

CITY OF HOQUIAM
Council Meeting Minutes

August 28, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Dickhoff called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Finance Director Schmid led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Police Explorers

Chief Myers spoke briefly about the Police Explorer program and introduced Officer Grossi who introduced Kayla Robinette, Richard "RJ" Abbott, Brisa Solano, Jordan Zapata and Courtney McCormick. Officer Grossi provided information on the recent Police Explorer Academy that they all attended. Mayor Dickhoff, Chief Myers and Officer Grossi presented each of the Explorers with their Academy Certificate of Completion.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Grun moved to approve 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 Hoquiam City Council Minutes of August 14, 2017;
- The Regulatory committee Report recommending approval and payment of claim check numbers 87434 through 87649 in the amount of \$928,243.93; Auto Pays and EFT numbers 161 through 167 in the amount of \$45,903.64; payroll check numbers 28370 through 28407 in the amount of \$179,693.63; ACH and EFT in the amount of \$357,551.06 and \$198,224.40 respectively; and that payroll and benefits for the month of September be approved and issued at the proper time.

The motion for approval passed by voice vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Safety Committee
Truck Parking on Bay Ave.

The Public Safety Committee made a recommendation to the Council that Section 7.80.030(35) be amended to prohibit parking within 300 feet of the intersection of Bay Avenue and 28th Street. Councilmember Pellegrini moved to approve the report and the motion was seconded. A brief discussion ensued wherein the committee stated that their recommendation is based on the visibility that people have entering traffic from Bay. Following this discussion, the motion passed by voice vote.

Public Safety Committee
Operation/Licensing of
ATV's

The Public Safety Committee made a recommendation to the Council that the City not approve the operation/licensing of wheeled all-terrain vehicles on City streets. Councilmember

Pellegrini moved for the approval of the committee report and the motion was seconded. Following a brief discussion, the motion passed by voice vote.

Public Safety Committee
Fireworks

The Public Safety Committee made a recommendation to the council that staff research the cost and timing of an advisory ballot to determine whether to ban fireworks in Hoquiam. Councilmember Pellegrini moved to approve the committee report and the motion was seconded. Following a brief discussion, the motion to approve the committee report passed by voice vote.

OFFICER REPORTS

Adams Street Stormwater
Outfall Repair Project

Mr. Shay provided a written report to the Council regarding a recent call for bids to make repairs to the Adams Street Stormwater Outfall. Four bids were received as follows:

- Thompson Leasing Company, Inc.- \$27,406.57
- Rognlin's, Inc. - \$43,520.00
- Gill Construction - \$56,576.00
- Quiggs, Inc. - \$62,451.20

Staff recommends that the Council accept the bids and award the project to Thompson Leasing Company as the apparent low bidder. Councilmember Pellegrini moved to accept the bid and award the contract to Thompsons and the motion seconded. Following a brief discussion, the motion passed by voice vote.

LED Street Light
Replacement

Mr. Shay provided a written report to the Council regarding the LED St. Light Conversion Project. The City was awarded two grants totaling \$265,512.00 from the Washington State Transportation Improvement Board to replace the street lights with energy efficient LED fixtures. The grants will cover 100% of the costs for purchasing and installing new equipment. Staff recommends that the Council authorize the purchase of the bulbs and fixtures through CED who are on the State contract to supply this equipment. The cost for the equipment needed will be \$43,587.64 and the City Electrician and Staff will replace the 164 lights owned and maintained by the City. Councilmember Pellegrini moved to accept the quote from CED and authorize the purchase of the necessary equipment and the motion was seconded. Following a brief discussion, the motion passed by voice vote.

MAYOR REPORTS

Employee Barbeque

Mayor Dickhoff acknowledged the work done by Councilmembers Anderson, Carlstrom, Nelson and Pellegrini to provide the employee barbeque this afternoon for the staff.

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Summer Parks Program

Mayor Dickhoff stated that she and the City Administrator have been discussing the possibility of reinstating a Summer Park Program. Councilmember Forkum moved to refer this item to the Regulatory Committee for their review and recommendation to the Council. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Surplus Property

The Regulatory Committee recently reviewed surplus property owned by the City. Mr. Shay stated that those properties are being listed on a site called Loop Net. Council can see all city owned property on the County Parcel database.

