



**CITY OF HOQUIAM  
Council Meeting Minutes**

**June 25, 2012**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ROLL CALL**

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

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

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**Harbor Paper**

Mr. Tim Gibbs from Greater Grays Harbor Inc. and Mr. John Begley from Harbor Paper spoke to the council regarding the purchase and reopening of Harbor Paper. Mr. Gibbs thanked the Council for letting them be here tonight. This has been a long process and he thanked the City and Staff for their role that they have played.

Mr. John Begley representing Harbor Paper spoke regarding the Paper Company. The proposal they are making to the Council is for the city's support of the New Market Tax Credit. Papers on the sale will be filed in court tomorrow and they hope to close and take over in early August. Mr. Begley briefly explained the New Market Tax Credit. They will employ just under 200 people. Mayor Durney stated that the city appreciates all of the work that has gone into this.

**Boating Facilities Program  
Grant – 9<sup>th</sup> St. Boat  
Launch**

City Planner, Alissa Thurman, spoke to the council regarding a Boating Facilities Program Grant that staff would like council approval to apply for. There is a resolution authorizing this application later in the meeting. Approximately two years ago the council authorized an application to apply for a grant to purchase two pieces of privately owned property along Levee Street and also for permitting and design for a marina area. Primary use of launch is for fishing, but at other times throughout the year leisure crafts also utilize it. The project would be to construct a concrete boat launch, install a boarding float extended into water and add paved parking. Estimates range from approximately \$400,000 on low end to \$700,000 on the high end. A \$700,000 grant would require \$175,000 match. The match for the city is 25% so if less is spent then the match amount would go down. The City will also apply to private individuals and foundations to help with the grant. Ms.



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Thurman provided a proposed timeline for the project. Could possibly do 20 to 25 spaces for moorage. Council stated that restrooms would be a good addition.

**Questions Regarding Boat  
Launch and Mooring**

Mr. Harry Delarm, 415 Emerson Avenue, would like to know if there have been any environmental impact statements done regarding the moorage. He is concerned with bacteria being spread at the launch. Staff will consider his concerns.

**LEGAL BUSINESS**

**Resolutions**

**Support of Boating Grant**

Councilmember Moir moved to proceed to Legal Business, item 4 B-3 on the agenda. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

A Resolution authorizing the submission of application(s) for grant funding assistance for Boating Facilities Program project(s) to the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) as provided in Chapter 79A.25 RCW, Boating Facilities Program, WAC 286 and subsequent Legislative action. Councilmember Moir moved to approve the resolution to authorize staff to proceed with the grant application. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

**Supporting the Reopening  
of Harbor Paper**

Councilmember McMillan moved to proceed to item 4 B- 2, the Resolution in support of Harbor Paper Company reopening and the New Market Tax Credits. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote. A Resolution of the City of Hoquiam, Washington, in support of Harbor Paper. Councilmember McMillan moved for approval of the resolution. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Wild Olympics**

Council returned to item 1 C – public comments. Mr. Al Carter spoke to the council on behalf of the Wild Olympics. He appreciates the Council and city's willingness to move forward and allow the process to proceed. Studies show Wild and Scenic designation of rivers shows increased tourism and also gives opportunities for funding, The legislation is a result of a 3 year process from Congressman Dicks and Murray and he looks forward to working on this project. The following individuals also spoke in support of the Wild Olympics: Ms. Robin Moore, Ms. Linda Orgel, Mr. Fred Brakovich, Mr. Brent Major, Mr. Harry Delarm, Ms. Jude Armstrong, Ms. Corrina Johnson, Mr. Mike Mackey, and Mr. Bill Welland.



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Mr. Dave Forbes, 2216 Aberdeen Ave., stated he is not a representative of any group, but is speaking as a citizen of Hoquiam. He appreciates the effort the city is putting forth on the resolution. He hopes the Council will pass the resolution. He made several points regarding Wild and Scenic River designation and the limitations it would have. He also spoke regarding the paper mill and asked that the citizens be provided with more information on the New Market Tax Credit.

Mr. Pickell, all cities in our area have voted in opposition to the Wild Olympics proposal. Regardless of what is being said by the Wild Olympics, they are not in support of the timber industry. Wild Olympics would lock up forever over 130,000 acres and allow no motorized vehicles, no bicycles, and no use. It would severely impact what the Forest Service could do in their management of these areas. Mr. Carter stated that studies have shown an increased use of Scenic River designations, but he has found studies done by Utah State that showed tourism did not increase due to a Wild and Scenic River designation. There should be no additional wilderness or scenic designations at this time. Every mill in this area is a potential recipient of the wood in the forests. Also speaking in opposition of Wild Olympics was Cliff Eberwein.

