



**CITY OF HOQUIAM
Council Meeting Minutes**

April 11, 2011

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

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

PUBLIC HEARING

**1115 Lincoln – Assessing
Abatement Costs**

The Public Hearing for the assessment of abatement costs for 1115 Lincoln will be moved to May 23, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

PROCLAMATION

**Arbor Day and Arbor
Month in the City of
Hoquiam**

Mr. Folkers read a proclamation declaring April 15th as Arbor Day and the month of April as Arbor Month in the City of Hoquiam. Mayor Durney stated that the Arbor Day celebration will be held at 4:00 on Friday, April 15th, at the corner of Prospect and Gale – anyone interested in participating is encouraged to attend.

**Mayor Bill Simpson, City
of Aberdeen**

Mayor Durney introduced the Mayor of Aberdeen, Mayor Bill Simpson, and thanked him for being at the Council meeting.

**Wild Olympics – Sara
Crumb**

Sara Crumb, Deputy District Director for Congressman Norm Dicks spoke briefly regarding the Wild Olympics Campaign. Ms. Crum stated that she appreciated the time to speak to the council and that Congressman Dicks is taking a look at this issue. There is currently no bill before the legislature at this time. She encouraged the Council and visitors to please get in touch with their office and state their opinions on the issue.

Wild Olympics

Mayor Durney asked that comments on this issue be held to 20 minutes for the opponents and 20 minutes for the proponents as we have a lot of business to discuss on the agenda at the meeting tonight.

**Al Carter, Roy Knott, Levy
Olden, John Owen**

Mr. Al Carter spoke in support of the Campaign. He stated that there would be a public meeting on Tuesday from noon until 8:00 p.m. at Grays Harbor College. They would like to get public comments and invite any interested person to attend.



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Mr. Roy Knott, Hoquiam, spoke in support of the Campaign. He stated that Wild Olympics group are forward looking and pro-Grays Harbor economy. He sees nothing in their proposal that will limit access. He would ask that this not be viewed as a threat, but as an opportunity.

Levy Olden, Eagle Scout from Aberdeen, spoke in support of the campaign. He has spent his life hiking and camping in Olympics and wants to leave it there for future generations to enjoy.

Mr. John Owen spoke in support of the Wild Olympics Campaign. They are actively seeking public comment and are willing to listen and make changes. 10 groups in organization. 4 Peninsula based groups.

**Bill Pickell, Harold
Brunstad, Dan Wood**

Mr. Bill Pickell, Working Wild Olympics Group, spoke in opposition to the Wild Olympics Campaign. They believe it will impact accessibility and put restrictions on the use. He is not in support of the Wild Olympics campaign.

Mr. Harold Brunstad, a native of Quinault, spoke to the Council regarding the safeguards that are currently regulating the Olympics. He named off many of the laws and regulations currently recognized by the Forest Service. He does not want to see more restrictions

Mr. Dan Wood spoke in opposition to the Wild Olympics proposal. He believes it will impact jobs, restrict use and affect the economic stability of our area.

Concern with Funding

Mr. Dave Forbes, 2216 Aberdeen spoke in opposition to several projects that the city might be funding such as the spray park, and now we are asking the voters to support another levy for the fire truck.

**Complaint Regarding
Wood Smoke**

Mrs. Kay Diehm, 2426 Sumner Avenue, smoke from house next door burning – smoke going in her house. Nothing in codes at this time.

Tsunami Meeting

Mayor Simpson, invited everyone to a tsunami meeting which will be held on April 26th.



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**Moratorium – Medical
Marijuana**

Mr. Jim Eddy, spoke briefly regarding the moratorium on Medical Marijuana Dispensaries. He suggested that they be put in commercial zones.

**Loggers Playday Parade
Route**

Ms. Bonnie Cable, 615 Washington Court, chair Loggers Playday parade. She asked if the city preferred the old route or the new route that was established last year. Staff stated that the new route is far more convenient for the city staff involved.

