

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

**February 12, 2018**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ROLL CALL**

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

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**Eagle Scout Project**

Alex Tomko spoke to the Council regarding his ideas for an Eagle Scout project to recognize Loggers in our community. He would like to construct a new Loggers Playday sign at the triangle park on Emerson Avenue recognizing past Loggers Playday chairmen as well as possibly having a memorial wall where people could have names engraved. He would include a new bench as well as Totem Poles recognizing the logging heritage. Councilmember McMillan moved to allow Alex to proceed with his project regarding the Loggers memorial and the totem poles, but asked that he bring further information back to the council in the near future for the project. The motion was seconded. Councilmember McMillan amended his motion to give council approval for use of the city property for this project and the amendment was seconded and passed by voice vote. The main motion, as amended, passed by voice vote.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Councilmember Grun moved to approve consent agenda, item a and his motion was seconded. Item A consisted of the City Council Minutes of January 22, 2018. The motion passed by voice vote.

**OFFICER REPORTS**

**Timber Sale 2018-1**

Mr. Shay provided a written report to the Council regarding lump bids received by the City for timber Sale 2018-1. Three bids were received as follows: A-1 Timber Consultants \$2,205,624; Sierra Pacific Industries \$2,348,318; and Harbor Timber \$2,761,000. Staff recommends that Council award the sale to Harbor Timber for \$2,761,000. Councilmember McMillan moved to approve the staff recommendation and award the sale to Harbor Timber and his motion was seconded. Following a brief discussion on the location of the sale and the size of the sale, the motion to approve the bid award passed by voice vote.

**Critical Areas Ordinance Update**

Mr. Shay provided a written report to the Council regarding a required review and update of the Critical Areas Ordinance in accordance with the Growth Management Act. The State Department of commerce has officered the City a grant of \$4,500 to hire a consultant to perform the necessary review. Staff recommends that the Council accept the grant and the proposal by

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AHBL (who drafted our shorelines Master Plan) to perform the necessary service. Councilmember McMillan moved to approve the staff recommendation and the motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

Sierra Pacific/Seabrook  
Foundation Grants for  
Portable Radios

Fire chief Dean included a letter in the packet thanking Sierra Pacific and the Seabrook Foundation for the grants they awarded to the City which were used to replace outdated portable radios for the Fire Department.

**MAYOR REPORTS**

City Policy

Mayor Dickhoff stated that she will be bringing a City policy to a future meeting for consideration by the Council.

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

Fire on Simpson

Councilmember Winkelman publicly thanked the Police and Fire Departments for their response to the Fire on Simpson Avenue at the old Detour. He also thanked the citizen who reported the fire which aided in the quick response.

Council Retreat

Councilmember McMillan reminded the Council that we have set March 19, 2018, for a Council Retreat. Staff will attend from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. after which the Council will meet for an additional hour until 8:00 p.m.

**LEGAL BUSINESS**

**Resolutions**

Emergency Purchase of Storm  
Pump Motor

A Resolution declaring an emergency pursuant to RCW 39.04.280 (1)(c) and waiving the bid requirements of RCW 35.23.352, and authorizing the immediate purchase of a replacement motor which would operate one of the City's storm water pump stations. Councilmember McMillan moved for the adoption of the resolution and the motion was seconded. Following a brief discussion, wherein Mr. Shay explained the need for the motor and stated the cost would be approximately \$20,000, the motion for approval passed by voice vote.

**LEGAL BUSINESS**

**Other**

Interlocal Purchasing  
Agreement with Vashon  
Island Fire and Rescue

Included in the Council packet was an Interlocal Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with Vashon Island Fire & Rescue for the purchase of their ambulance. Ms. Schmid provided some background information to the Council stating that this would allow Vashon Island to use the same bid for their purchase without having to go through the entire bid process. Councilmember McMillan moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement and the motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

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**OLD BUSINESS**

**Capital Facilities Charges**

Councilmember Winkelman moved to bring an Ordinance to the next Council meeting reflecting the public utilities recommendation made on December 11<sup>th</sup> regarding Capital Facilities charges and his motion was seconded. Mayor Dickhoff stated that she disagrees with the recommendation to reduce and eliminate these charges for the gain of private homeowners and developers. She stated she intends to Veto this Ordinance if the Council approves it. A voice vote was taken on the motion to proceed with an ordinance but was undeterminable and a roll call vote was taken which passed by 6 to 4, with Councilmembers McMillan, George, Grun and Anderson voting no.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Offshore Oil Drilling**

Councilmember Anderson moved to have staff draft a Resolution for the next council meeting opposing offshore oil and gas drilling. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

**Committee Meetings**

**Public Utilities Committee**

It was announced that the Public Utilities Committee will meet following the council meeting on February 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Watershed Committee**

**Community Forums**

It was announced that the Watershed Committee will meet at 6:00 p.m. on February 26<sup>th</sup> before the council meeting.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**Sidewalk by Library**

Richard Pennant, 506 K Street, spoke regarding a fall he took on the sidewalk in front of the library. It is a trip hazard and although the City has marked it, it cannot be seen at night. The City needs to make sure it is marked well so people can see it and get it fixed as soon as possible.

**Sidewalk by Library**

Connie Parsons, Emerson Manor, also spoke regarding the sidewalk in front of the library and stated that it is one of the worst in town.

**Offshore Oil Drilling**

Arnie Martin, Chenault, spoke to the Council regarding the proposed resolution opposing offshore oil drilling. A similar resolution has been passed in Ocean Shores and Westport and will be before the Aberdeen city council on Wednesday for their consideration.

**Executive Session**

**Real Estate**

Mayor Dickhoff announced that the Council will adjourn to executive session to discuss the potential sale of property and minimum amount that will be asked for the property. The session should last approximately 15 minutes.

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**Excuse Absent Members**

Councilmember McMillan moved to excuse the absent members and his motion was seconded. Councilmember Wilson asked if the absent members were gone for an excusable reason and if they had notified the Mayor or her designee. Ms. Wood is the designee and stated that they had both notified her and that they fell within an excusable absence. The motion to excuse passed by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 7:40 p.m. it was announced that Council would take a 5 minute recess after which they would convene in Executive Session to discuss real estate for 15 minutes.

**Sale of City Property**

Council came back to order in regular session at 8:05 p.m. at which time Councilmember McMillan moved to give the City Administrator authority to execute a purchase and sale agreement for 2801 Aberdeen Avenue. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

**ADJOURN**

Councilmember McMillan moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

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Jasmine Dickhoff - Mayor

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Tracy Wood – Council Secretary