

**CITY OF HOQUIAM**  
**Council Meeting Minutes**

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**August 25, 2014**

- CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Durney called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and Councilmember Pellegrini led the flag salute.
- ROLL CALL** Those in attendance at the meeting were Mayor Durney and Councilmembers Anderson, Diehm, McMillan, Pellegrini, Pennant, Simera, Swope and Winkelman, Mayor Durney. Absent from the meeting were Councilmembers Dickhoff, Grun, Moir and Nelson.
- COMMUNICATIONS**
- Chief for a Day** Chief Myers introduced our Chief for a Day, Dylan Ellefson. Chief Myers reviewed the activities that Dylan was involved in and also spoke about what was given to Dylan and his family through the donations that were raised. Any funding left over from the donations will go towards a college fund for Dylan.
- Logger's Playday Court** Lisa Anderson, coordinator for the Logger's Playday Court, was in attendance at the meeting with Shannon Lundgrun, Loggers Queen, Emily Gwinn, princess, Ashley Wakefield, Princess, and Ally Spradlin, Princess.
- PRIDE Festival** Jen Gillies-Alvarez, President and Co-Founder of Out & Proud Grays Harbor as well as Miki Cabell, Co-founder and Executive Director, provided a status report on the PRIDE festival held on August 23, 2014. It was very successful, very well attended and the organization would like permission from the city to do it again next year. They thanked the City for the assistance they received.
- Timber Revival – Polson Museum** Mr. Gabe Johnson, Seattle, provided information to the Council regarding the Timber Revival Festival that will be held at Polson Museum on August 29<sup>th</sup>. There will be music and they will be selling t-shirts that tell the history of Grays Harbor. Funds raised from the sale of the t-shirts will go to the GH College timber program and back into the community. The program will run from 12:00 – 8:00 on Saturday.
- Small Business** Dave Forbes, 2216 Aberdeen Avenue, stated his opposition to the Ordinance on transient accommodations.
- Lagoon Property** Mr. Bill Whelan, 600 Washington Court, stated that he is surprised that the Regulatory Committee is making a recommendation to declare lagoon property surplus and that the City sell the property to Willis Enterprises. He does not believe Willis is a good neighbor.

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**Fireworks**

Micky Thurman, 622 Eklund, stated her support for the proposed ban on fireworks in Hoquiam. Believes it is the responsible thing to do to protect property, citizens, and pets.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Councilmember McMillan moved for the approval of 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 August 11, 2014;
- The Regulatory Committee report recommending approval and payment of claim check numbers 80365 through 80545 in the amount of \$977,929.75.

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Regulatory Committee –  
Surplus of Lagoon  
Property**

The Regulatory Committee made a recommendation to the Council that the City declare the lagoon property surplus and negotiate a lease with Willis Enterprises for fair market value. Mr. Shay stated that if we lease the property it would not need to be declared surplus and recommended that we negotiate a lease with Willis for fair market value. Councilmember McMillan moved to approve negotiations for a lease with Willis Enterprises for the lagoon property. The motion was seconded and following a brief discussion regarding the use of the property for storm water discharge, the motion for approval passed by voice vote.

**OFFICER REPORTS**

**Set Public Hearing Date**

City Planner Josh Beach requested that the Council set a Public Hearing date of September 8, 2014, to discuss a Planning Only Grant through the Community Development Block Grant program. Councilmember McMillan moved to set the hearing for September 8, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

**Transient  
Accommodations**

City Attorney Johnson provided a written report regarding the proposed ordinance on Transient Accommodations for Hotels/Motels. The changes to the ordinance reflect the regulations set forth in Chapter 70.62 of the RCW's. This is a Public Safety and Health issue.

**MAYOR REPORTS**

**Employee Barbeque**

Mayor Durney reminded Councilmembers of the Employee Barbeque on August 28<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 in the City Shop.

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**Re-Vision Hoquiam Meeting**

Mayor Durney provided a brief update on the recent Re-vision Hoquiam meeting. Walking and biking opportunities were one of the topics of discussion at the meeting.

**New Business**

The Passport Café is open for take-out from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm. There is a new clothing store called Betty Lou's by 7<sup>th</sup> St. Theatre and the coffee shop located in the old LaVogue's building is reopened.

**Culvert Project and Summerhaven**

Mayor Durney recently walked the upcoming culvert project with Mr. Shay and the City Forester. He also stated that if council has a chance they should go up to Summerhaven as they are starting work on the development. Eleven lots have been sold.

**COUNCIL REPORTS  
50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of  
Logger's Playday**

Councilmember McMillan reminded Council and the citizens that this September 6<sup>th</sup> is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the annual Logger's Playday.

**Business Association**

Councilmember Winkelman stated that the Hoquiam Shows Its Best auction will be on October 11<sup>th</sup> at the Masonic Lodge. He also stated that the association is at its highest membership since they began. They recently reviewed the Hometown Hoquiam matrix from the community meetings and most of the tasks have been accomplished. There are also Board openings and there have been discussions to have a local company help with the website. The HBA is also working on putting together a listing of available Commercial properties for potential businesses.

**Change of Hours –  
Library**

It was announced that the Hoquiam Timberland Library will be open until 5:00 on Saturday's beginning the first week of September.

**LEGAL BUSINESS  
ORDINANCES**

**Transient  
Accommodations**

An Ordinance relating to transient accommodations; adding a new Chapter 3.26 to Title 3 of the Hoquiam Municipal Code. Mr. Folkers read the ordinance by title. Councilmember McMillan moved for the adoption of the ordinance and the motion was seconded. Following a brief discussion, Mr. Folkers read the ordinance by title a second time after which the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

**Zoning**

An Ordinance relating to zoning and land development, and the transmittal of land development applications; amending Section 10.07.060 of the Hoquiam Municipal Code. Zoning and Land Development. Mr. Folkers read the ordinance by title and

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Councilmember McMillan moved for the adoption of the ordinance. The motion was seconded, after which Mr. Shay explained that the ordinance deals with what types of permits will be reviewed by the land use hearing examiner. Mr. Folkers read the ordinance by title a second time after which the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

**OTHER LEGAL**

**Lease Agreement –  
Hoquiam School District**

Included in each packet was a lease agreement with the Hoquiam School District for use of Olympic Stadium and John Gable Park. Mr. Shay explained that the only change to the agreement from the previous year is that the District has agreed to a two year lease agreement. Councilmember McMillan moved to approve the agreement and the motion was seconded. The motion to approve passed by voice vote

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Re-vision Hoquiam**

The next meeting of Re-vision Hoquiam will be announced once a date has been set.

**Excuse Absent Members**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

Councilmember McMillan moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 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

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