Farmers Market

Barbara Bennett Parsons 520 Upper Grand, provided a report to the council on the past year at Farmers Market. They have realized a 79% increase in sales over the past two years. They are currently working with Mr. Shay and the Mayor regarding the traffic flow with the new Tully's being built there and will also be relocating their handicapped parking. They would like to paint the market this year and are looking at a barn red color. The Blood Mobile will be visiting on April 30th and the Market will make this a quarterly event. They have recently become members of the Olympic Culinary Loop and will continue to provide organic pure foods for community.

Military Care Box Project

Mrs. Virginia Baker, 707 Bluff Alley, Hoquiam, spoke to the Council about Project Care Box. She would like to encourage everyone to support the project and bring in donations to be sent to the deployed military personnel.

Smoke from Mills

Mr. Dave Hansen, 7th Street, stated that there seems to be a lot of smoke coming from the mills. Is there anything the city can do regarding this. Mr. Hanson was directed to contact ORCA as they regulate the air quality issues.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- The City Council Minutes of March 14, 2011;
- The Regulatory Committee report recommending approval and payment of claim check numbers 71616 through 71831 in the amount of \$421,590.00; and payroll check numbers 24365 through 24440 in the amount of \$488,797.61.

The motion for approval of the consent items passed by voice vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS



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**Public Safety – Medical
Marijuana Moratorium**

The Public Safety Committee recommends that the City Attorney draft an Ordinance which imposes a six month moratorium on the location and operation of medical marijuana dispensaries in the City of Hoquiam. Councilmember McMillan moved for adoption of the committee report. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

**Public Safety Committee
Parking on Riverside Dike**

The Public Safety Committee made a recommendation that no parking be allowed on the Riverside Dike. Councilmember McMillan moved to adopt the committee report. The motion was seconded and following a brief discussion regarding request for parking, passed by voice vote.

OFFICER REPORTS

Weekend Warrant Sweep

Chief Myers provided a written report on the Weekend Jail Sweep that was recently held. Nineteen prisoners were booked and the City collected \$4,000 in bail and cleared 37 warrants.

**Moratorium on Medical
Marijuana Dispensaries**

Mr. Johnson provided a written report to the council regarding Medical Marijuana dispensaries. In his report he stated that these dispensaries are not legal under either State or Federal law. He recommends that the City declare a moratorium for six months to allow for appropriate regulatory action. The city will also hold a public hearing which will be scheduled for May 23, 2011 to allow for public comment.

**Mission Statement
Sidewalk Bids - Levee**

Mr. Shay presented a written report to the council recommending changes to the City Mission Statement. He suggests that the Mission Statement be changed to read: The City of Hoquiam is committed to improving the quality of life for our citizens by diversifying the industrial base, increasing business, housing and recreation opportunities while providing safe neighborhoods for all. Councilmember McMillan moved to approve the changes. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

MAYORS REPORTS

Library Contract

Mayor Durney asked council to allow staff to renegotiate the contract with Timberland library. The fee for library services has increased from \$139,000 in 2006 to \$165,000 this year. There are two ways to pay for library service. The city can go through an annexation process whereby the fees would be paid through property tax; or as we are currently doing whereby the City pays for it through the General Fund. The City has not negotiated the contract for many years. Councilmember Moir



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Deputy Police Chief – Civil Service

moved to authorize the Mayor and Staff to open negotiations with Timberland Regional Library authority. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

Mayor Durney proposed that the Deputy Chief position be removed from Civil Service. The staff recommendation is that Council adopt an ordinance taking the DPC out of civil service and adopting the revised job description once it is prepared.

Emergency Preparedness

Mayor Durney spoke briefly about the city staff and citizens being prepared for emergencies. Staff are working with the County on emergency preparedness. We are also looking at relocating our EOC center to the Cemetery and will use that area in case of an emergency. There will be a county wide drill on April 21st that our staff will be participating in and there will also be a public meeting in May that citizens are encouraged to attend.

