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**Council Meeting Minutes**

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**July 11, 2016**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ROLL CALL**

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

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**Marijuana Business Zoning**

Councilmember Pellegrini moved to open the public hearing at 7:01 p.m. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

Aaron King, 2929 Simpson, spoke against forcing marijuana businesses into remote areas by changing the zoning. The State has already determined regulations for locations. He agrees with keeping businesses away from the children but making stricter regulations is not necessary.

Jacklyn Early, representing Channel Point Village, asked the Council to approve the recommendation by the Planning Commission to not allow businesses next to retirement homes, assisted care facilities or residential properties. The site that is being considered is next to Channel Point and she hopes the council will not only continue protecting the children, but the elderly as well. They are vulnerable adults – please protect them.

Kathy Sally, Hoquiam, stated that she is one of the owners that are proposing to open the medical marijuana shop next to channel Point. This will be the only medically endorsed shop in Hoquiam, they need to become certified by the Department of Health to provide medical marijuana, before they can provide the relief that it provides to so many. She is a Hoquiam native – she grew up here – she would like to come back and be a part of the community.

Gary Patterson, 316 Karr Avenue, stated that he is standing up against adopting an ordinance that prohibits this business. These businesses are regulated by the state, and the City does not need to adopt further regulations against them.

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Alan Springer, Aberdeen, stated he is the partner of the proposed store that has applied to open. If the city only allows one store, you are limiting the revenue for Hoquiam. He stated that most of the people from the senior apartments will not even know they are in the building on 10<sup>th</sup> Street. They are going to be a professional office and business.

Judy Carter, 315 Lawrence, told the Council to look at the businesses downtown, no one wants to rent buildings in Hoquiam. If she was the owner of that building, she does not believe the City or Council should be able to tell them they cannot rent or sell their building. These businesses are regulated by the State, and licensed by the State, and will need to follow the rules that are set in place.

Claudia Spring, 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Hoquiam, stated that she uses medical marijuana for health and pain reasons. She believes that the city and Council are trying to hold back progress – you can't make money by stopping business. Please don't stop progress by being closed minded.

Councilmember Pellegrini moved to close hearing at 7:21 p.m. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

Three-Tenths Sales Tax Initiative – Public Safety

Councilmember Pellegrini moved to open the public hearing to discuss the Three-Tenths Sales Tax ballot proposal. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote at 7:22 p.m. There were no public comments. Mr. Folkers provided a brief summary, and councilmember Nelson moved to close the hearing at 7:22 p.m.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Swearing In Chief for a Day  
Evan Gentry

Chief Myers introduced Evan Gentry who will be his replacement for a day! Mayor Dickhoff swore Evan in and he was awarded his badge. Evan's mother told the Council a little about Evan and what he has gone through in his life and introduced the family members who were in attendance.

Introduction of Firefighter  
Tyler Lundy

Chief Dean introduced the newest member of our Fire Department, Firefighter Tyler Lundy. The city welcomed him to the Department.

Fire on Sumner

Elaine Anderson, Hoquiam, stated that she lives next door to the cabins on Sumner which have been vacant for the last 3 years. There was a fire on the property last week, and she is concerned that her house is going to go up in flames if something is not done. It is time to make the property owner responsible for his slum. Ms.

Anderson's neighbor agreed and stated that it is a public safety problem.

Fireworks

Bill Wieland, 600 Washington Court, spoke to the Council regarding the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. He would like to encourage the City Council to adopt a policy to limit the fireworks to the 4<sup>th</sup> only. Pets are scared to death. There were several huge loud explosions and he wonders what this does to those suffering from PTSD. As an adult he believes we set examples for our kids – what does it teach them if the parents are bringing illegal fireworks home.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Councilmember Pellegrini moved to approve consent agenda items a and b as written and the motion was seconded. Those items appearing on the consent agenda were as follows:

- The City Council Minutes of June 27, 2016
- A Notice of Completion – Pre-Commercial Thinning Mt. St. Helens Reforestation

The motion to approve the consent agenda passed by voice vote.

**OFFICER REPORTS**

Police Vehicle Purchase

Staff requested that Council approve the purchase of new 2017 Ford Police Interceptor police vehicle. The cost would be approximately \$34,000 off of the State Contract. There is money in the equipment rental fund for this purchase. Councilmember Pellegrini moved to approve purchase the vehicle and the motion was seconded. Following a brief discussion, the motion passed by voice vote.

**MAYORS REPORTS**

Pushrods Event

Mayor Dickhoff spoke briefly regarding the recent Pushrods event held on July 2<sup>nd</sup>. It was well attended.

Mayor Dickhoff thanked staff who worked on the street closures and traffic control for the recent Shared Waters – Shared Values demonstration. It was all handled well by the Quinault Nation and the City working together.

This is Finance Director Mike Folkers' last council meeting with the City. We wish him well at his new position at the City of Aberdeen.

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

Demonstration

Councilmember Winkelman stated that the individuals arranging the demonstration were very professional and all went well.

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HBA Forum Councilmember Forkum stated that she attended the HBA forum last week and there were some very positive discussions.

