

CITY OF HOQUIAM
Council Meeting Minutes

March 10, 2014

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Durney led the flag salute after which he called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

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 Librarian Mary Thornton, City Attorney Steve Johnson, City Administrator Brian Shay, Finance Director Mike Folkers and Council Secretary Tracy Wood.

COMMUNICATIONS

**Flood Insurance
Requirements - FEMA**

Ms. Erica Hollan, Hoquiam, spoke to the Council regarding the new FEMA regulations and how this is going to affect the homeowners in Hoquiam. She asked that Councilmembers contract our legislators to seek assistance in changing this.

Ms. Robin Moore, 1019 Monroe, Hoquiam, also spoke to the council regarding the new FEMA regulations. She also asked that Staff and Council please speak into their microphones so the citizens can hear them clearly.

Crude by Rail

Mr. Arnie Martin, 631 Chenault, Hoquiam, stated that he and the others who have spoken against the crude by oil are not the cities enemies, they want to make town livable and safe for the citizens. He also stated that there are some cities that have passed resolutions trying to regulate rail service.

FEMA

Mayor Durney spoke briefly regarding FEMA and what is being done at this time. He will continue to provide updates. He and the Council understand the burden this is putting on home owners in Hoquiam.

Ms. Rita Niles, 604 Simpson Avenue, Aberdeen, WA, stated that she works at crisis clinic and their union wanted to let the City know that they would possibly be striking this weekend.

Dave Forbes, 2216 Aberdeen Avenue, Hoquiam, spoke regarding the Public Hearing on zoning that will be held on March 20th. He believes better notice needs to be provided to the citizens

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember McMillan moved for the adoption 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 City Council Minutes of February 24, 2014;
- The Regulatory Committee report recommending approval and payment of claim check numbers 79336 through 79358 in the amount of \$85,071.77; ACH and EFT deposits in the amount of \$534,161.34; and payroll check numbers 26918 through 26953 in the amount of \$177,670.22.

The motion for approval passed by voice vote.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS
Public Safety Committee –
Traffic Revision**

The Public Safety Committee made a recommendation that there be no changes in the traffic flow or signage from the request made by Ocean Protein at an earlier meeting. Councilmember McMillan moved for the adoption of the committee report. The motion was seconded and following a brief discussion, passed by voice vote.

**MAYORS REPORTS
Council Retreat**

Mayor Durney spoke briefly regarding the Grimm-Watters Flood Affordability Act. He will keep the council and citizens informed on any actions that might be taken.

Staffing Change

Mayor Durney announced that Mark Davis in our Public Works Department has taken a position with the City of Westport. Friday will be his last day with the City.

Marijuana Tax Revenues

AWC is asking that cities contact their representatives to support an amendment to provide a portion of tax revenues to cities on marijuana sales.

Sidewalk Project

The K Street Sidewalk project is progressing as weather permits

Councilmember Pennant stated that the city accepts money for tobacco and alcohol sales with no problem. He does not understand why they won't support marijuana. Marijuana doesn't kill like tobacco and alcohol.

**COUNCIL REPORTS
Hoquiam Business
Association**

Councilmember Winkelman reminded Council and Staff that the Grays Harbor Expo will be at the Aberdeen High School on Saturday, March 15th. He also stated that the Hoquiam Shows Its Best Auction is scheduled for October 11th.

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Council of Governments Councilmember Pellegrini spoke briefly about the accomplishments of the Council of Governments. He encouraged the other Councilmember to review the 2013 GHCOG annual report.

Vision 2020 Public Meeting Councilmember McMillan encouraged attendance at the Open Public Meeting being held by Vision 2020 at the Aberdeen High School on March 11th.

St. Patrick's Day Fun Run Council and staff were reminded that the City is sponsoring the St. Patrick's Fun Run on Saturday, March 15th.

LEGAL BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS

Surplus Property

A Resolution declaring certain personal property owned by the City to be surplus items pursuant to Hoquiam Municipal Code Section 1.64.005, 1.64.010 and 1.64.020. The resolution is surpluses items from the Police Department, Water Department and Fire Department. Councilmember McMillan moved for adoption of the Resolution and the motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS

Stop Sign 9th & Levee

Councilmember Winkelman asked when the stop sign on 9th and Levee would be installed. Mr. Shay will speak with the Street Department and get this completed.

NEW BUSINESS

Stop Sign at 9th and Levee

A brief discussion was held regarding things the City could possibly do to help with the FEMA requirement issues. Could dikes be installed, zoning changed, etc. Staff is currently researching these things.

Meeting with Department of Ecology

Mr. Shay provided a brief update on the meeting that will be held on March 13th with the City, the Department of Ecology and the Consultant. This is not a public meeting but a planning meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Comp Plan

A question was raised as to whether the City currently has a comp plan. Mr. Shay stated that the comp plan was adopted approximately 2 years ago by the Council and can be reviewed by any Councilmember at City Hall.

Employee Barbeque

A brief discussion was held regarding the employee barbeque which is sponsored by the Council. Each Councilmember is asked to provide \$25.00 which goes in support of the barbeque.

Loading Zone

A request was made that staff remove the "Loading Zone" parking restriction in front of the old senior center.

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- New Businesses** Councilmember Winkelman stated that Crossfit Ghost has opened as well as Simpson Ave. Grill.
- Bluff Clean-up** Councilmember Pellegrini thanked staff for the recent work on the clean-up of the bluff slide.
- Additional Communication Time for Public** A brief discussion was held on Public Communication. Councilmember McMillan moved to add an additional communication time for the public at the end of the meetings for one month after which Council will review. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.
- Department of Ecology** Councilmember Pennant asked about attendance at the meeting with DOE. Mr. Shay again explained that this is a planning meeting – not a public meeting.
- ADJOURNMENT** Councilmember McMillan moved to adjourn at 7:56 p.m. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

JACK DURNEY – Mayor

TRACY WOOD – Council Secretary

