

CITY OF HOQUIAM
Council Meeting Minutes

January 11, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Finance Director Folkers led the flag salute after which he swore in the newly elected Councilmembers Simera, Swope, Carlstrom, Livingston, Winkelman and Wilson and newly elected Mayor Jasmine Dickhoff.

ROLL CALL

In attendance at the meeting were Mayor Dickhoff and Councilmembers Carlstrom, Grun, Livingston, Nelson, Pellegrini, Pennant, Simera, Swope, Wilson and Winkelman. Absent from the meeting was Councilmember Anderson.

COMMUNICATIONS

R.E.G.

Scott Heidderich representing R.E.G. spoke to the council regarding their future plans. They recently made a decision regarding the permitting process that their company is currently going through and the Draft EIS. He is having discussions with the Department of Ecology and the City to determine which way their company will decide to proceed. They can start the process over or amend the process/permits currently being reviewed. Their company is trying to get the most realistic proposal as they move forward.

School District M&O Levy

Mike Parker, Hoquiam School District Superintendent, spoke to the Council regarding the M&O Levy that will be on the ballot next month for the School District. He is asking for the support of the City and the community.

Real Estate

Scott Weyer, Hoquiam, stated that the Polson building will be on the market for sale and is estimated at over one million dollar property. He is working hard to promote commercial sales and growth in the community but believes the City needs to look at a new brand and not use Hometown Hoquiam in the future.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Wilson moved to approve the Consent Agenda items a through e as presented and the motion was seconded. Those items appearing on the Consent agenda were as follows:

- The City Council Minutes of December 14, 2015;
- The Regulatory Committee report recommending approval and payment of claim check numbers 84395 through 83699 in the amount of \$1,061,034.77; ACH and EFT deposits in the amount of \$354,699.68 and \$190,176.87 respectively; and payroll check numbers 27682 through 27714 in the amount of \$168,984.88; 1
- DOC Prison Work Crews Agreement;
- DOC Contract for Housing Prisoners;

- Quote for Purchase of New Patrol Vehicle.

The motion for approval of the Consent Agenda items passed by voice vote.

MAYOR REPORTS

EMS Levy

Mayor Dickhoff stated she will be establishing a committee to review continuation of the EMS Levy or raising rates for services. The current levy is due to expire in 2016.

OFFICER REPORTS

Skillings Connolly, Inc.
Amendment to Gable Park
Consulting Services

Included in the packet was a Consultant Amendment Agreement with Skillings Connolly, Inc. for preparing the necessary closeout documents required by WSDOT for the Gable Park Project. To complete these tasks an additional \$3,967.82 is required to cover the remaining consulting services. Staff requests that Council authorize the additional funds per the proposal. Councilmember Pellegrini moved to authorize and approve the amendment and the motion was seconded. Following a brief discussion, the motion for approval passed by voice vote.

Berglund Schmidt
Amendment to Levee Street
Boat Launch Consulting
Services

Berglund Schmidt has requested an additional \$19,695 in funds for necessary consulting services that were not included in their last amendment that was before the council. The work is related to permit compliance coordination with the regulatory agencies, material testing and review, contractor requests for information/change order preparation and all required project closeout services. Councilmember Pellegrini moved to authorize the amendment and the motion was seconded. Mr. Shay stated that the bulk of the \$19,000 will come from City funds. Following a brief discussion, the motion for approval passed by voice vote.

Watershed Report

City Contract Forester, Loren Hiner, provided an update to Council regarding tree planting, thinning contracts and timber sales. Mr. Hiner explained the increase in costs due to the E-Verify that the Council has adopted. He also explained that the market has stabilized and the City will be requesting sale bids later this year. One of the main things that he is working to accomplish is to complete the inventory of what is in the watershed. Very little thinning has been done over the past 20 years. Thinning is very important to keep the forest growing. Thinning is the biggest priority and he also wants to do planting. He requested that the Council review the E-Verify requirements and Councilmember Grun moved to have staff prepare a resolution to remove the E-Verify requirements. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

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COUNCIL REPORTS

Hoquiam Business Association Councilmember Winkelman stated that the Hoquiam Business Association board meeting will be held before the next Council meeting. An appointment needs to be made to the Board by the Mayor. He would be interested in continuing to serve on this board. Councilmember Pellegrini stated that the Council of Governments Board will also be meeting before the next Council meeting and he would also be interested in continuing his service on this board.

Access for Disabled Councilmember Carlstrom spoke briefly about the limited access for children with disabilities in our parks.

OLD BUSINESS

EMS Councilmember Grun stated that he wants the EMS Levy on the ballot for 2016. Mayor Dickhoff explained that the committee she will appoint will look at the future EMS levies; it does not affect the current EMS levy.

NEW BUSINESS

Council President Councilmember Nelson moved to open the nominations for Council President for 2016. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote. Councilmember Nelson moved to nominate Councilmember Winkelman and the motion was seconded. Hearing no other nominations, Councilmember Pellegrini moved to close the nominations and the motion was seconded and passed by voice vote. The motion to elect Councilmember Winkelman as Council President passed by voice vote.

Committee on Committees The Committee on Committees consists of the current President, the past president and a member at large. As Mayor Dickhoff served as President last year, the new members will be Councilmember Grun, Winkelman, and Livingston. Councilmember Livingston will serve as Chair. Mayor Dickhoff stated she would like to have a discussion on what committees are necessary.

Ward 6 Council Vacancy Council set a deadline of 30 days to fill the Ward 6 Council Vacancy.

COMMUNICATIONS

E-Verify Kay Diehm 2624 Sumner, stated she does not believe people understand what E-Verify does. It requires contractors to verify that their employees are legal workers. She doesn't believe the city should do away with this.

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Excuse Absent Member Councilmember Pellegrini moved to excuse the absent member and the motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION Mayor Dickhoff called for a five minute recess after which Council would adjourn to executive session to discuss labor negotiations. The Executive Session will last approximately 10 minutes. At 8:15 p.m. Councilmember Pellegrini moved to adjourn to executive session and the motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT Council reconvened in regular session at 8:38 p.m. Councilmember Pellegrini moved to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

JASMINE DICKHOFF – Mayor

TRACY WOOD – Council Secretary

