



**CITY OF HOQUIAM  
Council Meeting Minutes**

**April 27, 2009**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ROLL CALL**

In attendance at the meeting were Mayor Durney and Councilmembers Dickhoff, Grimnes, Grun, Haugen (entered at 8:26 p.m.) Hyde, McMillan, Moir, Pellegrini, Jones, Streifel and Winkelman. Absent from the meeting was Councilmember Houchens.

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

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**Public Hearing –  
Revocable Use Permit 10<sup>th</sup>  
Street**

Mr. Shay provided background information on an application received from EMR to place testing wells in a vacant lot off of 10<sup>th</sup> Street. Councilmember McMillan moved to open the public hearing at 7:04 p.m. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote. Mayor Durney read the fair hearing doctrine. Mr. Shay provided background information on an application received from EMR to place testing wells in a vacant lot off of 10<sup>th</sup> Street.

Mr. David Welch, project manager for EMR, stated he was in attendance to answer any questions. He also provided information on what the well would be used for. The drums that are currently located on the property will be removed once the well is installed. They are attempting to characterize the zones to monitor any contamination and its movement. The wells will help them monitor the area.

Mr. Dave Forbes, 2216 Aberdeen Avenue, Hoquiam, stated that he did not realize what ROW meant on the agenda

Councilmember Moir moved to close the hearing at 7:10 p.m. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

**COMMUNICATIONS  
Grays Harbor Transit**

Mr. Mark Carlin, the new executive director at Grays Harbor Transit, thanked the council for letting him attend and provide



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background on the transit and their operations. The transit system transported over 1.3 million people in 2008. With gas prices last year their numbers went up but the numbers have gone down slightly since the beginning of 2009. They average 5,800 disabled transports per month. They are also running the van pools that get people back and forth to their jobs in Olympia, Montesano, etc. They are working on a new tool on the internet in conjunction with Google where riders will be able to click on their location and where they are going and it will provide information on travel time and the cost to drive a vehicle the same distance.

**Byrne Grant – Public  
Comment**

Chief Myers explained the Byrne Grant and the technology improvements that will be made with the grant funding. The floor was opened for public comment and hearing none, the comment period closed.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Councilmember Hyde moved to approve the consent agenda items a and b as presented. The motion was seconded. Those items appearing on the consent agenda were as follows:

- The Council Meeting Minutes of March April 13, 2009;
- The Regulatory Committee report recommending approval and payment of claim check numbers 66214 through 66410 in the amount of \$395,401.64; and that payroll and benefits for the month of April, 2009, be approved and issued at the proper time.

The motion passed by voice vote.

**OFFICERS REPORTS**

**Set Public Hearing Date –  
USDA Loan**

Staff requested that Council set a Public Hearing Date of May 11, 2009, to hear public comment and provide information on the USDA Loan. Councilmember McMillan moved to set the hearing for May 11, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

**Update on Gable Park  
Improvements**

Mr. Shay provided background information on the Gable Park Grant of \$148,976 that the City was awarded from the State. He reviewed the project and spoke about a recent meeting held



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with the State. The construction costs have gone up and the scope of the project will change to compensate for the increased costs. The cost estimates received for the original grants were lower and the architect has given us new estimates.

**Painting Bids**

The City recently requested bid proposals for painting to be done at the Hoquiam Timberland Library. Two bids were received, one from Grays Harbor Contracting in the amount of \$18,898.35 and one from McCullough Painting in the amount of \$53,067. Staff recommends acceptance of the bid from Grays Harbor Contracting. Councilmember McMillan moved to authorize the award of the bid to Grays Harbor Contracting. The motion was seconded and following a brief discussion, passed by voice vote.

**Municipal Excellence  
Award**

Staff provided a copy of a recent application for a Municipal Excellence Award for “going green” to the council for their information.

**First Quarter Financial  
Report**

Mr. Folkers presented the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Financial Report to the Council. He stated that revenues are slightly down, but still within acceptable parameters. Hoquiam Plywood is hoping to open with another month and Rite Aid is hoping to be open by September. Mr. Shay also spoke concerning the budget just passed by the legislature.

**MAYORS REPORTS  
Appointment to Library  
Board**

Mayor Durney asked for Council concurrence on the appointment of Patsy Ann Mary Descher Hughes to the Library Board. Councilmember McMillan moved for the approval of this appointment. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

**Business District**

Mayor Durney reviewed recent business district news. Mr. Entezar has obtained his permit for roof and siding work on the LaVogue remodel and has submitted his plans for city review. He also reminded council of the Hoquiam Business Association meeting which will be held on Wednesday (April 29, 2009) at 7:00 a.m. at Casa Mia’s.

**Arbor Day and Shorebird  
Festival**

Mayor Durney spoke about the recent Tree City USA/Arbor Day Celebration. It was a very successful event. He thanked



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Alissa Thurman and Tracy Wood for the work on the Arbor Day Celebration. He also spoke briefly about the Shorebird Festival and thanked Tracy for her efforts over the past weekend. The City was well represented at the Shorebird "Run for the Birds." We had four city employees who participated and all placed in their age categories. Brian Shay took 1<sup>st</sup> in the 10K race in his age group as well as taking home the 2<sup>nd</sup> place trophy for overall in the 10K, Alissa Thurman took 1<sup>st</sup> in her age group in the 2 mile race; Judd Bergeson took 3<sup>rd</sup> in his age group in the 10K race and Dave Everitt took 2<sup>nd</sup> in his age group in the 2 mile race. Also running was Emily Shay (Brian's daughter) who raced in the 2 mile and took home the 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall finisher for that race.

