



**CITY OF HOQUIAM
Council Meeting Minutes**

March 8, 2010

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Those in attendance at the meeting were Mayor Durney and Councilmembers Carlstrom, Daniels, Dickhoff, Grun, Hyde, McMillan, Moir, Nelson, Pellegrini, Shumate, Wiedl and Winkelman.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Eagle Scout Project

Mr. Jake Strom representing Boy Scout Troop #4020 presented his Eagle Scout project to the Council. Jake created three bat houses will placed in city parks and at the stadium. They will help with mosquito control.

Firefighter of the Year

Chief Pumphrey introduced Matthew Miller who was chosen as the Daily World Firefighter of the Year. Matt has been with the department for over eleven years. He leads the fire prevention programs, SCBA equipment purchases, training committee and helps with Firefighter grant. There will be a banquet on Wednesday where Matt will receive his award. The Mayor and Council congratulated Matt for receiving this award.

Repair of Sidewalk

Mr. David H. Hanson, 509 7th St., Hoquiam, spoke to the council regarding the sidewalk on 7th Street. He asked if this portion of sidewalks could be added to the grant that is being used to repair the downtown sidewalks. Staff explained that the grant is for the downtown area and not the residential areas. Mr. Hanson was informed of how to list his sidewalk for the repair program being offered by the City. Mr. Hanson also asked if the city would consider parking issues in the residential areas. He has experienced problems due to the proximity of his residence to the Elks Lodge.

**EMS Levy and Other
Issues**

Judy Sinclair, Hoquiam, stated that she hopes the Council will put the EMS Levy back on the ballot. She doesn't believe the citizens understood that this was a continuation of the levy that they currently pay. She believes with more public relations and advertising it would pass if put before the voters again. She also stated that she believes there was a lot of confusion concerning no voting/ballot boxes. Ms. Sinclair also spoke regarding the bricks that are being put in as part of the new



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sidewalks. She cautioned the city that they might cause a slipping hazard when it rains. She also asked who is responsible for inspection on where low income people are living. Some of their housing is deplorable and she would like to see something done so the landlords would need to take better care of their properties.

EMS Levy

Mr. Dave Forbes, 2216 Aberdeen Avenue, Hoquiam, stated he would like to see the Councilmembers postpone the EMS Levy in order to get more information out to the public. He also stated that he would like to see the information that is in the Council packet available for a longer period of time before it goes before the Council. Having the information provided on Friday with the meeting on the next Monday is not enough lead time to be informed. He also stated that he had a problem with Daily World recent report on city councilmembers that did not vote. He does not believe this is any ones business but theirs. What they do on the council floor is the business of the citizens but not what they do on their own time.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Hyde moved that consent agenda items a through c be approved as presented and the motion was seconded. Those items appearing on the consent agenda were as follows:

- The City Council minutes of February 22, 2010;
- The Regulatory Committee report recommending approval and payment of claim check number 68719 through 68758 in the amount of \$152,713.50; payroll claim numbers 23303 through 23387 in the amount of \$284,561.35; and interdepartmental transfers in the amount of \$68,675.04;
- The Fourth Quarter 2009 Financial Report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Regulatory Committee –
Sponsor Signs and Banners**

The Regulatory Committee made a recommendation that the Council approve the proposed policy on sponsor signs and banners on athletic fields within city facilities. Councilmember Pellegrini moved for approval of the committee report. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

Parking Issues

Councilmember McMillan stated that the Public Safety and Law committee is currently reviewing the issue of parking in the city. He wanted the citizens aware that they are working on this issue but it will take some time



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OFFICER REPORTS

City Shop Sprinkler Bids

Mr. Shay provided a written report to the council regarding the recent call for bids on the City Shop Sprinkler System. Two bids were received: Viking in the amount of \$8,660.26 and Fire Systems West in the amount of \$10,283.08. Staff recommends that Council award the bid to Viking as the apparent low bidder. Councilmember McMillan moved for approval of the recommendation to award the bid to Viking in the amount of \$8,660.26 and to authorize the Mayor to sign any necessary documents. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

Patrol Car Bids

A written report was provided to the Council regarding the recent call for bids for a police department patrol car. One bid was received from Five Star Motors in the amount of \$25,122.74; Councilmember Daniels moved to approve the award of the bid to Five Star and to authorize the Mayor to sign any necessary documents. The motion was seconded and following a brief discussion, passed by voice vote.

MAYORS REPORTS

4th Quarter Financial

Mayor Durney spoke regarding the Fourth Quarter Financial Report included in the packet under the consent agenda. He stated that the Councilmembers should review this document. He thanked staff for the reduction in expenditures in all of the departments and also stated that all revenue forecasts were met.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Retreat

Council President Moir thanked all of those who attended the recent council retreat. It was a very good retreat and he also thanked staff for giving up their Saturday to be there.

Council of Governments

Councilmember Pellegrini stated that COG recently submitted a grant for study on smart transportation.

LEGAL BUSINESS

ORDINANCES

EMS Levy

An Ordinance of the City of Hoquiam, Washington, providing for the submission to the voters of the City at a special election to be held therein on April 27, 2010, in conjunction with the special election to be held on the same date, of a proposition authorizing the City to impose an additional regular property tax levy pursuant to RCW 84.52.069, in an amount equal to fifty cents per thousand dollars of the assessed value of the property within the City, each year for six consecutive years, to be used only for the provision of emergency medical care or emergency medical services. Councilmember McMillan moved for approval of the ordinance. The motion was seconded.



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Councilmember McMillan moved to correct the wording on the first line under the Proposition title to say “renew the existing”. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote. Mr. Folkers read the ordinance by title a second time after which the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTIONS

Surplus Vehicles

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. These items consist of two vehicles: A 1981 Ford F-350 pick-up and a 1967 Case 430 Tractor. Councilmember Moir moved for approval of the resolution. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

Surplus Firearms

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. These items consist of a number of firearms which have been seized and forfeited to the police department. Councilmember Moir moved for the approval of the resolution. The motion was seconded and following a brief discussion, the motion 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. These items consist of miscellaneous computer hardware, monitors, and radio equipment. Councilmember Moir moved for approval of the resolution. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Committee Meetings

It was announced that the Watershed Committee will meet at 6:00 p.m. on March 22nd.

**Cancer Relay for Life
Team Fundraiser**

The Cancer Relay for Life Team will be holding a St. Patricks Day feed March 17th. The cost for the event is \$5.00.

Adjournment

Councilmember Daniels moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

JACK DURNEY – Mayor

TRACY WOOD – Council Secretary