

**CITY OF HOQUIAM  
Council Meeting Minutes**

**February 24, 2014**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ROLL CALL**

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

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.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**Police Department Award**

Chief Myers presented the Live Saving Award Medal to Sgt. Jeff Salstrom for an incident involving children being mauled by a dog. Mayor Durney congratulated Sgt. Salstrom for his heroic efforts. Mayor Durney also welcomed Deputy Chief Wertanen back to duty.

**Opposition to Westway and Imperium Expansion and Crude by Rail Transport**

The following people spoke in opposition to the permitting for expansion of Westway Terminal and Imperium Biodiesel and for the possible transportation of crude by oil.

Ron-Figler Barnes, 2112 S. 4<sup>th</sup>, Elma, Wa  
Arthur R.D. Grunbaun, 1128 State Route 105, Aberdeen, WA  
Frank Gordon, County Commissioner, Aberdeen, WA  
Dave Forbes, 2216 Aberdeen Ave., Hoquiam, WA  
Robin Moore, 1019 Monroe, Hoquiam, WA  
Karunna Johnson, Hoquiam, WA  
Judy Sherdahl 119 Karr, Hoquiam, WA  
Arnie Martin, 631 Chenault, Hoquiam, WA

Mayor Durney asked that Council move to regular business and if anyone else from the audience would like to speak Council would hold another public comment period at the end of the meeting. Councilmember Dickhoff stated that she would prefer Council just continue with public comment now. Mayor Durney asked that those remaining limit their comments to 2 minutes.

Also speaking in opposition to the permitting and rail transport were:

Donna Alberts, 608 W. Broadway, Montesano, WA  
Carol Seeman, 2001 Mallard Lane, Aberdeen, WA

Mr. Al Richrod, 707 W. 4<sup>th</sup>, Aberdeen, WA

Mayor Durney again reminded everyone that he would like them to keep their comments to 2 minutes – that Council would need to move on to the regular business and Councilmember Pennant stated that the rule states the public is allowed to speak for 5 minutes. Mayor Durney explained that the 5 minutes is not a rule of the council or the municipal code. It is a time limit that we try to set and can adjust when necessary.

Also speaking in opposition were:

Jarrold Figler Barnes, 2112 S. 4<sup>th</sup>, Elma, WA  
Bonnie Campbell, 812 N. Blakely, Montesano, WA  
Linda Orgel, 1128 State Route 105, Aberdeen, WA  
Brady Engval, Grays Harbor  
Tory Kovak, 1308 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Aberdeen  
Jim Campbell, 812 N. Blakely, Montesano, WA

Mr. Dave Forbes, 2216 Aberdeen Avenue, Hoquiam, thanked the Mayor and Council for allowing the public to speak and also thanked the citizens for taking the time to attend the meeting and state their opinion.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Councilmember McMillan moved for adoption of items a and b on the consent agenda as presented. The motion was seconded. Those items appearing on the consent agenda were as follows:

- The City Council Minutes February 10, 2014
- The Regulatory Committee report recommending approval and payment of claim check numbers 79178 through 79335 in the amount of \$561,052.60;

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Ambulance Rates**

The Regulatory Committee made a recommendation that non-resident ambulance transport rates be increased to 25% over the resident rates. Councilmember Moir moved for the adoption of the committee report and the motion was seconded. Following a brief discussion, the motion for approval passed by voice vote.

**OFFICER REPORTS**

**Pump Station Variable  
Drive Bids**

Mr. Shay presented a written report to the council regarding the recent request for bids on the Pump Station Variable Drives for the Adams Street Pump Station and the Queen Avenue

Sewer/Storm Water Pump Station. Mr. Shay reported that two bids were received as follows:

Coast Controls - \$37,614.80

Control Systems International LLC - \$74,937.11

Staff recommends that Council approve the bids and award the bid to Coast Controls as the apparent low bidder. Councilmember McMillan moved to approve the staff recommendation and the motion was seconded. A brief discussion followed after which the motion passed by voice vote.

