

CITY OF HOQUIAM
Council Meeting Minutes

April 14, 2014

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Durney called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmember Anderson led the flag salute. 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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Durney asked to move to Executive Session after which the council will come back to order in regular session. Personnel and Labor Negotiations will be discussed in the Executive Session and it will last approximately 30 minutes. No action will be taken following the session.

Council was called back to order in regular session at 7:00 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARING

**Nomination to Hoquiam
Historic Register**

Councilmember McMillan moved to open the hearing at 7:06 p.m. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote. City Planner Josh Beach provided a written report to the Council regarding an application from Quigg Brothers, Inc. to list their property at 1508 Riverside on the Local Historic Register. Mr. Beach stated that the building does meet the requirements for listing and the Historic Preservation Committee has reviewed the application and at a recent meeting moved to approve the application and send the request on to the City Council for their action.

Mr. Charlie Quigg, representing the applicants, provided a brief explanation of what their plans are for repair to the building. He stated that it should take approximately 3 months for the repairs and that they are in the process of permitting now. They plan to start the work in May dependent upon the approval of the environmental permitting.

Mr. Shay explained that the process would be for the council to direct staff to draft a resolution. Councilmember McMillan moved to close the hearing at 7:11 p.m. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

COMMUNICATIONS

Volunteer Recognition

Chief Myers made a presentation to the Department Chaplain, the Police Explorers and the Crime Watch volunteers recognizing them for all of the hours that they volunteer for the City of Hoquiam. Karen Harp was also awarded a plaque for reaching 1000 hours of service.

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- Proclamation - Arbor Day** Mr. Folkers read a Proclamation declaring April 25, 2014, as Arbor Day in the City of Hoquiam.
- Ward Maps and Tank Projects on Port Property** Ms. Robin Moore, 1019 Monroe, stated that the ward maps she was able to access on the County website were dated 2008. She also spoke in opposition of the tank expansion on the Port Property.
- Shorebird Festival and Coal Proposal Opposition** Mr. Arnie Martin, 631 Chenault, invited the Council and Staff to attend the Shorebird Festival on April 25-27, 2014. He also reminded them that there will be a dessert reception on Friday followed by a Key Note Speaker as well as the banquet and auction on Saturday. Mr. Martin also stated his opposition to the crude oil proposal. He stated if the Council or staff are opposed to this they should speak up.
- Zoning** Mr. Dave Forbes, 2216 Aberdeen Avenue, Hoquiam, stated that recent comments have been made that the City of Hoquiam has nothing to do with the crude oil project being proposed for Port property. He stated that the City oversees zoning, and until a rail impact study is completed the City of Hoquiam and the Council need to put a moratorium on development of future rail.
- Police Patrols** Ms. Lisa Chappel, Hoquiam, thanked the police for the added patrols in their neighborhood.
- Support for Marijuana Retail Licensing** Mr. Jim Eddy 700 Beacon Hill Drive, Hoquiam, representing the Washington State Marijuana League and also attending as a citizen of Hoquiam. He stated that the planning commission reviewed zoning for Marijuana retail and sent that recommendation to the Council. He does not feel that this should require a conditional use permit and nor that it be restricted to the Industrial zones. He stated he also does not believe the City needs to continue the moratorium until the Federal Government changes the laws. The voters have stated that they support this and he believes Council should approve these types of licenses and declare that Hoquiam is open for business.
- Mayor Durney stated his frustration that all of the taxing is going to the State and yet the cities and towns are left dealing with enforcement
- Crude Oil Opposition** Mr. Dennis Gregory, 711 Spruce Street, stated that he is opposed to crude oil by rail and does not believe it will be good for our community. Marijuana is a morale issue.

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Crude Oil Opposition

Mr. Joshua Francy, Jefferson Street, stated that he is the lead volunteer in the effort to clean up streams and rivers in Grays Harbor. He is not in support of crude oil.

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 24, 2014
- The Regulatory Committee report recommending approval and payment of claim check numbers 79527 through 79551 in the amount of \$93,096.80; ACH and EFT deposits in the amount of \$341,011.62 and \$180,191.99 respectively, and payroll check numbers 26954 through 26987 in the amount of \$174,657.51.

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

MAYORS REPORTS
AWC Conference

Mayor Durney stated that the AWC Annual Conference will be from June 17-20, 2014 in Spokane. He encouraged Council to attend.

AWC Small Cities Meeting

The AWC Small Cities Connector will be April 21, 2014, from 5:45 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Maritime Museum in Westport. Please let staff know if you would like to attend.

Well City Award

The City has again received the AWC Well City Award. This is the 5th year that we have received this and the City will benefit from a 2% reduction in the medical premiums.

PDC Form Due Date

Council was reminded that PDC Forms are due by April 15th

**Ribbon Cutting –
Evergreen Counseling**

There will be a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on April 29th at 1:00 p.m. for the Evergreen Treatment Center at the corner of 8th and Levee. They will also be offering tours of the building from 10:00 to 3:00.

COUNCIL REPORTS
Anniversaries

Councilmember McMillan reminded the Council and citizens that this will be the 50th year of Loggers Playday and that the City will be 125 years old next year.

OLD BUSINESS
Zoning Ordinance

The Land Use Examiner has provided his recommendation to the Council on the zoning for Marijuana processing, producing and retailing. Council can now take action on these recommendations

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by adopting what is before them, or can make changes to what has been recommended. Councilmember McMillan moved to approve the Ordinance and the motion was seconded. Several Councilmembers spoke in support of Ordinance while others stated their opposition. Mr. Folkers read the Ordinance by title a second time after which the motion to support the ordinance failed by a roll call vote of 3 to 8 with Councilmembers Moir, McMillan and Pellegrini voting yes.

Councilmember Winkelman made a motion to have staff redraft the ordinance allowing for Marijuana retailing to be permitted in the C-1 and C-2, and Industrial zones. The other two types of marijuana businesses would be permitted only in the Industrial zone. No conditional use permit would be required for any of them. Collective gardens would be prohibited. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS
Levy's In Hoquiam

Councilmember Grun brought up the importance of levy's in Hoquiam.

Hiking and Bike Trails

The County put together a committee to investigate bike and hiking trails in Grays Harbor. There will be a meeting from 1:00 to 3:00 tomorrow and also an evening meeting.

SEPA and EIS Review

Mr. Shay provided an explanation on the process for SEPA and EIS review regarding the crude by rail proposal and expansion projects at the port. The decision for threshold falls to Public Works director per our city code. He will keep the council informed on the progress of the review process.

Public Safety Meeting

Councilmember McMillan stated that the issue of panhandling has come up and he moved to have this referred to the Public Safety Committee. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

Historic Register Request

Councilmember McMillan moved to approve the request to put the Quigg Building on Riverside on the Local Historic Register if work is completed by October 31, 2014. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

**Excuse Absent
Councilmember**

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

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**COMMUNICATIONS
Zoning**

Mr. Dave Forbes, 2216 Aberdeen Avenue, stated he appreciated the discussion that the council had on the proposed zoning.

Crude Oil Opposition

Ms. Mary Hansen, Mr. Arnie Martin, Mr. Bill Wieland, Mr. Jim Eddy and Mr. Jim George, 408 J. Street all spoke in opposition to crude oil.

Marijuana Retailing

Tashina Fergeson, 404 Karr, spoke in support of Marijuana retailing.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Moir moved to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote

JACK DURNEY – Mayor

TRACY WOOD – Council Secretary

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