

**CITY OF HOQUIAM**  
**Council Meeting Minutes**

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**May 9, 2016**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Dickhoff called the meeting to order and Councilmember Wilson led the flag salute

**ROLL CALL**

In attendance at the meeting were Mayor Dickhoff and councilmembers Carlstrom, Forkum, Livingston, Nelson, Pellegrini, Simera, Wilson and Winkelmann. Absent from the meeting were councilmembers Anderson, Grun, Pennant and Swope.

Staff in attendance were Police Chief Jeff Myers, fire Chief Paul Dean, city Attorney Steve Johnson, city administrator Brian Shay, Finance Director Mike Folkers and Council secretary Tracy Wood.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**Marijuana Retail Store**

Ms. Kitty Sayer, Riverside Avenue, stated her opposition to a new retail store that is opening on Riverside. The store will be located within a few feet of her home. The neighborhood was not notified that a Marijuana store was planning on moving onto this property. If stores are not allowed next to schools how can they be allowed next to residences where children are living?

**Marijuana Retail Store**

Larry Boergher, 1919 Riverside, concerned about the safety of the neighborhood, property values and the safety of the children in the neighborhood. He wanted to speak in opposition to a store moving into a residential neighborhood.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Councilmember Pellegrini moved to approve item A on the consent agenda and remove item B as the Regulatory Committee did not meet to sign the report. His motion was seconded and the motion to approve the minutes of April 25, 2016 passed by voice vote.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Public Utilities Committee**

**– Moorage And Boat Launch Fees**

The Public Utilities Committee made a recommendation that the City set moorage and boat launch fees in accordance with the rates of the Port of Grays Harbor set for the Westport marina. In addition all rules required by the Recreation conservation Office shall be incorporated into the Ordinance. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

**Public Utilities Committee**

**– Restrooms at Bowerman Basin**

The Public Utilities Committee made a recommendation that the city pursue public restrooms at Bowerman Basin through potential

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partners including the Port of Grays Harbor, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife and the Audubon society. Councilmember Pellegrini moved to approve the committee report and the motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

**Public Safety and Law  
Committee – Discharge of  
Arrows Within City Limits**

The Public Safety and Law Committee made a recommendation that the City Council adopt an Ordinance amending section 5A.35.030 of the Hoquiam Municipal Code concerning the discharge of arrows from bows and cross bows within the City limits. Councilmember Wilson moved to accept the committee report. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

**Public Safety and Law  
Committee – Marking of  
Police Vehicles**

The Public Safety and Law Committee made a recommendation that the City Council adopt an Ordinance adding a new chapter 1.39 to the Hoquiam Municipal code concerning the marking of police vehicles. Councilmember Wilson moved to adopt the committee report and the motion was seconded. Following a brief discussion, the motion passed by voice vote.

**OFFICER REPORTS**

**Setting Public Hearing – 6  
Yr. TIP**

Staff requested that Council set a Public Hearing for June 13, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the Six Year Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP). Councilmember Nelson moved to set the hearing for the requested date and the motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

**Woodlawn Water and Sewer  
Crossing**

The City made a call for bids for the Woodlawn Water and Sewer River crossing. Staff reported that two bids were received as follows: Rognlin's, Inc. for \$539,245.00 and Quigg Bros., Inc. for \$1,009,030 for 700 feet/PVC pipe and \$1,062,251 for 700 feet of HDPE pipe. Staff recommends that the bid be awarded to Rognlin's, Inc. as the apparent low bidder. Councilmember Pellegrini moved to award the bid to Rognlin's, Inc., as the apparent low bidder. The motion was seconded and following a brief discussion regarding the difference in the bids, the motion passed by voice vote.

**Ambulance Re-chassis**

The city made a call for bids for the re-chassis of an ambulance for the fire Department. Staff reported that two bids were received as follows: Braun Northwest \$93,627.91 and U.S. Fire and Equipment for \$70,676.90. Staff recommends that the bid be awarded to U.S. Fire & Equipment as the apparent low bidder. Councilmember Nelson moved to award the bid to US Fire and

Equipment. The motion was seconded and following a discussion regarding the painting of the box and trade in of the old chassis, the motion passed by voice vote.

