded. Mr. Johnson stated this Ordinance would allow for work from 6:00 pm to 6:00 a.m. Mr. Folkers read the ordinance by title a second time after which the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

**Resolutions**

**Abatement Cost  
Assessment**

A Resolution confirming the report of the Building Department specifying the work done and the itemized and total cost of the work done to demolish and abate the building



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located at 359 Karr Avenue, Hoquiam, Washington; and ordering that the total charge shall be the amount of \$4,015.00 and further ordering that the charge shall be assessed against the property and recorded on the assessment roll of Grays Harbor County. Councilmember McMillan moved for the approval of the resolution. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Four-day Work Week**

Councilmember McMillan asked that staff make a report to the Council regarding a proposed four-day workweek for City employees.

**Hometown Sanitation  
Contract**

Councilmember Dickhoff asked that a copy of the Hometown Contract agreement be provided to the Council.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Committee Meetings**

The Public Safety and Law Committee will meet April 9, 2009, at 5:00 at Fire Station.

**Trip to Washington DC**

Councilmember McMillan stated that he will be taking 50 middle school students to Washington DC over spring break. They will be laying a wreath at the tomb of the unknown soldier.

**Community Garden**

There will be a Public meeting at 6:00 for the community garden at the Hoquiam Library on Tuesday.

**Cancer Team Fundraiser**

The City Cancer team will hold a bake food sale on April 6, 2009 in the Lobby.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Councilmember McMillan moved to excuse absent members. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote. Councilmember Moir moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

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JACK DURNEY – MAYOR

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TRACY WOOD, CMC – Council Secretary



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