



COUNCIL WORKSHOP

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Durney called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Councilmember Moir led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

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

Staff in attendance were City Administrator Brian Shay, City Attorney Steve Johnson, Assistant Finance Director Maureen Smedley and Council Secretary Tracy Wood.

**2011-2012 Biennium
Budget Discussion**

A brief discussion was held on the proposed 2011-2012 Biennium Budget. Councilmember Grun expressed his concerns with the Cemetery budget and the salary allocations that are being directed to that fund. He also expressed ideas of finding other ways to accomplish the work at the cemetery.

Councilmember Winkelman stated that he believes this budget is very conservative. There are always unknowns with the revenues and the expenditures. He believes staff has done a good job and because of the conservativeness, it makes him more comfortable.

Councilmember Carlstrom spoke regarding proposals on raising the ambulance fees. She also spoke regarding proposals made at previous meetings from Councilmember McMillan. She stated that it would be hard to approve these while we are raising fees to the citizens. Councilmember McMillan stated that he is not moving forward at this time with his proposals.

Councilmember McMillan moved to adjourn the workshop at 6:54 p.m. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote..



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CITY COUNCIL MEETING 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Durney called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS

2011-2012 Budget

Mr. Dave Forbes, 2216 Aberdeen Avenue, Hoquiam, spoke to the council regarding the proposed 2011-2012 budget. He has several concerns and would ask that council review the budget further before they consider it for approval.

Ambulance

Mrs. Kay Diehm, 2226 Sumner, Hoquiam, spoke to the council regarding the recent adoption of the ordinance to bill for ambulance transport fees. She stated she believes some people use the ambulance when they don't necessarily need it. When it is called for non-emergencies there should be a fee charged.

Miscellaneous

Mr. Larry Lytle, 1522 Minor Street, spoke regarding the proposed increase in fees for the ambulance. He stated that we don't know what will change with the new medical regulations enacted by the Government. He also spoke briefly regarding pension funds and possible changes to those.

Mayors Reports

Mayor Durney stated that he was proud of the crews and the work that they did on the transmission break. He also expressed how proud he was of the City Staff and Council for their work with the Habitat for Humanity and the donation of properties for homes through their program.

LEGAL BUSINESS

Ordinances

**2011-2012 Biennium
Budget**

An Ordinance adopting the annual budget of the city of Hoquiam, Washington, for the fiscal biennium 2011-2012 budget. Councilmember Nelson moved to adopt the 2011-2012 budget as written and the motion was seconded. A brief discussion followed after which Mr. Folkers read the ordinance



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by title a second time and the motion for approval passed by a vote of 10 to 1 with Councilmember Wiedl voting no.

Ambulance Utility Service Fee

An Ordinance relating to ambulance service and public utility; increasing the monthly ambulance utility service fee; amending Subsection (2) of Section 1.45.090 of the Hoquiam Municipal Code; and creating an effective date. Councilmember Hyde moved for adoption of the ordinance and the motion was seconded. A brief discussion was held regarding the ambulance utility fee being proposed. Councilmember Grun spoke briefly and suggested that the \$240,000 short fall could be transferred from the reserve fund. Following the discussion, Mr. Folkers read the ordinance by title a second time after which the motion to approve the ordinance passed by a vote of 9 to 2 with Councilmembers Grun and Wiedl voting no.

NEW BUSINESS

Excuse Absent Members

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

Adjournment

Councilmember McMillan moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

JACK DURNEY – Mayor

TRACY WOOD – Council Secretary