**MAYORS REPORTS**

Shorebird Festival

Mayor Dickhoff reported that the Shorebird Festival was held on this past weekend. They had good attendance and excellent weather.

9<sup>th</sup> Street Boat Launch and Moorage

At 4:00 today, the City had a ribbon cutting at the 9<sup>th</sup> Street landing. Mayor Dickhoff thanked all who participated in getting the new launch and moorage accomplished.

PUD Street Light Inventory

Mayor Dickhoff stated that the PUD is conducting a Street Light/Pole Audit and when completed, either the City or residents where the lights are located will be asked to start paying for the lighting or the poles will be removed.

**LEGAL BUSINESS**

**Ordinances**

Discharge of Arrows Within City Limits

An Ordinance relating to Criminal Offenses; amending Section 5A.35.030 of the Hoquiam Municipal Code. Mr. Folkers read the ordinance by title. Councilmember Pellegrini moved to approve the Ordinance and the motion was seconded. Mr. Johnson clarified the changes after which Mr. Folkers read the ordinance by title a second time and the motion to approve the Ordinance was passed by a roll call vote of 7 to 1 with Councilmember Winkelman voting no.

Marking of Police Vehicles Surplus Equipment

An Ordinance relating to the Marking of Police Vehicles; adding a new chapter 1.39 to the Hoquiam Municipal code. Mr. Folkers read the Ordinance by title and Councilmember Pellegrini moved for the adoption of the ordinance. The motion was seconded. Mr. Folkers read the ordinance by title a second time after which the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

**Resolutions**

Declaration of Emergency – Repair of Woodlawn Sewer Line

A Resolution declaring an emergency, and waiving the bid requirements of RCW 35.23.352; and ratifying the actions of the City in repairing a break in the sewer line that crosses under the Hoquiam River to service the Woodlawn area. Councilmember Pellegrini moved for the adoption of the resolution and the motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

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**OLD BUSINESS**

HBA Public Forum

Councilmember Winkelman stated that the Hoquiam Business Association held a public forum on April 27<sup>th</sup> and discussed the current Sign Ordinance and changes that the business community would like to see made to the Ordinance. They will provide those to the city for review. HBA also encouraged participation in the Timberworks Project and spoke about new businesses who we hope will be opening soon.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Ribbon cutting – 9<sup>th</sup> Street  
Launch

Councilmember Winkelman spoke about the ribbon cutting ceremony. The Grays Harbor Kayak and Canoe Club launched following the ribbon cutting and they approached him to ask if the city would consider installing a kayak launch.

Zoning

Councilmember Wilson made a motion to draft resolution amending the zoning code relating to marijuana retail, processing and production businesses within 1000 feet of residences. Councilmember Pellegrini seconded the motion and a brief discussion followed. The motion for staff to draft a resolution passed by voice vote.

Size of Council

Councilmember Wilson made a motion to appoint an ad hoc committee to consider reducing the size of the council from 12 to 7 and the motion was seconded. Councilmember Wilson stated he believes 7 people can lead just as effectively and efficiently as 12 and he believes there is an issue with attendance. A lengthy discussion followed, after which the motion failed by voice vote.

Active Shooter Drill

Chief Myers stated that the Police Department will be participating in an Active Shooter Drill this Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. If anyone is interested in observing the drill please call him before Friday.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Council Size

Mr. Dave Forbes, 2216 Aberdeen Avenue, Hoquiam, spoke in support of a 12 person council and hopes the city council will leave it the way it is.

Marijuana Retail Business

Lloyd Culp, 1923 Riverside, spoke in opposition to the new Marijuana Retail business on Riverside.

Code Compliance

The resident from 407 Emerson spoke highly of the job being accomplished by the city code compliance and enforcement.

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Excuse Absent Members

Councilmember Pellegrini moved to excuse the absent members who notified staff. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

**ADJOURN**

Councilmember Pellegrini moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

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Ben Winkelman – Mayor Pro-Tem

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Tracy Wood – Council Secretary

