



**CITY OF HOQUIAM
Council Meeting Minutes**

October 11, 2010

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Durney called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Police Chief Myers led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

In attendance at the meeting were Mayor Durney and Councilmembers Carlstrom, Dickhoff, Grun, Hyde, McMillan, Nelson, Pellegrini, Shumate, Swope, Wiedl and Winkelman. Absent from the meeting was Councilmember 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, City Finance Director Mike Folkers, Assistant Finance Director Maureen Smedley and Council Secretary Tracy Wood.

**PUBLIC HEARING
2011-2012 Biennium
Budget-Hearing #1**

Councilmember McMillan moved to open the budget hearing at 7:04 p.m. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote. Mr. Folkers made a presentation to the Council regarding the 2011 -2012 Biennium Budget. The budget is not balanced as of yet, but will be completed over the next few days and presented to the Council at the next City Council meeting. We will also continue the hearing on the budget at that time. Mr. Folkers reviewed proposed rate increases and spoke regarding certain funds that are currently out of budget.

Mr. David Hanson, 7th Street, Hoquiam, spoke to the Council regarding Seniors not receiving a cost of living increase for social security. If the rates are raised they can't pay what they don't have. Mr. Hansen asked why we would not be doing burials at the Cemetery in the future. Mr. Folkers clarified that what he said was that the burial behavior has changed – most people are being cremated now due to costs which has reduced the revenue at the Cemetery. The opening and closing costs for cremation vs. casket burial is significantly less.

Mr. Dave Forbes, 2216 Aberdeen Avenue, Hoquiam, asked if there was money included in the proposed budget for the blue building on 8th Street. He also stated that he doesn't believe a remodel of Senior Center should be funded – the city might want to demolish the building. Mr. Shay explained that the blue building will be up for tax and the county will more than likely have building in near future. The purpose of the remodel of the Senior Center building would be to attract new tenants.

Ms. Judy St. Clair, Hoquiam, thanked Mr. Hyde for bringing up the issue of no social security cost of living increases. This is



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an issue that is of concern to a lot of people. She also expressed her appreciation to everyone on staff and the council who has tried to explain the budget and proposed rate increases to her. She hopes there is some other way to accomplish balancing the budget without raising rates to the customers. There are going to be some people who won't be able to keep their homes. Even a \$20 increase is hard for some.

Ms. Judy Reames, Hoquiam, stated that she is still trying to understand what was in the paper. She understands that there is a 3% cost of living increase for unions and doesn't believe this should happen. Mr. Folkers stated that one union is settled; the police and fire unions are not settled. She is also concerned that the city provides and pays for Medical Insurance for the employees. What do the employees pay? Mr. Folkers explained that the employee pays a proportionate percentage of the cost. Ms. Reames stated that someone needs to advocate for the tax payers who are on a limited income.

Councilmember McMillan moved to close the public hearing at 7:45 p.m. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

COMMUNICATIONS

Fluoridation

Mr. Dave Forbes, 2216 Aberdeen Avenue, Hoquiam, spoke regarding the Mayors report on fluoridation that is in the packet. He has read adverse reports on fluoridation and hopes the council will review this thoroughly and take input from the citizens.

Traffic Signal

Mr. Dave Hansen, 7th Street, Hoquiam, spoke regarding the signal light on Emerson and Simpson. He doesn't understand why there is a light there. Councilmembers stated that it is there because of the school.

Proposed Rate Increases

Ms. Judy St. Clair, Hoquiam, asked how much the proposed rate increases will be. Mr. Folkers stated that it will be approximately \$2.00. Ms. St. Clair also provided her input on the medical insurance that is provided for employees. She spoke briefly about the homeless project that was recently completed and stated that the city should partner with someone to get emergency radios in the residences in case of a tsunami.

CONSENT AGENDA

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



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- The City Council Minutes of September 27, 2010;
- The Regulatory Committee report recommending approval and payment of claim check numbers 70438 through 70480 in the amount of \$328,112.33; and payroll check numbers 23898 through 23978 in the amount of \$438,294.44.

OFFICER REPORTS

**Set Public Hearing for
2011-2012 Budget**

Staff requested that Council set a Public Hearing for the 2011-2012 Biennium Budget for October 25, 2010. Councilmember McMillan moved to set hearing as requested. The motion was seconded and following a brief discussion, passed by voice vote.

Paving Bids

Mr. Shay requested council approval on the award of Paving Bids for Gable Park and 23rd Street. Bids were received on these projects as follows: John Gable Park in the amount of \$24,932, and 23rd Street in the amount of \$31,165. Councilmember McMillan moved for the award of these bids to Lakeside. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

**Change Order – John
Gable Skate Park**

Mr. Shay requested council approval on a change order to include an ADA ramp at the new skate park from the existing sidewalk to the skate area. Dreamland has agreed to complete this work for \$5,000. Councilmember Hyde moved for approval of the change order as requested. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote. Mr. Shay stated that the Grant funds will cover costs.

MAYORS REPORTS

Fluoridation

Mayor Durney presented information to the council on a proposal for Fluoridation of the city water supply. Councilmember Dickhoff moved to set a public hearing for October 25, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. Citizens wishing to comment on this proposal are encouraged to attend. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote. Council asked if Dr. Wandell and a representative from the health department could be in attendance at the council meeting regarding this issue.

Downtown Parking

Mayor Durney asked for a status report on the Parking Ordinance that was previously referred to committee. The Public Safety Committee will meet October 18th at 5:00 at the Police Department and will be discussing this issue.

**Chehalis River Flooding
Study and Proposed
Resolution**

Mayor Durney asked for a status report on the Chehalis River Flooding Study previously referred to committee. Three proposed resolutions were presented to the council.



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Bridges into Hoquiam

Mayor Durney stated that there are people working with the Legislators to try and find funding for a third bridge for Hoquiam.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Liquor Initiatives

Councilmember McMillan asked if the Council would be doing anything formally regarding the Liquor Initiatives. Mr. Shay stated it would be an approximately \$100,000 loss to the City if this is privatized. There will be a story in the next newsletter which will be going out in the next week.

LEGAL BUSINESS

ORDINANCES

Amendments to Zoning Code

AN ORDINANCE relating to zoning; amending Section 10.03.116 of the Hoquiam Municipal Code; amending Section 10.05.065 of the Hoquiam Municipal Code; amending Section 10.05.100 of the Hoquiam Municipal Code; amending Section 10.05.130 of the Hoquiam Municipal Code; amending Section 10.09.090 of the Hoquiam Municipal Code; amending Section 10.09.140 of the Hoquiam Municipal Code; and amending Section 10.09.210 of the Hoquiam Municipal Code. Councilmember McMillan moved for the approval of this ordinance. The motion was seconded. Mr. Johnson explained that these are minor additions or changes that were missed on the original zoning ordinance of a few weeks ago. Mr. Folkers read the ordinance by title a second time after which the ordinance passed by unanimous roll call vote.

OLD BUSINESS

Regional AWC Meetings

Council was reminded of the upcoming AWC Regional Meeting which will be held October 21st in Montesano – 6:00 p.m. Please contact Tracy or Mike and they will register you.

NEW BUSINESS

Excuse Absent Members

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

2011-2012 Budget

Councilmember McMillan asked that the budget be provided to the councilmembers as soon as it is complete.

Award of Excellence

Mayor Durney spoke briefly about an award of excellence that Mr. Shay recently received from City Management Association. Brian has done a great job for the city and was very deserving of the award.

Adjournment

Councilmember McMillan moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.



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JACK DURNEY – Mayor

TRACY WOOD – Council Secretary