

CITY OF HOQUIAM
Council Meeting Minutes

May 11, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

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.

COMMUNICATIONS

Opposition to Oil

Ms. Robin Moore, 1019 Monroe Street, provided information to the council regarding other groups who have recently stated their opposition to oil by rail.

Mr. Arnie Martin, Chenault, Hoquiam, provided information on the Washington Health Professionals opposition to oil.

Cemetery Vandalism

Mr. Bill Weiland, 600 Washington Court, commented on recent vandalism at Sunset Memorial Park. He stated there are a lot of people who walk at the cemetery and he would like to see something done with some of the people who are hanging out up there and vandalizing the grounds.

Opposition to Oil

Tammy Dolmile, 923 Bluff, spoke in opposition to the crude by rail. She referred to the duties of the council as outlined in the Municipal Code on protecting and safeguarding the community and citizens.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember McMillan made a motion to approve consent agenda items a and b as written and the motion was seconded. Those items appearing on the consent agenda were as follows:

- The City Council Minutes of April 27, 2015;
- The Regulatory Committee report recommending approval and payment of claim check numbers 82073 through 82104 in the amount of \$126,879.52; ACH and EFT deposits in the amount of \$336,239.75 and \$171,835.72 respectively; and payroll check numbers 27400 through 27430 in the amount of \$164,959.30.

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

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OFFICER REPORTS

Community Foundation
Grant – Explorer Program at
Police Department

The Hoquiam Police Department Police Explorer Program was recently awarded a grant in the amount of \$4,978 from the Grays Harbor Community Foundation to be used for the purchase of required uniforms and equipment for the expanded Explorer program.

N Street Paving Project Bid

Mr. Shay reported that the Washington Transportation Improvement Board reviewed the recent bid received for the N Street Paving project and is requiring the City to re-advertise the project. TIB believes that with professional design and re-advertising of the project, the City will be able to extend the project by an additional 1 to 3 blocks from the original design. Staff recommends that the Council authorize the Mayor to contract with Berglund Schmidt for the design and then re-advertise the project. Councilmember Dickhoff moved to approve the staff recommendation and the motion was seconded. Following a brief discussion regarding the wheel chair ramps, the motion passed by voice vote.

Second Meeting in May

Staff made a recommendation that Council cancel the second regular meeting in May as it falls on the Memorial Day holiday. Councilmember McMillan moved to cancel the meeting and the motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

Proposed Zoning Changes

City Attorney Steve Johnson provided a written report to the Council regarding the four proposed zoning ordinances and the differences in each ordinance. Mayor Durney spoke regarding the drafts that were provided. He encouraged Councilmembers to speak to staff if they have specific questions. He also suggested that Council set a workshop to allow for further discussion. Councilmember McMillan moved to set a workshop for Monday June 1, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. This would allow for councilmembers to review the ordinances over the next 3 weeks and come to the workshop ready to discuss them. The motion was seconded and following a brief discussion, passed by voice vote.

MAYORS REPORTS

Lions Club Benches

Mayor Durney thanked the Hoquiam Lions Club for their purchase of three new benches which have been installed in the downtown area.

Community Development
Block Grant – Library

Mayor Durney stated that an application is being submitted to the Community Development Block Grant program for needed repairs to the Hoquiam Timberland Regional Library building.

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Employee Barbeque Mayor Durney spoke briefly about moving the Employee Barbecue to the new Eastside fire station. Councilmember McMillan stated that it works better for the employees to hold it at the city shop and he reminded council to please pay Councilmember Diehm.

A Day in the Life of Hoquiam Mayor Durney reminded council, staff and the citizens in attendance that on May 21st the Anniversary Committee has asked that people participate in the “Day in the Life of Hoquiam” event as part of 125th Anniversary celebration. The committee is asking that people take pictures of the community and events on that date and submit them to the committee who will be putting together a book on then and now. People will be able to view this at Polson Museum when it is completed.

Water Balloon Fight Mayor Durney encouraged all who can to be at Myrtle Street on Saturday for the quasquicentennial balloon fight on Myrtle Street at 1:25 p.m.

COUNCIL REPORTS

125th Anniversary Councilmember McMillan stated that the Coin club of Grays Harbor will be creating silver coins that they will sell in honor of the 125th Anniversary this year.

I Am Proud Pep Rally Councilmember McMillan reminded Council that the “ I am Proud” pep rally sponsored by the Bring It Up group will be May 21st at Hoquiam High School.

LEGAL BUSINESS

Resolutions

CDBG Grant for Hoquiam Library A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Hoquiam, Washington, supporting a Community Development Block Grant for the restoration of the Hoquiam Library and community meeting room. Councilmember McMillan moved for approval of the resolution. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS

Damage to the Pier A brief discussion was held regarding the current situation with the Pier. Mr. Shay stated that there are no easements with DNR and it would be at the cities expense to have them removed. There has been some discussion with Brusco Tugs who might be interested in a lease and possibly assist with removing the damaged concrete.

Rayonier Clean-up A brief discussion was held on the clean-up of the old Rayonier site. Councilmember Pellegrini stated you can review the clean-

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up status on the Department of Ecology site.

Truck's Using Residential Streets

Councilmember Tibbetts discussed a problem with a company driving their trucks in the residential areas instead of the truck route. Chief Myers will contact the company again about this issue.

NEW BUSINESS

Public Safety Meeting

It was announced that the Public Safety Committee will meet on May 19th at 5:00 at the Fire Station.

Crude By Rail

Councilmember Pennant stated that the other members of the council should do some investigation into crude by rail and educate themselves.

COMMUNICATIONS

Hearing Examiner and Planning Commission

Robin Moore expressed her concern with possible tank farms in our community. She asked who is on the Planning Commission and who the cities hearing examiner is. Mr. Shay answered her question and explained their responsibilities.

State Geologist

Mary Thornton, stated that the State Geologist will be at Timberland Library on Tuesday, May 12th at 5:30 to discuss landslides. She also stated that the Board of Trustees for the Library will be at the Hoquiam Library on May 27th.

Locomotive

Bill Weiland stated that Locomotive 45 will be returning to Hoquiam on the 21st. All of the preparations at Polson Museum are almost complete. He also expressed his strong support of the government and the process and thanked the council and Mayor for what they do.

Mayor Durney wished Chief Myers, Mr. Shay and Mr. Folkers all a happy birthday.

ADJOURN

Councilmember McMillan moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

JACK DURNEY – Mayor

TRACY WOOD – Council Secretary

