



**CITY OF HOQUIAM
Council Meeting Minutes**

September 28, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

In attendance at the meeting were Mayor Durney and Councilmembers Dickhoff, Grun, Hyde, McMillan, Pellegrini, Nelson and Winkelman. Absent from the meeting were Councilmembers Houchens, Moir and Daniels.

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.

PUBLIC HEARING

2717 Bay Avenue

The Public Hearing scheduled for the assessment of abatement costs at 2717 Bay Avenue is no longer required. The owner of the property paid the abatement costs earlier in the day.

COMMUNICATIONS

**Safety Concerns for School
Bus Stop**

Mr. Folkers read a letter received from the Hoquiam School District regarding safety concerns on Aberdeen Avenue where new bus stops have been established. They are requesting that the city look at several intersections where they propose installing traffic signs.

**Safety Concerns –
Aberdeen Avenue**

Mr. Rick Strom presented submitted a petition signed by 82 residents in the Aberdeen Avenue area concerning the safety problems with traffic in the area around the new bus stops. They are specifically concerned with Aberdeen Avenue and 29th Street and Aberdeen Avenue and 24th Street. They are asking the council to consider the installation of traffic signs in these areas. Councilmember McMillan stated that he did speak to Mr. Svoboda regarding this area. He suggested that the City look at making no parking areas on the corners of each of these areas so the bus could park closer to the curbs. He announced that the Public Safety and Law Committee will be meeting next Monday night at 5:00 at the Fire Station and will discuss this issue. Councilmember McMillan also asked if the police could patrol the areas concerned.

School Bond

Mr. Mike Parker, Superintendent of the Hoquiam School District informed the council that the school district will be placing a bond issue on the November ballot in the amount of \$3.2 million dollars. The middle school is in need of some



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major repairs. There will be a committee meeting on Wednesday (September 30th) at 6:00 p.m. at the YMCA. Any locations for signage or donations for advertising would be appreciated.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- The City Council minutes of September 14, 2009;
- The Regulatory Committee report recommending approval and payment of claim check numbers 67325 through 67540 in the amount of \$406,218.27 and that payroll and benefits for the month of September 2009 be approved and issued at the proper time;
- A request for final payment and release of retainage and bonds to Root Construction in the amount of \$24,130.32 for work completed on the Bay Avenue storm drain repair project.

The motion for approval passed by voice vote.

**OFFICER REPORTS
Warrant Sweep**

Chief Myers provided a written report to the council regarding the Warrant Sweep which was held the weekend of September 12th. Twenty-one prisoners were booked into the jail on outstanding warrants and another five turned themselves into the court on Tuesday following the weekend sweep. There are approximately 1400 outstanding warrants currently through the Hoquiam Municipal Court. A brief discussion followed wherein Chief Myers answered questions regarding the sweep.

Historic Preservation Plan

A written report was submitted to the council by City Planner Alissa Thurman regarding a proposal for a Downtown Historic Preservation Plan. Staff is requesting that the Council authorize the Mayor to sign a grant contract with the DAHP to move forward with the Downtown Historic Preservation Plan. We have applied for a \$10,000 grant which requires a 60% match. Councilmember McMillan moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the grant contract. The motion was seconded. Mr. Shay answered questions for the council regarding the purpose of the Downtown Historic Preservation Plan.



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Following a brief discussion, the motion to approve this request passed by voice vote.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Cemetery Board

Councilmember Grun stated that the Cemetery Board held a meeting on September 22nd and he reviewed the items that were discussed. He stated that the City now has remote access to the kiosk. At the cemetery and that discussions were held on the possibility of establishing a memorial wall. He also stated that the cemetery staff is doing a great job.

**Hoquiam Business
Association Workshop**

Councilmember Winkelman stated that HBA had their workshop last week and that over 40 business owners attended the event.

**Grays Harbor Council of
Governments**

Councilmember Pellegrini stated that the Council of Governments met last week and have been working on amending their budget to compensate for the budget problems that some of the participating entities are having. Council of Governments has lost the participation of the Quinault Indian Nation and the City of Aberdeen is not participating at the same level.

**LEGAL BUSINESS
RESOLUTIONS**

**Assessing Abatement Costs
2717 Bay Avenue**

The Resolution is no longer necessary due to payment received from the owner.

OTHER LEGAL

Water Transmission Line

Staff requests that Council approve Phase 2 and Phase 3 of the Water Transmission Line Replacement Project. Councilmember McMillan moved to approve Phase 2 and Phase 3 of the project. The motion was seconded. Mr. Shay stated that two public meetings are included as part of this project. The first task that will be completed is the survey and aerial photos of the line and area. The meetings will come after that. The motion for approval passed by voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Public Safety Levy

Councilmember McMillan moved to renew the 6 year public safety levy in 2010 and have staff bring in a resolution to place this on the ballot in February and the motion was seconded. The levy funds three ambulance personnel and would not be a



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new levy, but an extension for another 6 years. The motion passed by voice vote.

Initiative 1033

Councilmember Grun asked questions regarding the impact of Initiative I-1033. Mr. Shay stated that the city will include information in the next newsletter regarding what the initiative would do to general funds. Mr. Johnson stated that there is a process that needs to be followed. The City can hold discussions on this as long as both supporters and non-supporters are given equal opportunity to speak.

Excuse Absent Members

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

**Set Public Hearing Date –
Revocable Use Permit**

Councilmember McMillan moved to set a public hearing date of October 12, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. to discuss an application received from SAIC for a Revocable Use Permit for use of city right of way for a portion of the 200 block of 16th Street. The motion seconded and passed by voice vote.

Committee Meeting

Councilmember McMillan again announced that the Public Safety and Law Committee will meet next Monday at 5:00 p.m. at the Fire Station.

**Abatement Costs – 2717
Bay Avenue**

Councilmember Winkelman stated that the owner of the property at 2717 Bay should be commended for paying the abatement costs.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Pellegrini made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

JACK DURNEY – Mayor

TRACY WOOD – Council Secretary



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