

**CITY OF HOQUIAM  
Council Meeting Minutes**

**March 24, 2014**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Councilmember Moir led the flag salute after which Mayor Durney 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**

**Tsunami Ready**

Mayor Durney spoke briefly regarding Tanner Strom's Eagle Scout project. Tanner completed a trail with signage from Lincoln School to the Cemetery.

Mr. Ted Beuhner, Warning Communications Meteorologist with NOAA and Brynne Walker, WA State Military Department presented the Tsunami Ready award to the City of Hoquiam

**Summer Haven Estates**

Mr. Folkers read a letter from Michael Zblewski, one of the new owners of Summer Haven Estates asking that the City consider waiving the hook-up/connection charges for new construction. Councilmember McMillan moved to refer the request to the Regulatory Committee. The motion was seconded and was followed by a brief discussion, after which the motion to refer to committee passed by voice vote.

**County Commissioner**

Mr. Al Smith, Wishkah Valley resident, introduced himself to the Council and announced that he intends to run for the District 3 County Commissioner position.

**Neighborhood Problem**

Ms. Lisa Chappel, Hoquiam, spoke to the council regarding problems with theft and possible drug activity in her neighborhood. She stated that the thefts are becoming a constant problem.

**Notification Process**

Mr. Bill Whelan, 600 Washington Court, stated that he was dismayed by the article in paper regarding the recent public hearing on zoning for Marijuana Businesses. He said it is not easy to find on the public notices on the website, and there are many who do not receive the Vidette where the notices are published. He also spoke briefly regarding the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary

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of the Exxon Valdez and stated that this makes him more aware of what our community could be looking at if the crude by rail comes to our town.

**Neighborhoods and  
Publication of Notices**

Ms. Robin Moore, 1019 Monroe, Hoquiam, stated she is having the same problem with stolen property and also agrees with the difficulty in finding things on the website.

**Publications**

Mr. Arnie Martin, Chenault, asked if notices could also be published in the Daily World and commented on the recent National News article on FEMA regulations which featured Hoquiam.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Councilmember McMillan 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 City Council minutes of March 10, 2014;
- The Regulatory Committee report recommending approval and payment of claim check numbers 79359 through 79526 in the amount of \$776,992.61.

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Historic Preservation  
Committee**

The Historic Preservation Commission requested that the Council set a public hearing date to consider an application for Nomination to the Local Historic Register. Councilmember Dickhoff moved to set the hearing for April 14, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. The motion was seconded and following a brief discussion, passed by voice vote.

**OFFICER REPORTS**

**Tree Planting Bids**

The City recently made a call for bids to replant 106 acres of timberlands in the Hoquiam Watershed. Two bids were received as follows:

Sierra Reforestation \$250.00 per 1000 trees;  
Mt. St. Helens Reforestation \$450 per 1000 trees;

Staff recommends that the Council award the bid to Sierra Reforestation as the apparent low bidder. Councilmember McMillan moved to approve the bid award and authorize the Mayor to sign any necessary agreements. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote. Tree Planting Bids

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**MAYORS REPORTS**

**Citizen of the Year**

Mayor Durney stated that Mickey Thurman has been named Grays Harbor Citizen of the Year and that there will be an open house to recognize Mickey at the Polson Museum on Sunday, Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 p.m. He congratulated Mickey on receiving this award. He also stated that the Hoquiam Elks will take over the yearly banquet that honors the Citizen of the Year, the Police Officer of the Year and the Fire Fighter of the year

**Academy Graduation**

Mayor Durney stated that Chief Myers sent out an invitation to attend the graduation for our two PSO's who are attending academy and will graduate on April 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Eagle Scout Designation**

Mayor Durney recently stated that he attended the recent ceremony when Tanner Strom received his Eagle Scout Designation.

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

**Library Board**

Councilmember McMillan stated that Nicholas Moir has been appointed to serve as the student representative on the Library Board.

**Hoquiam Business Association**

Councilmember Winkelman announced that the Hoquiam Business Association public forum will be held at Harbor Drug on Wednesday 7:00 a.m. He also said that the owners of Crossfit Ghost will be on the radio on Tuesday.

**LEGAL BUSINESS**

**OTHER LEGAL**

**Water Transmission Main Construction Engineering Services**

Included in the packet for the Council to consider was an agreement with HDR Engineering for the Water Transmission Main Task Order #4; Construction Engineering Services. Councilmember Moir moved for approval of the agreement and to authorize the Mayor to sign any necessary documents. The motion was seconded and following a brief discussion, the motion passed by voice vote.

**Revocable Use Permit – Whisler Communications**

Included in the packet for the Council to consider was a request for renewal of a Revocable Use Permit with Whisler Communication for location of their equipment on City property. Councilmember McMillan moved for adoption of the agreement, the motion was seconded. Following a brief discussion the motion to approve the Permit passed by voice vote.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Public Safety Meeting**

Councilmember McMillan announced that the Public Safety Committee will meet on Monday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 p.m. at the Fire Department. There will be a short committee meeting

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followed by a tour of the fire department and the opportunity to see the fire equipment.

**Taxing on Oil**

Councilmember Grun asked if the cities could impose taxes on oil. Mr. Folkers explained that the State does not allow this

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**Public Comment Period**

Mr. Smith thanked the Council for a second opportunity to speak.

**Microphones**

Ms. Robin Moore asked that the Council please utilize their microphones so that the audience can hear what they are saying.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Councilmember Moir moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 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

