

CITY OF HOQUIAM
Council Meeting Minutes

October 9, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

In attendance at the meeting were Mayor Dickhoff and Councilmembers Anderson, Carlstrom, Forkum (entered at 7:03 p.m.), Grun, Livingston, Nelson, Pellegrini, Pennant, Simera, Wilson and Winkelman. Absent from the meeting was Councilmember Swope.

Staff in attendance were Deputy Chief Wertanen, City Librarian Mary Thornton, City Attorney Steve Johnson, City Administrator Brian Shay, Assistant Finance Director Maureen Smedley and Council Secretary Tracy Wood.

COMMUNICATIONS

Grays Harbor PUD

Communications and Government Relations Director Ian Cope from the Grays Harbor PUD introduced General Manager Dave Ward and Commissioners Russ Skolrood and Dave Timmons. Mr. cope provided information to the Council on the PUD's operations and infrastructure. He also discussed improvements that the PUD will be making over the next few years.

Greater Grays Harbor, Inc.

Dru Garson, Greater Grays Harbor Inc., provided information to the council on the activities Greater Grays Harbor Inc. has been involved in over the past year. He said their mission statement is: Working to build and strengthen business and industry for a prosperous community. The City had approved \$4,000 for their organization in the last budget discussions. They are currently asking for an additional \$5,700.

BHP – Permit Fees

Included in the Council packet was a letter received from BHP regarding their Shorelines Substantial Development Permit Fee. BHP is asking the Council to consider a reduction in the permit fee. Councilmember Forkum moved to refer this to the Regulatory Committee for their review and recommendation to the Council. The motion was seconded and following a brief discussion on how the fee structure works, a voice vote was taken but was undeterminable. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed by a vote of 6 to 5.

**Public Communications
Railroad Traffic**

Mr. Bob Espisito, 400 Beacon Hill Drive, stated that if train traffic is going to increase due to future permitting, it might force the railroad into improving the routes.

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CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Grun moved to approve Consent Agenda items a and b as presented and the motion was seconded. Those items appearing on the Consent Agenda were as follows:

- The Hoquiam Council Minutes of September 25, 2017;
- A Notice of Completion for the WWTP Clarifier Replacement by Rognlin's Inc.

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

MAYOR REPORTS

Child Sex Trafficking
Presentation

Mayor Dickhoff thanked all who attended the recent presentation on Child Trafficking at the 7th Street Theatre. There will be a meeting on November 11, 2017, at the Hoquiam Timberland Library meeting room to develop a task force in our area.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Grand Avenue Drainage

Councilmember Winkelman again encouraged all of the City Councilmembers to talk to their constituents about problems or improvements in their wards. He met with his constituents regarding water drainage problems on Grand Avenue and has provided information to staff regarding possible solutions.

OLD BUSINESS

Watershed Tour

Councilmember Grun stated that there will be a tour of the Hoquiam Watershed on Saturday, November 4th. Transportation will be provided and the tour will leave City Hall at 10:00 a.m. Anyone who is interested in attending, please contact Tracy Wood. After a brief discussion, it was determined that the Public could attend but would need to sign a liability waiver.

Public Utilities Committee

It was announced that the Public Utilities Committee will meet following the next city council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Wastewater Treatment Plant

A brief discussion was held regarding the recent replacement of the Clarifier at the WWTP. Mr. Shay stated that staff is currently treating the sewage that was being stored in the lagoon while the equipment was being replaced and the smell should dissipate over the next week or so.

Excuse Absent Member

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

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ADJOURN

Councilmember Pellegrini moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. and the motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

Jasmine Dickhoff - Mayor

Tracy Wood – Council Secretary