

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

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**January 27, 2014**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ROLL CALL**

In attendance at the meeting were Mayor Durney and Councilmembers Anderson, Dickhoff, Diehm, Grun, McMillan, Moir, Pellegrini, Pennant, Simera, Swope and Winkelman. Absent from the meeting was Councilmember Nelson.

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**

**School District M&O Levy**

Councilmember McMillan moved to open the public hearing to discuss the Hoquiam School District M&O Levy at 7:01 p.m. m. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote. Hearing no public comment, Councilmember McMillan moved to close the hearing and the motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**Farmers Market**

Barbara Bennett Parsons provided an update to the Council regarding the operations of the Farmers Market for 2013. They are very appreciative of the addition that was made. They plan to open the deck area for people to enjoy during over the next summer and are also planning to partner with the Harbor Art Guild to have art work and art demonstrations as well. Councilmember Winkelman thanked Barbara for her work at the market.

**Planning Commission Meeting**

Mr. Dave Forbes, 2216 Aberdeen Avenue, Hoquiam, stated that he recently attended the Planning Commission meeting and stated there was very little discussion on proposed changes to the fence and hedge ordinances. He does not feel there is an issue in town and does not feel there is a need for the proposed changes.

**Rachel's Challenge**

Girl Scout Troop 409 had made a presentation to the Council last spring regarding a project they were working on concerning bullying in school. Lindsey Blanchard and Tynne were successful in their fundraising efforts and raised enough money to bring this inspiring program to the schools. There will be an assembly at the schools and an evening presentation at 6:30 p.m. on February 13, 2014 at the Hoquiam Middle School.

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**Recognition of Nirvana**

Barbara Bennett Parsons, Grand Avenue, Hoquiam, stated that she felt there were other people who have worked and contributed to this community who were more deserving of a Proclamation than Nirvana. Mayor Durney stated that it was a Proclamation for the band Nirvana, not singularly for Cobain, in honor of them being inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Councilmember McMillan moved that items a and b on the Consent Agenda be approved as presented and the motion was seconded. Those items appearing on the consent agenda were as follows:

- The Hoquiam City Council Minutes January 13, 2014;
- The Regulatory Committee report recommending approval and payment of claim check numbers 78983 through 79163 in the amount of \$810,528.86.

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Marijuana Zoning  
Recommendation –  
Planning Commission**

The Planning Commission made a recommendation to the Council that the proposed zoning Ordinance be adopted as presented. Any business for the sale of marijuana would be required to be located in an Industrial Zone and would require a conditional use permit. Marijuana Collective Gardens would be prohibited. Councilmember McMillan made a motion that the recommendation of the Planning Commission be adopted and referred to the Land Use Hearings Examiner, with the exception that the proposed zoning ordinance be amended to provide that until Federal law is amended to permit the growing, distribution and possession of marijuana, or until a court of competent jurisdiction determines that local governments in Washington State may permit such uses, the City of Hoquiam will adhere to Federal law and will not authorize these activities. The motion was seconded. Councilmember Pennant asked to speak to the issue and Mayor Durney stated that there could be a potential conflict, and that Councilmember Pennant would need to disclose the conflict. Councilmember Pennant is among other people in the community who have applied for retail licenses. Councilmember Pennant stated he wanted to provide information on the election results of this issue and that is what he wanted to discuss. Mayor Durney stated that he is aware of the voting results. Mayor Durney recommended that he abstain from voting or discussing because of the disclosed potential conflict. Further discussion was held regarding the recent ruling of the States

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Attorney General ruling that cities and counties have the authority to ban. The motion made by Councilmember McMillan passed by voice vote.

**Planning Commission**  
**Fences and Hedges**

The Planning Commission made a recommendation that the Council consider removing the height restriction from hedges but maintain restriction on fences. Councilmember Moir moved for adoption and the motion was seconded. Mr. Shay provided background on why this issue came up. Councilmember Moir stated he would like to see consistency. Councilmember McMillan moved to table the issue and the motion to table was seconded and passed by voice vote.

**OFFICER REPORTS**  
**Tree Planting Bids**

The City recently called for bids for replanting of approximately 106 acres in the City Watershed. Two bids were received as follows: Ramon Coronel Reforestation provided a bid of \$200 per 1,000 trees; Mt. St. Helens provided a bid of \$240 per 1,000 trees. Staff recommends that Council accept and award the bid to Ramon Coronel as the apparent low bidder. Councilmember Moir moved to award the bid as recommended. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

**MAYORS REPORTS**  
**FEMA**

Mayor Durney stated that the Regional Person from FEMA will be hosting an open house at the Rotary Log Pavilion on February 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. He encouraged people to attend.

**COUNCIL REPORTS**  
**Hoquiam Business**  
**Association**

Councilmember Winkelman stated that the Hoquiam Business Association will hold an open public forum on Wednesday, January 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 a.m. Newrizons. He also stated that he has met with Peter Benjamin and his promotion manager and that Peter is interested in doing a show at the 7<sup>th</sup> Street Theatre on March 1<sup>st</sup> with the idea that the profits will go to giving back to the community. He encouraged everyone to get their tickets in advance

**7<sup>th</sup> Street Theatre Movies**

It was reported that there was very good attendance at the movies shown last weekend at the 7<sup>th</sup> Street. Both movies shown were filmed in areas of Grays Harbor.

**LEGAL BUSINESS**  
**Resolutions**  
**Support for Hoquiam**  
**School District Levy**

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Hoquiam, Washington, demonstrating support for the Hoquiam School District No. 28 Maintenance and Operations Levy. Councilmember McMillan moved for adoption of the Resolution and the motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

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**OTHER LEGAL**

**Building Inspection  
Services City of Westport**

Included in the Council packet was an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Westport and the City of Hoquiam, wherein the City of Hoquiam will provide Building Inspection Services for Westport. Councilmember McMillan moved for adoption of the Agreement and the motion was seconded. Mr. Shay provided information on the agreement after which the motion for approval passed by voice vote.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Committee on Committees  
2014 Committee  
Assignments**

The Committee on Committees presented their 2014 Council Committee Assignments as follows:

Public Utilities: Councilmembers Winkelman, Moir, Anderson, Grun and Pennant.

Public Safety and Law: Councilmembers McMillan, Nelson, Swope, Anderson and Simera.

Watershed: Councilmembers Grun, Diehm, Simera, Swope and Pennant.

Regulatory: Councilmembers Moir, Pellegrini, Winkelman and McMillan.

**Mayors Appointments  
Council Committees**

Also appointed by the Mayor for the 2014 Calendar Year were the following Councilmembers to act as the Council representative to the following Boards and Committees: Councilmember Nelson to the Cemetery Board; Councilmembers Moir and Winkelman to the Community Services Board; Councilmember Diehm to the Loggers Playday Committee, Councilmember Pellegrini to the Council of Governments, Councilmember McMillan to the Library Board and 911 Board.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Public Safety Committee**

It was announced that the Public Safety Committee will meet on February 3rd at 5:00 p.m. at Fire Station.

**Excuse Absent Member**

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

**Workshop**

Councilmember Dickhoff announced that Council will hold a workshop before the next regular council meeting. 5:30 p.m. on February 10<sup>th</sup>.

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**Council Retreat**

It was announced that the Council will hold a retreat on February 19<sup>th</sup> at the PUD meeting room from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

**Election of Committee  
Chairs**

Committees were asked to meet for a brief period following the meeting to elect the chair of each committee.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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JACK DURNEY – Mayor

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TRACY WOOD – Council Secretary