



**CITY OF HOQUIAM
Council Meeting Minutes**

May 23, 2011

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

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 St.
Assessment of Abatement
Costs**

Councilmember McMillan moved to open the public hearing at 7:02 p.m. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote. Following the fair hearing doctrine and hearing no public comment regarding this abatement, Councilmember McMillan moved to close the hearing, the motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

**Medical Marijuana
Moratorium**

Councilmember McMillan moved to open the hearing on the Medical Marijuana Moratorium at 7:04 p.m. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote. The floor was opened to public comment.

Mr. Dave Forbes, 2216 Aberdeen Avenue, does not believe we need the moratorium.

Ms. Tammy Ramsey, 38 Broadway View Road, stated that she is a medical card holder. It has helped her better than the medications that were being prescribed. She would like to see a dispensary allowed as she is currently buying off the street, she has had to go to Tacoma and several other places and does not feel safe. She presented information to the council regarding HB 52 which allows a city to adopt zoning and standards to allow for dispensaries. She would like to see the city approve a dispensary in our area.

Hearing no further comments, Councilmember McMillan moved to close the public hearing at 7:09 p.m. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

COMMUNICATIONS

**Farmers Market Painting
Request**

A letter has been received from the Farmer's Market requesting permission to paint the building on Riverside. They have



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selected red as their choice of color. Ms. Barbara Bennett Parsons spoke briefly regarding the colors they are looking at and why they would like to paint the building. Following her comments, Councilmember McMillan moved to approve the colors they have chosen and that the paint be obtained from Ace Hardware. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

Council Vacancy

Ms. Kay Diehm, 2226 Sumner stated she would like to announce her interest in the vacant Council position.

Local Retail Movie

Ms. Denise Anderson who is employed by Swansons invited Council to attend a showing of the movie Walmart which depicts what is happening to other grocery stores, etc., The movie will be at the PUD meeting room on Thursday 7:00 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- The City Council Minutes of May 9, 2011;
- The Regulatory Committee report recommending approval and payment of claim check numbers 72096 through 72286 in the amount of \$253,212.26.

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

OFFICER REPORTS

Warrant Sweep #5

Chief Myers provided a written report to the council regarding the recent Warrant Sweep #5 held in the City. Thirty prisoners were booked; 5 arrests were made on new charges; and a total of 35 warrants were cleared.

MAYORS REPORTS

Executive Board

Mayor Durney announced that he would be meeting with executive board following regular meeting.

State Redistricting Meeting

Mayor Durney testified last week in front of State redistricting commission. He asked them to allow us to stay in 6th District under Congressman Norm Dicks. We have a good relationship with him. He encouraged others to make their comments to the commission. The State of Washington website has a tab for the redistricting commission and you can make your comments there.



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- COSMO Grand Opening** Mayor Durney stated that he attended the Cosmo Specialty Fibers grand opening on Saturday. It was great to be included and show our support for Cosmopolis and Mayor Raines.
- Political Signs** Mayor Durney stated that those people who will be putting out campaign signs should be familiar with the new codes in Hoquiam regarding political signs. 4 x 8 campaign signs are illegal. Campaign signs must be limited to 10 sq feet.
- Cancer Relay for Life** Mayor Durney reminded everyone that June 3rd and 4th is the cancer relay. He encouraged the council to help meet the challenge of the Firefighter Union and to donate to the City Relay for Life Team.
- Emergency Preparedness Meeting** There will be a public Emergency Management preparedness meeting tomorrow at 6:00 in the council chambers. As part of this, those interested can take a canoe trip to the Ghost Forest to see what the last tsunami did. The group is meeting at the old Copalis mercantile at 12:00.
- Jones Photo Show 7th Street Theatre** Over 600 people attended the show at the theatre on the Jones Photo collection on Saturday. They will be doing another showing in the future.
- Hoquiam Urban Renewal Project Video** The Polson Museum will be hosting another showing of the Hoquiam Urban Renewal Project video clips tomorrow evening.
- LEGAL BUSINESS
RESOLUTIONS**
- Assessing Abatement Costs 1115 Lincoln** A Resolution confirming the report of the Building Department; specifying the work done and the itemized and total cost of the work done to demolish and abate the building located at 1115 Lincoln Street, Hoquiam, Washington; and ordering that the total charge shall be the amount of \$13,536.12; and further ordering that the charge shall be assessed against the property and recorded on the assessment roll of Grays Harbor County. Councilmember McMillan moved to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded and following a brief discussion, passed by voice vote.
- Surplus Property – Homelite Trimmer Hoquiam Police Dept.** 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 Dickhoff moved for the adoption of the resolution. The motion



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was seconded and following a brief discussion passed by voice vote.

**Surplus Property – 1979
Aerial Ladder Fire Truck**

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**Adopting Job Description –
Deputy Police Chief**

A Resolution adopting a new job description for the Deputy Police Chief position. Councilmember Moir moved to adopt the resolution. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

**Chili Cookoff – Relay for
Life Team**

The Relay for Life team will be holding their annual Chili Cook-off on May 26, 2011, from 11:30 to 1:30. The cost is \$5.00 which goes to the relay for life.

Community Garden

Community Garden plots are available for the summer for \$10.00 per plot. Applications are available on line or in the public works office.

Bond Levy

Councilmember Hyde spoke briefly regarding the failure of the bond issue for the Fire Department. He hopes we will be putting this before the voters again. Mayor Durney spoke briefly regarding the issue and the importance of the Levy.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Moir moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

JACK DURNEY – Mayor

TRACY WOOD – Council Secretary