Washington coast Initiative Councilmember Pellegrini stated that the Washington Coast Committee has visited the various sites that applied for funding and will now score and send recommendations to legislature. The City has two projects, Fry Creek and Moon Island Road relocation, which applied for these funds.

**LEGAL BUSINESS**  
**ORDINANCES**

Ambulance Equipment Ballot Proposition An Ordinance of the City of Hoquiam, Washington, authorizing the submission to the voters of the city at an election to be held on November 8, 2016, of a proposition authorizing the city to issue its general obligation bonds in a principal amount not to exceed \$360,000 for the purpose of financing the acquisition of a new ambulance and the reconditioning of existing City ambulance. Councilmember Pellegrini moved for adoption of the ordinance and the motion was seconded. Councilmember Winkelman stated that this is a decision to put this to the voters, not to institute a new tax unless the voters approve it. Councilmember Wilson stated that he would rather the city cut costs and not increase revenues without having to raise taxes. Mr. Folkers explained the levy and stated it will cost the average homeowner approximately \$1.50 a month. Following the second reading, the motion passed by a roll call vote of 9 to 1 with Councilmember Wilson voting no.

Marijuana Business Zoning City Attorney Johnson asked that the Council proceed to Other Legal and take action on the Notice of Decision before considering this Ordinance.

**OTHER LEGAL**

Notice of Decision – Planning Commission Recommendation on Marijuana Business Zoning Councilmember Pellegrini moved to approve the code amendment recommendation. The motion was seconded. Councilmember Anderson asked if there were any regulations that would allow for medical marijuana. Mr. Johnson stated that as of July 1<sup>st</sup> all marijuana businesses must be licensed by the State and that all previous Medical Marijuana Businesses must shut down. Only those approved and issued a license by the State can be open. A lengthy discussion followed regarding opening of another marijuana business in Hoquiam. Following the discussion, the motion to approve the Planning Commission recommendation to approve the zoning code amendment failed.

Councilmember Forkum moved to send the issue back to the Planning Commission but her motion died for the lack of a second.

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Councilmember Livingston moved to reject any changes to the current regulations. The motion was seconded and following a brief discussion, the motion to reject passed by voice vote.

Zoning Code Amendment

As the Council chose to reject any changes, the ordinance on Marijuana Business Zoning was no longer considered.

**RESOLUTIONS**

Surplus Property

A Resolution declaring certain real property owned by the City to be surplus pursuant to Hoquiam Municipal code Section 1.64.005, 1.64.010 and 1.64.020. Councilmember Pellegrini moved to surplus the property location at 524 8<sup>th</sup> Street and 526 8<sup>th</sup> Street. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

Three-Tenths Public Safety Tax

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Hoquiam, Washington, demonstrating support for the passage of Grays Harbor County Proposition 1, the county-wide ballot measure placing before the voters the question of whether the sales and use tax in Grays harbor county should be increased three-tenths of one percent (0.3%), with the proceeds to be split between the county and the incorporated cities, and with at least one-third of the proceeds used to preserve the current level of criminal justice or fire protection purposes and to provide for anticipated future needs. Councilmember Pellegrini moved for adoption of the Resolution and the motion was seconded. Following a brief discussion, the motion passed by voice vote.

**OTHER LEGAL**

Real Estate

Council will have a discussion on Real Estate during executive session after which they will return to this item.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Dory and Lighthouse

Councilmember Winkelman asked if there was any update on the lighting for the dory and lighthouse. Mr. Shay stated that staff is still working on this.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Olympic Stadium Committee

Councilmember Forkum provided information to the Council regarding the formation of a "Friends of the Stadium" committee. Staff will review this and report back to the council.

Pedestrian Light/Crosswalk at Emerson and Lincoln

Councilmember Carlstrom asked for information regarding the removal of the pole at the corner of Emerson and Lincoln. There is no longer a pedestrian button to use to try and cross at this intersection. Staff stated that the pole was knocked over by a vehicle collision. The City hopes it will be repaired soon.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Code Compliance - Lawns

Bill Wieland, 600 Washington Court, stated that the lawns are being cleaned up in town. He is glad that Code Compliance has

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been working on this.

Marijuana Regulations

Kyle Pauley, Cosmopolis, stated that he is HBA President this year and would be happy to provide information to the Council on the HBA forums and activities. He also stated that he has reviewed the marijuana regulations extensively and is willing to share that knowledge with the council.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Real Estate

Councilmember Forkum moved to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss Real Estate at 8:29 p.m. for approximately 20 minutes. The motion was seconded and passed. It was announced that Council could take possible action when they reconvene in regular session.

Councilmember Nelson informed the public at 8:40 that the executive session will continue for an additional 10 minutes.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Council reconvened in regular session at 9:01 p.m.

**Real Estate**

Councilmember Pellegrini moved to have the two 8<sup>th</sup> Street properties that were surplused earlier in the meeting listed with a real estate agent and the motion was seconded. A brief discussion followed, after which Councilmember Winkelman called for the question on the motion. The motion to list the properties with a Real Estate Agent passed by voice vote.

Excuse Absent Members

Councilmember Winkelman 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 9:04 p.m. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

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Jasmine Dickhoff -- Mayor

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Tracy Wood – Council Secretary

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