**EIS Consultant**

Mr. Shay presented a written report to the Council regarding a Request for Qualifications for qualified consulting firms to do the scope of services necessary to perform an Environmental Impact Statement on the proposed expansion of Westway Terminals and Imperium. Four firms submitted packages that were reviewed by the City and staff at the Department of Ecology. Staff recommends that council authorize the Mayor to sign an agreement with ICF Jones and Stokes. It was also noted that the full cost for the consultant will be the responsibility of Westway and Imperium. Councilmember Moir moved to authorize the Mayor to sign an agreement with ICF Jones and Stokes. The motion was seconded and a lengthy discussion followed. Council requested that an additional meeting be held if necessary for the public to be able to make their comments – possibly in east county. Councilmember Grun moved to table the agreement and his motion was seconded. Mr. Shay explained that we are co-lead with the Department of Ecology but they are the regulating authority on this project. The consultant would work for the City and DOE. When the opponents to this project filed their original appeal, they had requested at that time that a full EIS be completed. Westway and Imperium were not required to have an EIS done but have requested it at this time. The EIS is the most stringent of the regulations that can be asked for. Councilmember Moir stated that in the emails he has received on this subject, the majority had asked for an EIS. That is what the council is trying to accomplish here. The consultant does not work for Westway or Imperium, and will make conduct the full scope of services necessary to perform the EIS. The motion to table failed, after which the main motion for approval and authorization for the Mayor to enter into the agreement passed by voice vote.

**MAYORS REPORTS  
FEMA**

Mayor Durney provided a brief report regarding the new FEMA regulations. He stated that a vote will go before the legislature on

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Wednesday which would stop the new regulations from taking effect until further review can be completed on the impacts it has to the homeowners and citizens.

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

**Hoquiam Business Association**

Councilmember Winkelman stated that Crossfit Ghost will open on March 1<sup>st</sup> 2014, in the old Senior Center. He also reminded council that Peter Benjamin will be playing at the 7<sup>th</sup> St. Theatre on March 1, 2014. He has tickets available if anyone is interested.

**LEGAL BUSINESS  
ORDINANCES**

**Ambulance Rates**

An Ordinance relating to charges for ambulance service; and amending Subsections (3) and (5) of Section 1.45.080 of the Hoquiam Municipal Code; and creating an effective date. Councilmember McMillan moved for the adoption of this ordinance and the motion was seconded. A brief discussion on the rates followed after which Mr. Folkers read the Ordinance by title a second time and the motion for approval passed by unanimous roll call vote.

**Supplemental Budget**

An Ordinance adopting Supplemental Budget No. 14-1 and appropriating funds. Councilmember McMillan moved for the adoption of the Ordinance and the motion was seconded. A brief discussion followed and Mr. Folkers provided some background information. The Ordinance was read by title a second time and the motion to approve passed by unanimous roll call vote.

**OTHER LEGAL**

**Youth Baseball Agreements**

Councilmember McMillan moved to approve all three of the contracts with Hoquiam Youth Baseball, Hoquiam Babe Ruth and Hoquiam Girls Fastpitch. The motion was seconded and a brief discussion on the fees followed. Hearing no further comment the motion to approve the contracts passed by voice vote.

**Skillings and Connelly –  
Amendment to Downtown  
Pedestrian Safety Project  
Agreement**

Mr. Shay provided information to the Council regarding the amendment to the original contract. Due to weather constraints, and the progress of the work, this amendment is asking for an additional \$7,500 for construction management services due to the various delays. Councilmember Dickhoff moved for the approval of the amendment and the motion was seconded. A brief discussion followed after which the motion for approval passed by voice vote.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Mayors Cup**

Mayor Durney thanked the Community Services Department for their work on the Mayors Cup Race which was held on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. There was good attendance at the event.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

**Public Safety Meeting**

Councilmember McMillan announced that there will be a Public Safety Committee meeting on Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00 at the Police Station.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Councilmember Moir moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 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



