

CITY OF HOQUIAM
Council Meeting Minutes

October 13, 2014

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

PUBLIC HEARING

2015-2016 Budget

Councilmember Moir moved to open the 2015-2016 Budget Hearing at 7:04 p.m. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote. Mr. Folkers explained that this hearing was for the preliminary budget which includes all of the requests from the Department Heads and Foremen. It also includes an estimate of the beginning and ending fund revenues. Council will receive the recommended budget by November 1st. Mr. Folkers answered questions for the council regarding the reserves and other budget related items. He also stated that the preliminary budget does not include any COLA raises for the employees or any increases in medical. Councilmember McMillan moved to close hearing at 7:18 p.m. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

COMMUNICATIONS

**Outstanding Treatment
Plant Award –
Department of Ecology**

Pat Bailey and Rich Dungess, representing the Department of Ecology, made a presented an Outstanding Treatment Plant Award to Al Gregory and the City. Al Gregory will be retiring this year and Mayor Durney presented him with an AWC Civic Award for his service to the City for over 40 years.

**Port of Grays Harbor
Presentation**

The Port of Grays Harbor will be attending the November 24th meeting.

**Public Comment
Scoping Hearings**

Mr. Arnie Martin, Chenault Avenue, Hoquiam, encouraged the citizens to attend the scoping hearings for the GH Rail Terminal. They will be held on Thursday from 1:00 to 4:00 at the Log Pavilion and on Thursday in Elma from 6:00 to 9:00 at the Fair Grounds.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember McMillan moved to approve items a through c on 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 September 22, 2014;
- The Regulatory Committee report recommending approval and payment of claim check numbers 80566 through 80736 in the amount of \$674,048.62;

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- An Agreement with Ocean Protein for Industrial Connection to Municipal Wastewater System and Establishing a Service Charge with Ocean Protein LLC.

Following a brief discussion on item c, the motion for approval of the Consent Agenda passed by voice vote.

OFFICER REPORTS

**ADA Sidewalk
Reimbursement**

Mr. Bob Sornberger submitted a request for reimbursement for an ADA Sidewalk ramp that he installed when his sidewalks were completed. Councilmember McMillan moved to approve a \$500.00 reimbursement to Mr. Sornberger. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

MAYOR REPORTS

Walking Tours

The class of '64 recently held their 50th class reunion and Mrs. Durney took them on a walking tour of several businesses and buildings in Hoquiam. It was very well received. She has volunteered to do the same thing for other reunions or groups. Please get in touch with the Mayor or Mrs. Durney if you would like to schedule something with her.

**Walk/Bike Hoquiam
50th Class Reunion**

The first Walk/Bike Hoquiam event was held on the 4th of October and was well attended.

Caboose

At a recent Re-vision Meeting the group had discussed the state of the caboose located next to the Train Station. Christopher King has stepped forward and has volunteered to restore the caboose. If anyone is interested in helping with this they should attend the next meeting. There was also discussion about improving the park area located by the Depot – possibly adding a pavilion, etc. so it could be rented out.

COUNCIL REPORTS

HBA Auction

Councilmember Winkelman stated that the HBA auction was very successful and he thanked everyone who supported the auction. The Business Association is now planning for Haunted Hoquiam which will be October 25th.

Tsunami Siren Test

Staff and citizens were reminded of the Tsunami test on the October 16th at 10:16 a.m.

**GH Council of
Governments**

Councilmember Pellegrini stated that the Council of Governments is currently working on their 2015 budget. He encouraged the City to continue their support and funding for COG.

Library Roof Funding

Councilmember McMillan stated that Timberland Library did not use the \$32,000 budgeted for roof repairs.

LEGAL BUSINESS

Ordinances

2015 Ad Valorem Tax

An Ordinance relating to ad valorem tax; setting and levying the ad valorem tax levies for the General Fund and the Ambulance Fund of the City of Hoquiam for fiscal year 2015. Councilmember McMillan moved for adoption of the Ordinance and the motion was seconded. Mr. Folkers read the ordinance by title a second time after which the motion for approval passed by a roll call vote of 9 to 1 with Councilmember Grun voting no.

Supplemental Budget 14-2

An Ordinance adopting Supplemental Budget 14-2 and appropriating funds. Councilmember Moir moved for the adoption of the ordinance and the motion was seconded. Mr. Folkers read the ordinance by title a second time after which the motion for approval passed by a roll call vote of 9 to 1 with Councilmember McMillan voting no.

RESOLUTIONS

2015 Regular Tax Levy

A Resolution of the City of Hoquiam, Washington, declaring the need to increase the 2015 ad valorem tax levy by one percent over the tax levy of 2014. Councilmember McMillan moved for the adoption of this resolution and the motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

2015 EMS Tax Levy

A Resolution of the City of Hoquiam, Washington, declaring the need to increase the 2015 ad valorem tax levy for emergency services by one percent over the 2014 tax levy. Councilmember McMillan moved for adoption of the resolution and the motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

Surplus Property

A Resolution declaring certain personal property owned by the City to be surplus items pursuant to Hoquiam Municipal Code sections 1.64.005, 1.64.010 and 1.64.020. Councilmember McMillan moved for adoption of the resolution and the motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

**Declaring Emergency 8th
St. Landing Repairs**

A Resolution declaring an emergency, and waiving the bid requirements of RCW 35.23.352, and ratifying the actions of the City in causing remedial action and repairs to be performed at the City's dock at the 8th St. Landing. Councilmember Moir moved for adoption of the resolution and the motion was seconded. Following a brief update on the structure and what repairs are needed, the motion for adoption passed by voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Excuse Absent Members

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

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Library Mural Unveiling

Librarian Mary Thornton invited council and staff to attend the unveiling of the children's murals recently painted by local artist Jenny Fisher. The unveiling will be at 5:00 on Wednesday.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember McMillan moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

JACK DURNEY – Mayor

TRACY WOOD – Council Secretary

