



**CITY OF HOQUIAM  
Council Meeting Minutes**

**October 24, 2011**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ROLL CALL**

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

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

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**Medical Marijuana  
Dispensaries Moratorium**

Councilmember McMillan moved to open the public hearing at 7:03 p.m. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

Ms. Tammy Ramsey, Hoquiam, WA, stated that she believed the city should extend moratorium for 60 more days and form a committee consisting of police, citizens and patients to look at the issue.

Mr. Dave Forbes, 2216 Aberdeen Avenue, Hoquiam, stated he believes the city should remove the moratorium.

Hearing no further public comment, Councilmember McMillan moved to close hearing at 7:05 p.m. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

**Mid-Biennium Budget  
Review**

Councilmember Moir moved to open the hearing at 7:05 p.m. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote. Mr. Folkers stated this is a chance for the council and citizens to look at the budget mid-way through the two year budget cycle. He stated that there is a \$480,000 per year hole to general fund from Paper Mill closure. No new programs will be proposed and there will be some elimination of programs. There will also be no new staff positions and possible reductions in workforce through attrition.

Mr. Forbes asked if the \$480,000 was direct income in the general fund. Mr. Folkers stated that it was. He also asked questions regarding liability on public safety retirees. Mr. Folkers briefly spoke regarding the public safety retirees and the requirements the city must follow.



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Hearing no further public comment, Councilmember McMillan moved to close the hearing at 7:14 p.m. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**Metal Property Offenses  
Ordinance**

Mr. Forbes, 2216 Aberdeen Avenue, Hoquiam, spoke briefly regarding the Metal ordinance coming before the council. Mr. Johnson explained that this was a “housekeeping” ordinance due to changes in State laws.

**Parking Restrictions**

Ms. Marie Patterson, 2120 Sumner Avenue, Hoquiam, spoke to the council regarding a recent parking ticket that she received. She stated that she believes signs were left on her street after the detour and she should not have been issued the parking ticket. Staff stated that there have been no recent changes to parking restrictions in that area and they will research this. The issue will also be referred to the Public Safety Committee for their review.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- The City Council Minutes of October 10, 2011;
- The Regulatory Committee report recommending approval and payment of claim check numbers 73217 through 73367 in the amount of \$171,417.43

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Public Safety Committee  
Metal Property Offenses**

The Public Safety Committee made a recommendation that a new Chapter 5A.86 be added to the Hoquiam Municipal Code concerning Metal Property Offenses. Councilmember McMillan moved for adoption of the committee report. The motion was seconded and following a brief explanation regarding the changes, the motion passed by voice vote.

**OFFICER REPORTS**

**Force Main Replacement**

Mr. Shay provided a written report to the Council regarding funding possibilities for the fore-main replacement from Moon Island Road to Adams Street. The Department of Ecology is currently accepting loan applications for wastewater construction projects and staff has prepared an application for the estimated 1.5 million in construction costs. Staff requests



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that the Council authorize staff to apply for this funding. Councilmember Moir moved for the approval of the staff request. The motion was seconded and following a brief discussion, the motion passed by voice vote.

**MAYOR'S REPORTS**

**Fluckinger Building**

Mayor Durney spoke briefly regarding the recent approval by the County to approve bids to remove the Fluckinger Building located on 8<sup>th</sup> Street. He thanked the county for moving forward on this. Mr. Shay stated that the county has also stated that they will build a new wall on the city building located next to the property. We currently have \$50,000 in the budget to make improvements to the building. The Dance Academy is also doing fundraising to rehab the inside of the building.

**AWC Information on 1183**

Mayor Durney stated that AWC has information available on 1183.

**Library District**

Mayor Durney spoke briefly regarding the upcoming ballot issue on the Library District. The City feels that the library is important – he reminded Council and the citizens that we have laid off people in the past and cut programs but still funded the library. He reminded everyone to cast their votes on election day.

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

**Crosswalk**

Councilmember McMillan stated that the Public Safety looked at the issue of adding a crosswalk on 10<sup>th</sup> and Simpson. This issue has been referred to State as it crosses the highway.

**Riverside Building**

Councilmember Hyde noted that one of the buildings on Riverside was recently removed. He would like to see something done about the other building which is still standing.

**LEGAL BUSINESS**

**ORDINANCES**

**Metal Property Offenses**

An Ordinance relating to metal property offenses; adding a new Chapter 51.86 to the Hoquiam Municipal Code; and amending Section 51.95.010 of the Hoquiam Municipal Code. Councilmember McMillan moved for the adoption of the ordinance and the motion was seconded. Councilmember Grun asked what the definition of “metal property offenses” would be. Mr. Johnson stated that it refers to the scraping of metal. Following the second reading, the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

**Medical Marijuana  
Dispensaries Moratorium**

An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Hoquiam, extending a moratorium on the licensing and permitting of



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Medical Marijuana Dispensaries for an additional six months. Councilmember McMillan moved for the adoption of the ordinance and the motion was seconded. Following its second reading, the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Donation of Real Property**

Council had postponed a decision on the donation of a piece of property to the City of Hoquiam from Sam Care Center LLC. The property is east of Broadway. A motion had been made at the meeting of October 10<sup>th</sup> by Councilmember McMillan to accept the donation and recommendations of staff. The motion to accept the donation passed by voice vote.

**Donations for Central  
Playfield Project and the  
Waterfront Development  
Plan**

Mayor Durney stated that we have received some donations toward our Central Playfield project and the waterfront development plan. He thanked those who have donated for their generosity.

**Girls Fastpitch –  
Improvements to Gable  
Park**

Councilmember McMillan stated that the Regulatory Committee reviewed the request from Girls Fastpitch regarding improvements to Gable Park. Girls Fastpitch has offered to pay for the improvements with no cost to the city. Councilmember McMillan moved to approve their request and to authorize the improvements. The motion was seconded and following a brief discussion regarding the improvements, the motion passed by voice vote.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Medical Marijuana  
Committee**

Councilmember Carlstrom stated that if a committee is formed as suggested by Ms. Ramsey to look at the issues surrounding medical marijuana dispensaries, she would like to be appointed to the committee.

**AWC Regional Meeting**

Council was reminded of the Regional Meeting which will be held on Thursday evening.

**Emergency Preparedness  
Meeting**

Council was informed that there will be a meeting in Montesano on November 7<sup>th</sup> regarding Tsunami preparedness. Anyone interested in attending should contact the Mayor.

**Public Safety Committee  
Meeting**

Councilmember McMillan announced that the Public Safety Committee will meet on November 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. at the Police Station.

**Haunted Hoquiam Fun  
Run and Haunted**

Councilmember Moir reminded everyone of the events on Saturday the 29<sup>th</sup>. If anyone is interested in volunteering at the



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**Hoquiam Events**

Fun Run on they should contact Tracy. Also, downtown trick or treating will take place from 1:00 to 3:00 and Ghostbusters will be shown at the 7<sup>th</sup> Street Theatre Saturday night.

**Drug Take Back Program**

Chief Myers stated that this weekend is also the Drug Take Back at police station. Anyone wanting to dispose of old prescriptions or unused prescriptions can bring them to the police department on Saturday.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Councilmember Dickhoff moved to adjourn the meeting at at 7:47 p.m. Seconded and passed by voice vote.

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JACK DURNEY – Mayor

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TRACY WOOD – Council Secretary