National Night Out

Councilmember Wilson acknowledged the work that went into National Night Out and thanked all those who hosted neighborhood parties.

Employee Barbeque

Councilmember Anderson thanked Councilmember Simera for obtaining a donation of a TV that was provided as a door prize for the employee barbeque.

LEGAL BUSINESS

Ordinances

Supplemental Budget

An Ordinance adopting supplemental budget No. 17-1 and appropriating funds. Councilmember Pellegrini moved for the adoption of this Ordinance and the motion was seconded. Finance Director Schmid provided a brief summary of what is included in the supplemental budget and following a brief discussion, the Ordinance was read by title a second time and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

OLD BUSINESS

Riverside Dike Lighting

Councilmember Forkum made a motion to have staff do an analysis on costs associated with installing led lights down Riverside dike. The motion was seconded and following a brief discussion, passed by voice vote.

Tour of Watershed

Planning Commission – Sign
Code

Council had requested that staff set dates for a Council to tour the watershed. There have only been a few councilmembers reply to the emails that were sent regarding the dates and times. Councilmembers Winkelman and Grun asked that the tour be postponed to later in September or sometime this fall to allow for more Councilmembers to attend.

Immanuel Baptist Athletic
Fields

Councilmember Winkelman stated that the Harbor Youth Soccer has been working with Immanuel Baptist and now have a full regulation soccer field at Sunshine park.

NEW BUSINESS

Friends of Olympic Stadium Councilmember Forkum stated that the Friends of Olympic Stadium met last week and that Al Gozart and Mr. Shay are assisting with writing grants to help fund needed repairs at the stadium. A brief discussion was held regarding local individuals who might be willing to help fund some of the repairs and improvements.

Cemetery Board Councilmember Grun stated that there will be a Cemetery Board meeting before next council meeting (September 11th) at 5:45 p.m. in the City Council chambers. He asked that the Finance Director and City Administrator attend the meeting.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Fireworks and Summer Parks Program Paul McMillan, 2401 Queets Avenue, spoke briefly regarding the possible ban of fireworks. Banning fireworks will not stop people from setting off fireworks. He also stated that before the City pursues a summer park program they should speak with Mr. Harris as to why the City of Aberdeen no longer has a summer park program.

Fireworks Karen Yowler, Olympia, stated that she works with various non-profits to provide legal fireworks and stated that banning fireworks will not get rid of fireworks. She provided information on damage caused by fireworks and that most of the issues have been caused by illegal fireworks, not those sold by the non-profits. She said that there is a lot for the council to consider before moving forward on this issue.

Library Project Arnie Martin, 631 Chenault, spoke briefly about the vacant Senate seat and the City pursuing funds for needed repairs at the library.

Cemetery and HBA Monthly Forum Kyle Pauley, Cosmopolis, spoke briefly about the upcoming Cemetery board meeting. He stated he has visited the cemetery and that the older section needs some work with the headstones, etc. He also invited Council to attend the HBA monthly forum on Wednesday at 5:30 at Chris' Motorcycle shop.

Fireworks Robin Moore 1019 Monroe, stated that she would like to respond to Ms. Yowler's comments and stated that any reasonable person would not believe that an Ordinance banning fireworks will make them go away completely.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Acquisition of Property

At 7:48 p.m. Mayor Dickhoff stated that Council will take a five minute recess after which they will adjourn to executive session for approximately 20 minutes to discuss the possible acquisition of property. Possible action might be taken when council resumes in regular session.

Council notified the public at 8:14 p.m. that the executive session will continue for an additional 10 minutes.

Council came back to order in regular session at 8:29 p.m.

Farmers Market Drive
Through

Councilmember Pellegrini made a motion to authorize the Mayor to negotiate a possible contract on the Farmers market drive through property. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

Surplus County Property Sale

Councilmember Winkelman made a motion to authorize staff to bid up to \$35,000 on County owned property on 8th Street at the County tax sale on September 15th. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Councilmember Pellegrini to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 p.m. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

Jasmine Dickhoff – Mayor

Tracy Wood – Council Secretary