

CITY OF HOQUIAM
Council Meeting Minutes

September 8, 2014

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Durney called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and Councilmember Grun led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Those in attendance were Mayor Durney and Councilmembers Anderson, Dickhoff, Diehm, Grun, McMillan, Moir, Nelson, Pellegrini, Pennant, Simera and Winkelman. Absent from the meeting was Councilmember Swope.

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.

PUBLIC HEARING
CDBG Planning Only
Grant

Councilmember Moir moved to open the public hearing to discuss the CDBG Planning Only Grant at 7:01 p.m. and the motion was seconded and passed by voice vote. Mr. Shay stated that through the Department of Commerce there is an opportunity to apply for a planning only grant in the amount of \$35,000 and the city would like to look at a variety of options for the EMS services, including partnering with the City of Aberdeen. Hearing no public comment Councilmember McMillan moved to close the hearing at 7:03 p.m. and the motion was seconded and passed by voice vote. Councilmember McMillan moved to authorize staff to apply for the grant. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

Revenue Sources

Councilmember McMillan moved to open the hearing to discuss the 2015-2016 Budget Revenue Sources at 7:06 p.m. and the motion was seconded and passed by voice vote. Mr. Folkers provided information on the 2015-2016 biennial budget. There will be a public hearing on October 13th and Council will be asked to set the tax levy at the meeting of October 13th. Councilmember McMillan moved to close the hearing at 7:29 p.m. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

COMMUNICATIONS
Daily World Reporter

Mayor Durney introduced Cory Morris, the new reporter for the Daily World.

Walking Tours – City of
Hoquiam

Jamie Brand spoke to the council regarding discussions the Revision Hoquiam group has been having on walking tours. She proposed putting up signage around Hoquiam that people can scan with their phones and take tours through our historic district, business district, etc. A program is available through walkourcity.org that will make the signs for the City. The

company has stated the signs will last in the weather for approximately 18 months. The cost would be \$25.00 per sign and the group is proposing starting with 10-12 signs. The current sign code would allow for the city to install these signs.

**League of Women Voters
– Candidate Forum**

Robin Moore, 1019 Monroe, provided information to the Council regarding the candidate forums being hosted by the League of Women Voters. They will be held on September 12th and 13th at the Bishop Center from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. each night.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember McMillan moved for adoption 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 25, 2014;
- The Regulatory Committee report recommending approval and payment of claim check numbers 80546 through 80551 in the amount of \$14,373.58; ACH and EFT Deposits in the amount of \$348,692.87 and \$184,527.79 respectively; and payroll check numbers 27128 through 27166 in the amount of \$176,567.93.
- Rate increases for 2015 from Hometown Sanitation for Solid Waste Disposal Rates

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Public Safety Committee –
Marijuana Crimes**

The Public Safety Committee made a recommendation that the City Council adopt the Ordinance regarding Marijuana Crimes to bring the City into compliance with I-502. Councilmember McMillan moved for adoption of the committee report. The motion was seconded and following a brief discussion the motion passed by voice vote.

**Public Safety Committee –
Fireworks Ban**

The Public Safety Committee provided a written report to the Council that they are not in favor of the banning of fireworks. They believe there are adequate laws already in effect. Councilmember McMillan moved for the adoption of the committee report. The motion was seconded and following a brief discussion, with Councilmembers speaking in opposition as well as support of fireworks, the motion to adopt the committee report passed by voice vote.

OFFICER REPORTS

MOU with Department of Ecology and Agreement with ICF Jones

Mr. Shay provided a written report to the Council regarding the Shorelines Permit application submitted by Grays Harbor Rail Terminal LLC (US Development) for oil storage at terminal 3. Mr. Shay explained the Ecology has asked the City to act as co-lead on this project and that ICF Jones and Stokes is available to scope and draft the required EIS. As with the Westway and Imperium project, the applicant will pay for the costs of the EIS. Councilmember Moir moved for adoption of the staff recommendation and the motion was seconded. Following a brief discussion, the motion passed by voice vote. Mayor Durney spoke regarding a copy of a resolution he received from the Port of Olympia.

Stadium Lease Agreement

Mt. Rainier Baseball League met with staff several weeks ago about the possibility of leasing the stadium for 35 home games from May through August. Staff requests that Council approve a lease agreement with the League which will pay \$300 per day plus lights and also includes preparation of the fields for 2015. Councilmember Moir moved to approve the lease with Mt. Rainier Baseball and the motion was seconded. Following a brief discussion, the motion passed by voice vote.

MAYOR REPORTS

AWC Regional Meetings

Mayor Durney reminded Council of the AWC Regional Meeting in Aberdeen, October 14, 2014.

Logger's Playday

Loggers Playday celebrated its 50th Anniversary and it was a great day in Grays Harbor.

911 Dispatchers

Mayor Durney spoke briefly about 911 Dispatchers and asked that they also be remembered as well as those in Public Safety on September 11th each year.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Hoquiam Shows Its Best Auction

Council was reminded that the Hoquiam Business Association will be holding the Hoquiam Shows Its Best Auction on October 11th. Tickets are \$20 in advance. They are also working on some interactive on-line bidding too.

LEGAL BUSINESS

ORDINANCES

Marijuana Crimes

An Ordinance relating to drug offenses; amending Section 5A.70.010 of the Hoquiam Municipal Code; amending Section 5A.70.020 of the Hoquiam Municipal Code; and adding a new

Section 5A.70.040 to the Hoquiam Municipal Code. Mr. Folkers read the ordinance by title after which Councilmember McMillan moved for the adoption. The motion was seconded and after a brief discussion on this bringing us into compliance with the I-502, Mr. Folkers read the ordinance by title a second time after which the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Fireworks Ban

An Ordinance relating to the sale or discharge of consumer fireworks; repealing Section 5.20.020, 5.20.030, 5.20.040, 5.20.050 and 5.20.060 of the Hoquiam Municipal Code; and amending 5.20.015, 5.20.065 and 5.20.070 of the Hoquiam Municipal Code; and providing effective dates. Mr. Folkers read the Ordinance by title after which Councilmember Moir moved for adoption of the ordinance. The motion was seconded. Mr. Johnson stated that the new ordinance would not take effect until January, 2016. Councilmember Winkelman stated he would like more time to consider this. He would also like the effective date not to fall on January 1st. Councilmember Moir spoke in support of the Ordinance and stated that he has had discussions with AWC on other cities that have banned fireworks. Mayor Durney spoke about the ordinance process and stated that the Council could change the process and have the Ordinance presented at one meeting and passed at a second meeting. Councilmember Winkelman moved to postpone action on the Ordinance until the second meeting of October to allow time for review. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

OTHER LEGAL
Ambulance Billing
Agreement

Council was provided with an Ambulance Billing Agreement with EF Recovery. Mr. Folkers explained that staff recommends entering into the agreement for one year to allow staff to be trained. Councilmember McMillan moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement for a one-year term with EF Recovery for collections on ambulance billing. The motion to authorize the Mayor to sign was seconded and passed by voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS
Excuse Absent Member

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. Robin Moore spoke briefly regarding the suggested Port of Olympia resolution.

Workshop

It was announced that Council will hold a short workshop following the regular meeting to view two webinars required by

WCIA. The workshop will last approximately 25 minutes.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Moir moved to adjourn the meeting and move into workshop following a 5 minute recess. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

JACK DURNEY – Mayor

TRACY WOOD – Council Secretary