**AWC Conference**

Mayor Durney encourage Councilmembers to attend the upcoming AWC Conference.

**Proclamation**

Mayor Durney read a Proclamation honoring certain staff birthdays that are coming up in May. The proclamation declares the month of May 2009 as Over the Hill Bobcat Month in the City of Hoquiam. Mr. Folkers and Mr. Shay were presented with Grizzly lettermen jackets to wear for the duration of the meeting. Mayor Durney also recognized that Chief Myers also has a birthday in May.

**COUNCIL REPORTS  
Zoning Ordinance and  
Comprehensive Plan**

Councilmember Jones moved that the city hire a consultant to complete the new zoning ordinance and that we adopt the comprehensive plan that will be before the council later in the meeting. The motion was seconded and following a brief discussion, passed by voice vote.

**New Business Owners**

Councilmember Winkelman stated that there are new owners at the Speedy Wash and they will be doing some major improvements. The new owners complimented the way city staff handled everything for them when they came in to take care of all of the necessities.

**LEGAL BUSINESS  
ORDINANCES  
Dangerous Dogs**

An Ordinance relating to animal control and dangerous dogs; amending Sections 3.40.080 and 3.40.150 of the Hoquiam Municipal Code. Councilmember Moir moved for adoption of



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the ordinance. The motion was seconded and following its second reading, passed by unanimous roll call vote.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**Declaring Seedling Trees Surplus**

A Resolution declaring certain personal property owned by the City to be surplus items pursuant to Hoquiam Municipal Code Sections 1.64.005, 1.64.101 and 1.64.020. Councilmember Dickhoff moved for the adoption of the resolution. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

**Adopting New Comprehensive Land Use Plan**

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Hoquiam adopting a new Comprehensive Land Use Plan for the City of Hoquiam. Councilmember Pellegrini moved for the adoption of this resolution. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

**Red Flag Rules – Identity Theft Prevention Program**

A Resolution by the City Council of the City of Hoquiam adopting an Identity Theft Prevention Program. Councilmember Pellegrini moved for the adoption of the resolution. The motion was seconded and following a brief discussion, passed by voice vote.

**OTHER LEGAL**

**Day Jail Agreement – City of Ocean Shores**

Staff presented Council with a City of Hoquiam Day Jail Agreement between the City of Hoquiam and the City of Ocean Shores. Councilmember Pellegrini moved for the approval of the agreement. The motion was seconded. Chief Myers stated that this is for day jail only so there would be no additional costs to the City other than providing meals. The motion passed by voice vote.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Arnold Building**

Councilmember Grun asked if the owners of the old Arnold building were planning on renovations. Mayor Durney stated that the owner expressed an interest in working to restore the building. A brief discussion followed concerning other buildings in town.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Committee Meetings**

Councilmember Dickhoff announced that the Public Utilities Committee will meet next Monday (5/4/09) at 6:00 p.m. HDR will be in attendance at that meeting.

Councilmember McMillan announced that the Public Safety Committee will meet next Monday at 5:00 at the Police Station.



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- HDR – Presentation to Council** Councilmember Grun asked if we could have the consultant working on the sewage treatment plan bio-solid removal project make a presentation to the Council. Mr. Shay will speak with them.
- Welcome to Hoquiam Sign** Councilmember Streifel stated that the Hoquiam Development Association would like to turn over the Welcome to Hoquiam Sign to the City. They have approximately \$12,000 from the insurance money. \$5,000 is available now and approximately \$7,000 will be available when the sign is obtained.
- Revocable Use Permit** Councilmember McMillan moved to approve the application for a Revocable Use Permit for EMR. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.
- Excuse Absent Members** Councilmember Pellegrini moved to excuse the absent members. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.
- Levee Street Repairs** Councilmember Winkelman brought up the repair work needed on Levee Street. It was suggested that staff could invite the railroad to come to next meeting.
- Welcome to Hoquiam Sign** Councilmember McMillan moved to refer the issue of the Welcome to Hoquiam Sign to the Public Utilities Committee for their review and recommendation to the Council. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.
- EXECUTIVE SESSION** Mayor Durney announced at 8:03 p.m. that council would take a five-minute recess after which they would adjourn to executive session to discuss the possible sale of real estate. The executive session should last approximately 10 minutes.
- LEGAL BUSINESS**
- Resolutions**
- Declaring Property Surplus** Council reconvened in regular session at 8:26 p.m. Councilmember McMillan moved to approve the resolution declaring certain real property owned by the City to be surplus items pursuant to Hoquiam Municipal Code Sections 1.64.004, 1.64.010 and 1.64.020 and authorizing the sale of these surplus items. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.



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**ADJOURNMENT**

Councilmember Moir moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 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