



**CITY OF HOQUIAM
Council Meeting Minutes**

July 11, 2011

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro-Tem Moir called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Councilmember Councilmember Nelson led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

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

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

PROCLAMATION

**Breastfeeding Awareness
Month**

Included in the Council packet was a proclamation declaring August as Breastfeeding Awareness Month in the City of Hoquiam.

COMMUNICATIONS

**Bryce Moody – Levee
Street Improvements**

Mr. Folkers read a Letter from Bryce Moody complementing the city on all of the work that has been done on Levee Street.

**Marijuana Collective
Community Gardens**

Ms. Tammy Ramsey, Hoquiam, testified at a past meeting regarding medical marijuana. She asked the Council to allow for collective gardens and to allow licensing for these gardens. This will allow for safe access for those using medical marijuana. She recited several laws that allow for medical marijuana.

**Timberland Library
Annexation**

Mr. Dave Forbes, 2216 Aberdeen Avenue, Hoquiam, spoke to the council regarding the draft ordinance relating to annexation of the Timberland Library. He would like to see the council put this on hold until other citizens can comment on this issue.

Medical Marijuana

Mr. Jim Bucknell, 520 2nd Street, stated that he has concerns over legalization of marijuana. He is a retired director of DEA which gives him an insight into this subject. He stated that he has family members that have used medical marijuana and he understands both sides. He would be happy to help in answering questions.

Library Annexation

Mr. Dave Hansen, 509, 7th Street, Hoquiam, also stated that he would like to oppose voting on the library annexation at this time.



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Welcome to Hoquiam Sign Mr. Shannon Buchanon, 3963 Wishkah Rd., Aberdeen, stated that he has a complaint on the upkeep of the Cemetery. When he visited there was grass growing around the headstones and cut grass on the road. He asked that the city maintain the cemetery and keep it in better condition.

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

- The City Council Minutes of June 27, 2011;
- The Regulatory Committee report recommending approval and payment of claim check numbers 72507 through 72562 in the amount of \$82,197.35; and payroll check numbers 24609 through 24697 in the amount of \$498,940.28;

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

**OFFICER REPORTS
August 22, 2011 Council
Meeting**

Staff entertained a motion to cancel the August 22, 2011 City Council meeting. Councilmember McMillan moved to cancel the meeting of August 22nd unless there is a need found to hold the meeting in the week prior to that date. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

City Hall Masonry

Mr. Shay provided a written report to the council regarding the bid opening for masonry improvements to City Hall. Four bids were received as follows:

- \$24,932.00 - JMS Masonry Restoration;
- \$84,511.68 - Lupo Construction for
- \$92,007.81 - Red Rock Construction; and
- \$97,034.26 - Rognlins, Inc.

Staff recommends that the bid be awarded to JMS Masonry Restoration as the apparent low bidder. Councilmember McMillan moved to award the bid to JMS Masonry Restoration. The motion was seconded and following a brief discussion, the motion passed by voice vote.

Special Parking Privileges

Mr. Johnson provided a written report to the Council regarding recent changes to the codification of State statues. As a house



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keeping measure the city needs to amend our current Ordinance HMC 7.60.100 to change the references to the appropriate RCWs. Council has an Ordinance before them later in the meeting to correct these references.

**Moratorium on Medical
Marijuana Collective
Gardens**

Mr. Johnson provided a written report to the Council regarding a moratorium on Medical Marijuana Collective Gardens. In April the Council approved a 6 month moratorium on Medical Marijuana Dispensaries in the City of Hoquiam. Council will consider an Ordinance later in the meeting to allow for a 6 month moratorium on Collective Gardens. He also requested that Council set a public hearing date of August 8, 2011, to allow for public comment on this issue.

Bio-solid Project Update

Mr. Shay provided an update on the Bio-solid Project and stated that with the approval of the change orders with Quiggs it will allow them to install the force main. Staff recommends authorization to allow the mayor to sign the change orders. Councilmember McMillan moved to approve the change orders and authorize the Mayor to sign. The motion was seconded and following a brief discussion on the timelines of the project, the motion for approval passed by voice vote.

**MAYOR'S REPORTS
Appointments to Historic
Preservation Commission**

Mayor Durney submitted a letter requesting council concurrence on the reappointment of John Larson and Tom Rieger to the Historic Preservation Commission. Councilmember McMillan moved for concurrence on these appointments. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

**COUNCIL REPORTS
Public Safety Committee**

Councilmember McMillan stated that the Public Safety Committee met last week but have no written reports for the council. A Warrant Sweep is currently on-going and Chief Myers reminded everyone that August 2nd is National Night Out. If Councilmembers are interested in visiting the block parties with staff, meet at City Hall following work on the 2nd.

**LEGAL BUSINESS
ORDINANCES
Library Annexation
6-Year TIP**

Mayor Pro-tem Moir stated that this Ordinance was included in the packet for Council and the public to review. It will come back to the Council at a future meeting. Councilmember McMillan stated that the library board has been discussing this for some time. Mr. Shay stated that the library board has reviewed this and supports the city moving forward on the annexation. 40% of the people responding to the recent City



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survey supported annexation. Ms. Thornton reminded Council that Saturday August 27th the Library will hold their 100th year anniversary. Ms. Thornton will also be presenting information on the library at the August 8th Council meeting.

Special Parking Privileges

An Ordinance relating to parking restrictions; amending Section 7.60.100 to the Hoquiam Municipal Code. Councilmember McMillan moved for approval of this ordinance. The motion was seconded and following its second reading, passed by unanimous voice vote.

**Medical Marijuana
Collective Gardens
Moratorium**

An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Hoquiam, imposing a moratorium on the licensing, regulation, location and permitting of Medical Marijuana Collective Gardens, setting a public hearing and declaring this ordinance a public emergency ordinance and thus effective immediately. Councilmember McMillan moved for adoption of this ordinance and the motion was seconded. The Ordinance sets a Public Hearing date of August 8th. Following the second reading, the motion for adoption of the ordinance passed by unanimous roll call vote.

**RESOLUTIONS
Surplus Property**

Mr. Folkers stated there are two resolutions to consider before the Council to surplus items in the Sewer, Municipal Court and Police Department. Councilmember McMillan moved for adoption of the resolution. The motion was seconded. Councilmember McMillan moved to amend the resolution to include all items listed from the Sewer Department, Municipal Court and Police Department under one resolution. The motion to amend was seconded and passed by voice vote. The main motion as amended passed by voice vote.

**NEW BUSINESS
Excuse Absent Member**

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

Signage on 23rd Street

Councilmember Pellegrini stated that he was approached by the head security officer at Grays harbor Paper regarding safety concerns with vehicles turning the wrong way onto 23rd Street. An increase in signage might be considered.

Blue Building

Councilmember Grun asked the status of the removal of the blue building in the 500 block of 8th Street. Mr. Shay reported that the County is planning on removing the building and hopes to have it completed by end of October. Council authorized repair of the senior center and Mr. Shay stated that we will call



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for bids on that project soon. County has included repair of the common wall as part of their project.

**Recognition of
Councilmember Hyde**

Councilmember Hyde thanked the Fire and Police Department for their recent recognition of his service on the Public Safety Committee during his Council tenure.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Hyde moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

JACK DURNEY – Mayor

TRACY WOOD – Council Secretary