

CITY OF HOQUIAM
Council Meeting Minutes

May 12, 2014

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Durney called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and Councilmember McMillan led the flag salute. Council observed a moment of silence in honor of Marty Moir.

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, City Librarian Mary Thornton, Finance Director Mike Folkers and Council Secretary Tracy Wood.

COMMUNICATIONS

Chehalis Basin Flood Authority

Vicki Raines made a presentation to the Council regarding the Chehalis Basin Flood Authority.

Poggie Club

Mr. Folkers read a card from the Poggie Club thanking the City for the use of Failor Lake for their fishing derby.

Coastal Harvest

Mr. Folkers read a card from Coastal Harvest thanking the City for the 370 pounds of food donations they received that were collected at the annual Easter Egg hunt.

Crude Oil

Ms. Robin Moore, 1019 Monroe, Hoquiam, stated her opposition to Crude Oil and spoke about recent derailments in Grays Harbor.

Storm Drain Problem

Mr. Gary Thiessen, 710 Broadway, stated that he is having storm drain problems and has been in contact with City staff.

Crude Oil

Ms. Lisa Chappell, Hoquiam, stated her opposition to crude oil.

Marijuana Retailing

Mr. Jim Eddy, 700 Beacon Hill Drive, spoke in support of Marijuana Retail businesses and asked the Council to repeal the moratoriums on Marijuana retail businesses and collective gardens.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- The City Council Minutes of April 28, 2014
- The Regulatory Committee report recommending approval and payment of claim check numbers 79721

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through 79781 in the amount of \$97,958.44; ACH and EFT deposits in the amount of \$343,701.88 and \$181,412.98; and payroll check numbers 26988 through 27017 in the amount of \$171,283.88.

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

OFFICERS REPORTS
May 26, 2014 Council Meeting

The second Council Meeting of May (5/26/14) falls on Memorial Day which is an observed holiday. Staff proposes that Council move their meeting to Tuesday, May 27, 2014. There would be a 5:00 budget presentation workshop, followed by a regular session. Councilmember Moir moved for approval of the staff recommendation and the motion was seconded. Councilmember Grun asked to amend the motion and begin the meeting at the regular time of 7:00 p.m. The motion was amended and passed by voice vote.

MAYORS REPORTS
Grays Harbor Transit

Mayor Durney stated that General Manager Mark Carlin from Grays Harbor Transit is retiring and that the Transit is actively recruiting candidates now to fill that position.

Crude By Rail

Mayor Durney spoke regarding the comments being made about the City being able to stop rail traffic in our community. He stated that we do not have that authority. He will be submitting a letter expressing our safety concerns regarding the track and rail traffic. They have also invited the Port to attend the Mayor's meeting.

LEGAL BUSINESS
ORDINANCES
Zoning for Recreational Marijuana Businesses

An Ordinance relating to zoning; amending 10.03.112 of the Hoquiam Municipal Code; amending Section 10.03.116 of the Hoquiam Municipal Code; adding a new Section 10.05.076 to Chapter 10.05 of the Hoquiam Municipal Code; adding a new Section 10.05.077 to Chapter 10.05 of the Hoquiam Municipal Code and amending Section 10.09.140 of the Hoquiam Municipal Code. Councilmember Winkelman moved for adoption of the Ordinance and the motion was seconded. Mr. Johnson stated that slight changes were made to Page 4 regarding gardens being considered a public nuisance; this sentence was stricken. Councilmember Moir spoke in regards to the Ordinance. If passed marijuana (recreational) businesses would be allowed in C-1, C-2 and Industrial zones, producing businesses would be allowed in only the Industrial zones; and collection gardens

Zoning Ordinance

would be prohibited. Also there is no tax revenue gained from these businesses. A small portion of B&O would be collected on reported sales. The burden of enforcement and police patrol falls on the City. There have been 11 crimes associated with Marijuana businesses in the last few weeks in other areas. And he does not believe there is any benefit to allowing this type of business in our community. Councilmember Pennant spoke in support of legalizing businesses. Councilmember Winkelman also spoke in support as the voters passed 502 and a majority of voters in Hoquiam passed this legislation. Councilmember McMillan stated that the voters passed the car tabs legislation also, which ultimately cost the city a significant amount of tax revenue. The same thing happened with the privatization of Liquor sales. The council needs to vote on what is best for the city. Following further discussion, the motion failed by a vote of 6 to 6 with Councilmembers Pennant, Simera, Swope, Winkelman, Anderson and Dickhoff voting yes.

With the Zoning ordinance failing, the three remaining ordinances will not need to be acted on at this time.

RESOLUTIONS

Hoquiam Historic Register

A Resolution listing the “Quigg Riverside Building” 1508 Riverside Avenue, on the Hoquiam Register of Historic Places, effective October 31, 2014, provided that certain conditions are met by the owners. Councilmember McMillan moved for adoption of the resolution and the motion was seconded. A brief discussion followed regarding the improvements that need to be completed after which the motion for approval passed by voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS

FEMA

Councilmember Moir asked Mayor Durney if he could provide a brief update on FEMA. Mayor Durney stated that as of the first of May, residents are no longer required to provide an elevation certificate, there will only be a slight raise in premiums at this time. This is only a short term thing – for 3 to 4 years so the cities need to get together and talk about flood control, etc.

NEW BUSINESS

Crude by Rail

Councilmember Grun provided a draft resolution to the council regarding crude by rail transport. He asked that council review and make suggestions on other items they might want in the resolution. He moved to direct staff to draft a resolution for the next council meeting. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

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Scoping Comments Mr. Shay reminded Council and the citizens that the 27th of May is the deadline to submit comments to DOE regarding the expansion project.

Damage at 8th St. Landing Councilmember Winkelman asked for a brief update on the damage to the dock at 8th Street landing. Mr. Shay stated that the damage had been caused last winter by several boats that were moored there. The dock is now in the shop having repair work done to it.

COMMUNICATIONS
Council Discussion

Mr. Dave Forbes 2216 Aberdeen Avenue thanked the council for their discussion on several topics tonight. He also stated his opposition to oil by rail until safety concerns can be reviewed.

Crude by Rail Mr. Arnie Martin 609 Chenault, reminded all in attendance that the deadline for comments is 5:00 p.m. on May 27th. He also discussed rail inspections and repairs and stated his opposition to the crude by rail.

Republican Party Mr. Ray Brown, 4021 Elizabeth, Westport, announced that on June 14th the Republican Party will be hosting Susan Hutchinson here in Grays Harbor. He will provide more information as it becomes available.

Opinions on Crude by Rail and Marijuana Retailing Mr. Dennis Gregory, 711 Spruce, Hoquiam, stated he believes the Resolution from the Council is a good idea. He believes there is more that the city can do than they think they can. He also stated he believes the Council made a mistake in prohibiting marijuana retailing.

Marijuana Retailing Mr. Gary Patterson, 316 Karr, Hoquiam, stated that he also believes the Council made a mistake voting against marijuana retailing in Hoquiam.

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

JACK DURNEY – Mayor

TRACY WOOD – Council Secretary

