



**CITY OF HOQUIAM
Council Meeting Minutes**

July 23, 2012

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

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

PROCLAMATION

Breastfeeding Awareness

Mr. Folkers read a proclamation designating August 1-7, 2012 as Breastfeeding week and the month of August as Breastfeeding Awareness Month in the City of Hoquiam.

COMMUNICATIONS

Noise Complaint

Mr. Bill Whellan made a complaint against Willis Enterprises and the noise coming from their plant. It is slightly better as the parameters have been set to 7:00 a.m. but they are not necessarily following that rule. He suggested that the City talk to Willis about putting up some kind of sound barrier to help cover the noise. It is a quality of life issue.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- The City Council Minutes of July 9, 2012;
- The Regulatory Committee report recommending approval and payment of claim check numbers 75149 through 75154 in the amount of \$94,983.24 and that payroll and benefits for the month of July 2012 be approved and issued at the proper time.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Wellness Committee –
Tobacco Free Facilities**

The Wellness Committee made a recommendation that the Council approve an Ordinance to make all City owned property and facilities “Tobacco Free” zones. Councilmember Moir moved to adopt the report and move forward with an ordinance to make all city owned properties Tobacco Free. The motion



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was seconded. A brief discussion followed. A question was raised on whether this could be controlled or enforced. Mr. Johnson stated he doesn't believe the police will have time to enforce this. Following further discussion the motion passed by a vote of 5 to 4.

OFFICER REPORTS

**Set Public Hearing –
Medical Marijuana
Collective Gardens**

Staff requested that Council set a Public Hearing Date for discussion on a Moratorium on Medical Marijuana Collective Gardens for August 13th at 7:00 p.m. Councilmember Dickhoff moved to set hearing as requested. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

**Public Hearing – Appeal
of Sign Code**

Staff requested that Council set a Public Hearing Date to consider an Appeal filed by Timberland Bank regarding a sign located at 305 8th St. Councilmember Moir moved to set the Public Hearing for August 13th at 7:00 p.m. The motion was seconded. Councilmember Grun asked for clarification on the appeal. Mr. Shay stated that the sign code does not allow for pole signs in the downtown area. Timberland Bank was notified to remove the pole sign located at this address and they are appealing that. Councilmember Winkelman stated that he will abstain from voting on this issue as his law firm represents the bank. The motion to set the hearing passed by voice vote.

OFFICERS REPORTS

**Interlocal Agreement City
of Montesano – Forestry
Services**

Mr. Shay presented the Council with information regarding a proposal for an Interlocal Agreement with City of Montesano to provide Forestry Services for the City of Hoquiam. Councilmember Grun moved to refer the issue to the Watershed Committee for review and recommendation. The motion was seconded. Councilmember Moir moved to amend the motion to have the report from the committee brought back to the next Council meeting. The motion was seconded and the amendment passed by voice vote. The main motion as amended passed by voice vote.

Report

MAYOR'S REPORTS

**Upcoming Events and
Project Updates**

Mayor Durney reminded council of the following upcoming events and projects going on around the city:

- HBA presents "First Thursdays" with local business extended hours, art and entertainment (first Thursday of each month);
- Paint the Corridor Kick-off July 28th at Barrier West Warehouse;
- Ground Breaking/Ribbon Cutting at Pocklington Central Play Park, August 2nd at 4:00 p.m.;



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- River Festival was held on the 21st and went well;
- Farmers Market – work is underway for expansion;
- New Liquor store going into the old Ken’s Texaco;
- Mayor Durney attended a meeting in Montesano today to discuss jail contract. He provided a copy of the letter that was provided to the County on behalf of the Mayor’s; he reviewed proposed changes the County wants to make to the contract. A brief discussion followed – one main issue that the City has had with the County is communication. They chose to cancel the contract in 90 days without notifying those cities that they had contracts with.
- National Night Out is Tuesday August 7th; if any Councilmembers would like to attend the block parties with staff be at the Police Station at 5:30 on the 7th.

LEGAL BUSINESS

**Other Legal
SWAT Team**

Staff presented Council with an Interlocal Agreement for SWAT Team Alliance with Aberdeen and Montesano. Councilmember Nelson moved to adopt the agreement and authorize the Mayor to sign on behalf of the City. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS

Willis Enterprises

Mr. Shay stated that Willis Enterprises has been spoken with and they have been asked to voluntarily make some improvements to help with the noise. They have been repositioning some of the logs, etc., to try and help muffle the sound. Staff will continue to work with them for a resolution to the problem. A brief discussion followed regarding the noise level and what staff has done.

Bridge Closure

Mr. Shay stated that the upcoming bridge closure is expected to being in the month of October and last for approximately 4 weeks. DOT will send out notices to the businesses with the information.

**Hoquiam Business
Association Meeting**

HBA will hold their morning meeting on Wednesday at 7:00 a.m. at Ale House.

Committee Meetings

The following committees will meet at the specified times on August 6th: Public Safety Committee - 5:00 p.m. at the Police Station; Public Utilities Committee - 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers; Watershed Committee - 6:30 p.m in the City Council Chambers.



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NEW BUSINESS

Excuse Absent Members

Councilmember Moir moved to excuse the absent members who called in. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember McMillan moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

JACK DURNEY – Mayor

TRACY WOOD – Council Secretary