



**CITY OF HOQUIAM  
Council Meeting Minutes**

**May 10, 2010**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ROLL CALL**

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

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

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority Support**

Mr. J. Vander Stoep, Chehalis River Basin Flood Control Authority Support – representing the One Voice Group; flood control solutions are being looked at. Looking for a basin wide solution – flood plan that was found after the 2007 floods was a plan from 2003 from the Army Corps of Engineers. Study that was done in late 2008 only includes about 10 miles of Grays Harbor (into Porter). Mr. Stoep is asking for Council support on a Resolution supporting water retention as a primary function with levees secondary in the Chehalis River basin. Mr. Stoep answered questions for the Council. Mayor Durney referred to Regulatory to review and make a recommendation to the Council.

**Skateboard Park**

Mr. Jeromy Stutesman, 603 N. Street, Hoquiam, spoke to the Council regarding the proposed skateboard park at Gable. He stated that he and others in the community would like to assist in the design if it is not complete at this time. They would like to see a high quality park that will last. He recommended staff contact Grindline Skate Parks in Seattle or Dreamland Skate Parks in Lincoln City. There are several people in the community that have said they are willing to help with funding through donations of material or other items.

Mr. Dustin Rhodes, Aberdeen, also spoke on behalf of the skateboard park. He said that a good park would bring people to town and he and others who skateboard would like to form a committee to help so this can be done. They are willing to have car washes, auctions or other events to help raise funding.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Councilmember McMillan moved for the adoption of items a and b as presented. The motion was seconded. Those items



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appearing on the consent agenda were as follows:

- The City Council Minutes of April 26, 2010;
- The Regulatory Committee report recommending approval and payment of claim check numbers 69236 through 69266 in the amount of \$52,111.84; payroll check numbers 23470 through 23561 in the amount of \$553,025.61; US Treasury Deposits in the amount of \$88,586.76; and Interdepartmental transfers in the amount of \$522,618.86.

The motion for approval passed by voice vote.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS  
Regulatory Committee  
Information Technology  
Position**

Mr. Folkers spoke briefly regarding the proposed Information Technology Position. The Regulatory Committee has discussed the possibility of a full-time position vs. the contracted position. We would like to hire a FTE to fill the Information Technology position. The Committee feels that the expenditure would be comparable to what is being paid for the Contract position and we would ultimately save money in the long run. Councilmember McMillan asked that staff prepare job specifications so council can take action if they chose.

**OFFICER REPORTS  
NSP Project - 717 Monroe  
Lien**

Mr. Shay provided an update to the Council regarding the Neighborhood Stabilization Grant. The City and Neighborhood housing have been working with County Treasurer Ron Strabbing to purchase two vacant lots in Hoquiam for back taxes where new home can be built. These parcels are 1015 Chenault and 717 Monroe. The City has an abatement lien on the property at 717 Monroe in the amount of \$10,796.10. Staff is requesting that Council waive the lien on the property so that we can proceed with the purchase of the property. The abatement lien is eligible for reimbursement through the grant. Councilmember Daniels moved for the approval of staffs recommendation to waive the lien. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

**2010-2011 AmeriCorps  
Grant Award**

Mr. Shay reported that the City has been awarded the Serve AmeriCorps grant for 2010-2011 for two individual placement positions to work with the Community Services Coordinator on the Healthy Hoquiam campaign, events, fun runs and festivals. Councilmember Dickhoff moved for approval of accepting the grant. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.



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**Historic Register  
Application - Hoquiam  
Timberland Library**

The Hoquiam Timberland Library has submitted an application to be placed on the Hoquiam Register of Historic Places. The Library has been listed on the National Register since 1982. Councilmember McMillan made a motion to approve this request and to send the application to the Historic Preservation Committee for their review. The motion was seconded and following a brief discussion, passed by voice vote.

**Expansion of Public Works  
Storage Yard and Vacation  
of 9th Street**

Mr. Shay provided information to the Council regarding a proposed expansion of the City Public Works Storage Yard located behind the shop area. The City purchased several lots along 9th Street several years ago and would like Council approval to vacate a portion of 9th Street to allow for the expansion of the storage yard and increased employee parking. Councilmember McMillan moved that staff present a resolution to the Council to begin the process of the vacation. The motion was seconded and following a brief discussion, passed by voice vote.

**MAYORS REPORTS**

**AWC Conference**

Mayor Durney reminded council that the AWC Conference is scheduled for June 23-25, 2010. If anyone is interested in attending please contact Tracy.

**Hershey's Track and Field**

The annual Hershey's Track and Field event will be next Tuesday, May 18th at the High School track. This is a City sponsored event and if anyone is interested in volunteering to help with officiating or recording, please see Tracy.

**Councilmember Hyde**

Mayor Durney reported that Councilmember Hyde will be having surgery on May 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Spray/Water Park**

Mayor Durney stated that he had an opportunity to stop at Finch Playfield where they recently created the spray park. There were a lot of kids playing and enjoying it. He reported that the City is applying for a grant through the State for a spray park at Central playfield. We are asking for \$200,000 but it would be a 50/50 match. Also included as part of this grant is funding to replace the playground equipment, fencing, and a picnic/gazebo area. Match could be through fundraising, donated labor, etc.

**Liquor Store**

The Liquor Control Board is advertising for a contract store in Hoquiam. The current licensees have decided to sell and the license will be available if anyone is interested in applying.



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**Lucky Day for Hoquiam**

Mr. Shay reported the he was notified today that the City will be receiving \$131,000 in additional funding for the phase I sidewalk project in downtown area.

**LEGAL BUSINESS**

**Ordinances**

**Animals at Large**

An Ordinance relating to animals at large; amending Section 3.40.010 of the Hoquiam Municipal Code. Councilmember McMillan moved for approval of the ordinance and the motion was seconded. Mr. Johnson explained that this clarifies what will be considered at large. Mr. Folkers read the ordinance by title a second time after which the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote of 9 to 0.

**Resolutions**

**Declaring Surplus Property**

A Resolution declaring certain personal property owned by the City to be surplus items pursuant to Hoquiam Municipal Code Section 1.64.005, 1.64.010 and 1.64.020. Councilmember Daniels moved for adoption of the resolution and the motion was seconded and passed by voice vote. The items surplused were a 1998 Ford Crown Victoria and various computer equipment no longer needed.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Welcome to Hoquiam Sign**

Councilmember Winkelman asked for an update on the Welcome to Hoquiam sign. Mr. Shay stated that the city signed an agreement with the Hoquiam Development Association and the sign has been ordered and should be up in 6 to 8 weeks.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Excuse Absent Members**

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

**Cemetery**

Councilmember Winkelman stated that he recently toured the Cemetery and the new garbage cans look very nice. He would like to see us get these same times of garbage can lids throughout the parks. Staff will put together an inventory of how many we have in the parks and provide that information.

**Wellness Program**

Mr. Shay stated that City staff is walking every Wednesday at 12:00 for a two-mile loop around the river. Everyone is welcome to join the walkers

**Community Services Board**

Staff encouraged new businesses and skateboarders to get in touch with Community Services Board. This board works on community projects and parks projects.



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**Adjournment**

Councilmember Daniels moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 p.m. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

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JACK DURNEY – Mayor

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TRACY WOOD – Council Secretary