



**CITY OF HOQUIAM
Council Meeting Minutes**

July 9, 2012

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro-tem Winkelman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Councilmember Smith led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

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

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

6 Year TIP Public Hearing

Councilmember McMillan moved to open the public hearing on the 6 Year TIP at 7:02 p.m. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote. Mr. Shay provided background information regarding the program and the projects. The city is required to have the plan in place and projects listed to be able to obtain Federal or State funding for them. Councilmember Grun raised a question regarding whether the city could impose an excise tax or sales tax to help with Street improvements. Mr. Shay stated that this could be done and would be a good idea to create a shared program between the cities of Aberdeen, Hoquiam and Cosmopolis. Councilmember McMillan moved to close the hearing at 7:08 p.m. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

COMMUNICATIONS

**Introduction of New Fire
Fighter**

Interim Chief Paul Dean introduced Richard McMinn, who was hired by the City on July 1st.

Coal Meeting

Mr. Arnie Martin, 631 Chenault Avenue, invited Council to attend a meeting in opposition to coal export from Terminal 3. It will be held on July 18th at 7:00 p.m. at Little Theatre at the High School.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember McMillan moved for items a and b on the consent agenda be approved as presented and the motion was seconded. Those items appearing on the consent agenda were as follows:

- The City Council Minutes of June 25, 2012;
- The Regulatory Committee report recommending approval and payment of claim check numbers 75128 through 75148 in the amount of \$67,259.57; ACH



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payments in the amount of \$285,510.36; EFT payments in the amount of \$157,928.93; and payroll check numbers 25546 through 25615 in the amount of \$214,578.05;

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

OFFICER REPORTS

Purchase of Property

Staff presented a written report to the council regarding the purchase of two pieces of property for the new boating facility. These properties are owned by Rayonier and John Parker. Councilmember Moir moved to approve the purchase of these properties up to an amount of \$41,300 for the Rayonier Property and \$25,000 for the Parker property. The City portion of this purchase will be approximately \$20,000 with the remainder of the purchase amount coming from the Grant. The motion was seconded. Councilmember Winkelman stated he will abstain from voting on the issue because of his relationship with the Parker Law Firm. Following a brief discussion, the motion for approval of the purchase of the properties passed by voice vote.

Warrant Sweep #6

MAYOR REPORTS

Upcoming Events

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- HBA presents First Thursdays with local business extended hours, art and entertainment (first Thursday of each month)
- Riverfestival July 21st – 10:00 to 4:00 8th and Levee
- Paint the Corridor Kick-off July 28th – Barrier West Warehouse
- Ground Breaking – Pocklington Central Play Park – August 2nd 4:00 p.m.

LEGAL BUSINESS

Resolutions

Adopting 6 Year TIP

A Resolution adopting the comprehensive street program prepared by the City Administrator pursuant to RCW 35.77. Councilmember Moir moved for adoption of the resolution and the motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

Surplus Property

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. The property consists of a Lanier recorder, Serial Number 143412. Councilmember McMillan moved for adoption of the resolution and the motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.



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OTHER LEGAL

**Public Testing Agreement
Legal Newspaper**

Included in the Council packet was an agreement with Public Safety Testing to provide testing services to police, fire and other public safety agencies. The agreement would be for a 3 year renewal for police and fire testing. Councilmember McMillan moved to authorize the city to enter into an agreement with Public Safety Testing and the motion was seconded. Following a brief discussion regarding the testing program, the oral boards and the Civil Service Commission, the motion passed by voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS

**7th St. Burned House and
Burned Home on 3rd St.**

Mr. Shay provided an update on the removal/demolition of the burned home located on 7th Street. The bid for asbestos removal has gone out and the house will be demolished once the asbestos has been removed. He also stated that the property owner of the house on 3rd Street has received a \$250 infraction notice. If he does not comply then the city can prosecute him with a misdemeanor. Councilmember Grun stated that property owners need to be responsible and removal of burned structures or condemned properties should be done within a 6 month period.

**Complaint Regarding
Chickens**

Mr. Shay stated that staff has investigated the complaints made against the chicken owner on Queen. Staff did not find an odor problem and the owner is in compliance with the number of chickens. He will also be moving his coop back from the City right of way. Councilmember Moir stated that owner has been cleaning up and weedeating and that he has moved the coop.

NEW BUSINESS

Public Safety Meeting

Mr. Shay provided information regarding the future bridge closure. At this time it the tentative date is in October and will last for 3 to 4 weeks. The City is keeping the Hoquiam Business Association informed and will also send out notices to the businesses once a final date is determined.

**Public Transportation
District**

Councilmember Grun moved to refer the issue of forming a Public Transportation District to the Public Utilities Committee and the motion was seconded. Councilmember McMillan stated that the Mayor's of the three cities have been meeting regularly and Mayor Durney can bring this up to them to see if there is any interest. The motion to refer the issue to the Utilities Committee passed by voice vote.

Update on Playgrounds

Work will begin shortly on the installation of the new



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playground equipment. Our crews demoed the old equipment and the company will be installing the new equipment. Mr. Shay also provided a brief update on the Water Park and the timeframe we are currently looking at.

Public Safety Committee Councilmember McMillan announced that the Public Safety Committee will meet on Monday, August 6th at 5:00 p.m. at the police station.

Watershed Committee Councilmember Grun announced that the Watershed Committee will meet at 6:30 at City Hall.

Public Utilities Committee The Public Utilities Committee will meet at 6:00 on August 6th in the Council Chambers.

Loggers Playday Parade Committee Fundraiser Councilmember Carlstrom stated that she has raffle tickets available for a fundraiser sponsored by the Hoquiam Loggers Parade committee if anyone is interested.

ADJOURNMENT Councilmember Moir moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

JACK DURNEY - Mayor

TRACY WOOD – Council Secretary