**Health Concerns – 700  
Block of 7<sup>th</sup> Street**

Mr. George Jacobson, 720 7<sup>th</sup> Street, spoke to the Council regarding the house next to his on 7<sup>th</sup> Street. It burned almost a year ago and is still there. It is an unhealthy environment for him. He can't walk out of his house because of the smell and now there is a problem with rodents. He asked that the city get this house demolished. Mr. Shay will speak with Mr. Howell tomorrow and see where the process is. Mr. Shay stated that it should be demolished later this summer.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Councilmember McMillan made a motion that consent agenda items A and B, be approved as presented. The motion was seconded. Those items appearing on the consent agenda were as follows:

- The City Council Minutes of June 11, 2012;
- The Regulatory Committee report recommending approval and payment of claim check numbers 74961 through 75127 in the amount of \$431,792.32.

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



**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Public Safety Committee  
SWAT Team Agreement**

The Public Safety Committee made a recommendation to the Council that the Mayor be authorized to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Aberdeen to participate with the Aberdeen Police Department Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team. Councilmember McMillan moved for adoption of the committee report and the motion was seconded. Following a brief discussion, the motion for approval of the committee recommendation passed by voice vote.

**OFFICER REPORTS**

**TIP Public Hearing  
Park Projects**

Staff requested that Council set a Public Hearing Date for the 2013 Six Year TIP for July 9, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. Councilmember McMillan moved to set the hearing as requested. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

**Warrant Sweep #6**

Warrant Sweep #6 was held on June 9<sup>th</sup>. 22 persons were booked into jail on a combination of warrants. Five prisoners posted bail in the amount of approximately \$11,000 and over 30 warrants were cleared. Councilmember McMillan stated those who have not ridden along with the Police Department should take advantage of that.

**MAYOR REPORTS**

**Council Lunch for City  
Employees**

**Mayor Durney reminded council that they need to turn in their \$25.00 contribution towards the City Employee lunch that is sponsored by the Council later this summer.**

**Park Upgrades**

**Mayor Durney noted that work has begun on Central Play Park. The new equipment is scheduled to be installed in July.**

**Upcoming Events**

**Mayor Durney reminded Council of the following upcoming events:**

- HBA Forum at Paneltech will include tour and pizza June 27<sup>th</sup> (noon)
- Push Rods – June 30, 2012 (10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.)
- HBA presents First Thursdays with local business extended hours, art and entertainment July 5, 2012
- Hot Rod Rally Fun Run – July 7, 2012 (Registration at 9:00, Race at 10:00)
- Harbor Half Marathon was very successful over 110 participated and the timing system worked great
- Timberland Library Board coming to Hoquiam Library



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Wednesday at 5:30 on June 27<sup>th</sup>, potluck, then meeting following dinner.

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

**AWC Conference**

Councilmember Moir reported that he attended the AWC Conference last week Councilmembers Nelson and Dickhoff. They participated in some very useful classes and discussion. Tracy Wood joined them for two days to accept the Wellness Award for the City. He encouraged other councilmembers to try to attend next year as the conference is very informative.

**LEGAL BUSINESS**

**Resolutions**

**Wild Olympics**

A Resolution of the City of Hoquiam, Washington, expressing its positions concerning the "Wild Olympics Campaign." Councilmember Moir moved to adopt the resolution as presented and the motion was seconded. Councilmember Moir thanked the Wild Olympics supporters for the dialogue and input they have provided to the Council. He also thanked staff for drafting the resolution. He feels this is a good resolution which leaves the door open for dialogue. Congressmen Dicks office and Hastings office have opened themselves up for the dialogue. He believes the groups representing Timber and Wild Olympics can work together and believes we should pass the resolution as is and move forward. Following further discussion, the motion for approval passed by voice vote.

**Legal Newspaper**

A Resolution designating the Montesano Vidette as the official newspaper of the City of Hoquiam pursuant to RCW 35A.21.230. Councilmember McMillan moved for the adoption of the resolution and the motion was seconded. Following a brief discussion, the motion for approval passed by voice vote.

**Surplus Property**

**Irrigation Controllers**

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 McMillan moved for adoption of the resolution which declares four irrigation controllers to be surplus and authorizes the Finance Director to sell the controllers to Grays Harbor Equipment for \$65.00 each. The motion passed by voice vote.

**Surplus Property**

**1999 Ford F150 Pickup**

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a 1999 Ford F150 Pick-up Truck assigned to the Water Department, VIN 1FTRX18WXXNB41833, to be surplus property. The motion was seconded and following a brief discussion, passed by voice vote.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Public Safety Meeting**

Councilmember McMillan thanked Councilmember Nelson for leading the public safety meeting and Councilmember Moir for helping out while he was gone.

**Senior Center  
Improvements**

A brief discussion was held regarding the improvements being made to the old Senior Center.

**Excuse Absent Member**

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

**Executive Session**

Mayor Durney announced that following a short recess council will convene in Executive Session for approximately 15 minutes to discuss the acquisition of real estate. There will be no action taken following the executive session.

Councilmember McMillan moved to recess for 5 minutes at 8:48 p.m. after which the council will convene in executive session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Council reconvened in regular session at 9:01 p.m. Councilmember Moir moved to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

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JACK DURNEY - Mayor

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TRACY WOOD – Council Secretary