**LEGAL BUSINESS
ORDINANCES**

USDA Loan

An Ordinance of the City of Hoquiam, Washington, authorizing the issuance of a water and sewer revenue bond of the City in the principal amount of \$9,740,000 to finance the cost of certain improvements to the City's sewage treatment facilities; authorizing the form and covenants for the bond; reserving the City's right to issue future revenue obligations on a parity with the bond upon compliance with certain conditions; and providing for sale of the bond to the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Utilities Service. Councilmember McMillan moved for adoption of the ordinance and the motion was seconded. Following a brief discussion, Mr. Folkers read the ordinance by title a second time after which the motion to approve the ordinance passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Parking

An Ordinance relating to parking; amending Subsection (33) of Section 7.80.050 of the Hoquiam Municipal Code. Councilmember McMillan moved for the adoption of the Ordinance and the motion was seconded. A brief discussion was held regarding the changes. Councilmember Grun moved to amend the ordinance to include a two- hour zone on Myrtle, between Cherry to Sumner. The motion to amend died for lack of a second. Council and Chief Myers had a brief discussion regarding the "Chain Parking Rule". Chief Myers stated that the current ordinance is silent as to how far a vehicle must move. The Chain Parking would require moving a vehicle to a different block. The issue was referred to the Public Safety and Law Committee for their review and recommendation to the



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council. Mr. Folkers read the ordinance by title a second time, after which the motion as presented passed by a roll call vote of 10 to 1, with Councilmember Wiedl voting no. Councilmember Moir asked to be excused for 5 minutes. Mayor Durney excused him from the meeting,

**Medical Marijuana
Moratorium**

An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Hoquiam imposing a moratorium on the licensing and permitting of Medical Marijuana Dispensaries, setting a public hearing, and declaring this ordinance a public emergency ordinance and thus effective immediately. Councilmember Mcmillan moved for adoption of the Ordinance and the motion was seconded. A brief discussion followed after which Mr. Folkers read the ordinance by title a second time and the motion to approve the Ordinance passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Ambulance Service

An Ordinance relating to changes for the ambulance service; and amending Subsection (6) of Section 1.45.080 of the Hoquiam Municipal Code. Councilmember McMillan moved for adoption of the Ordinance and the motion was seconded. Following a brief discussion Mr. Folkers read the Ordinance by title a second time after which the motion to approve passed by unanimous roll call vote.

**Deputy Police Chief –
Remove Position from Civil
Service**

An Ordinance relating to the exclusion of the Deputy Police Chief position from civil service; and amending Section 1.40.050 of the Hoquiam Municipal Code. Councilmember–McMillan moved for adoption of the Ordinance. The motion was seconded and following its second reading, passed by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTIONS

**Assessing Abatement Costs
– 1115 Lincoln**

This Resolution has been removed and the hearing has been rescheduled for May 23, 2011.

**Hoquiam Register of
Historic Places**

A Resolution listing “The Polson Building” at 201 8th Street, on the Hoquiam Register of Historic Places. Councilmember McMillan moved to adopt the Resolution. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote

OTHER LEGAL

**Semler Court Water
Pressure Improvements**

Mr. Shay provided information to the Council regarding proposed improvements to the Semler Court water pressure. HDR has provided a scope of services for Phase I of this project and this was a budgeted item. Councilmember McMillan



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moved to authorize Mayor to sign the agreement with HDR. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

**Water System Plan Update
– HDR Engineering**

Council was provided with a copy of the Scope of Services from HDR Engineering for the 2011 Water System Plan Update. This was a budgeted item and Mr. Shay stated that we are required to do the updates to this plan. Councilmember McMillan moved to authorize the Mayor to sign this agreement. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Excuse Absent Member

Councilmember Moir made a motion to not excuse the absent member. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

Adjournment

Councilmember Hyde moved to adjourn at the meeting at 8:55 p.m. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

JACK DURNEY – Mayor

TRACY WOOD – Council Secretary