

CITY OF HOQUIAM
Council Meeting Minutes

June 22, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

Following the flag salute 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, Swope, Tibbetts and Winkelman. Absent from the meeting was Councilmember Simera.

PUBLIC HEARING

6 Year Transportation Improvement Program

Councilmember McMillan moved to open the hearing at 7:01 p.m. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote. Mr. Shay explained that the hearing and TIP are required by DOT to enable the City to apply for funding through the State and Federal programs. Projects must be listed on the TIP to qualify for certain types of funding. Councilmember McMillan moved to close the hearing at 7:04 p.m. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote. Councilmember McMillan made a motion to move the Broadway Bluff project to #1. The motion was seconded. Councilmember Grun moved to amend to have the "Bridge" project as #1. The motion to amend failed, but the main motion passed by voice vote.

COMMUNICATIONS

Animal Control Officer Bob Hill

Chief Myers and Mayor Durney honored ACO Bob Hill who is retiring at the end of June. He was presented with a plaque thanking him for his service to the community.

House Resolution 2015-4036

Mr. Folkers read House Resolution 2015-4636 congratulating the cities of Aberdeen and Hoquiam on their 125th anniversary.

Crude by Rail

Mr. Arnie Martin, Chenault Avenue, thanked those councilmembers who attended the forum they sponsored at the High School. He also stated that using DOT placards in the new zoning ordinance might be a problem. Suggest using Washington RCW definition of crude oil as DOT can change their definitions without any notice.

League of Women Voters

Robin Moore, 1019 Monroe, Hoquiam, invited everyone to attend the League of Women voters Candidate question and answer event on Thursday, July 16th at 6:30 p.m. at the Baptist Church on Eklund.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- The Hoquiam Council Minutes of June 8, 2015;

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- The Regulatory Committee Report recommending approval and payment of claim check number 82285 through 82291 in the amount of \$167,159.19.

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

OFFICERS REPORTS

**Pre-Commercial Thinning
Bids**

A written report was provided by Mr. Shay regarding the recent second call for bids on a Pre-Commercial Thinning project. Two bids were received as follows: Sierra Reforestation for \$76,270 and Mt. St. Helens Reforestation for \$133,570. Staff recommends that Council accept the bid from Sierra Reforestation and authorize the contract. Councilmember McMillan moved to approve the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

**Downtown Development
Guidelines Grant**

Mr. Shay provided a written report to the council regarding a recent \$10,000 grant that the City has received from the Washington State Department of Historic preservation. The grant will be used to develop design guidelines for property owners and the Preservation Commission for construction plans on structures that are within Hoquiam's Historic District or on the Hoquiam historic register. Staff recommends that the council accept the grant and that the Mayor be authorized to sign an agreement with a qualified consultant. Councilmember McMillan moved to approve the staff recommendation and the motion was seconded. Following a brief discussion, the motion passed by voice vote.

Levee Street Boat Launch

Mr. Shay provided a written report to the council regarding the 2011 Grant that the City received from the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office for design, permitting and construction of new moorage docks as well as a launching float and improved boat launch on Levee Street. The city received \$511,948 for this project. Staff is requesting that council approve an amendment to the Berglund Schmidt contract to include final preparation of bid documents and professional services during the bidding as well as project management throughout the construction of the project. The total amount for the amendment is \$21,710.00. Staff recommends that the Council accept the proposal from Berglund Schmidt and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement. Councilmember McMillan moved to approve the staff recommendation and the motion was seconded. Following a brief discussion, the motion passed by voice vote.

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Dike Sign Policy

Mr. Shay provided a written report to the Council regarding the current Dike Sign policy for signs along Riverside. Staff is recommending that changes be made to the policy limiting the types of signs and types of events that will be advertised. Councilmember McMillan moved to refer the policy to the Community Services Board for their review and recommendation to the Council. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

MAYORS REPORTS

AWC Conference

Mayor Durney announced that he will be attending the AWC Conference in Wenatchee this week. He has been asked to participate as a speaker on disasters in communities.

School District Wall of Distinction

Mayor Durney congratulated Councilmember McMillan for being recognized on the Hoquiam School District Wall of Distinction.

Transit Authority Resuming Sunday Service

The Grays Harbor Transit Authority will resume Sunday service beginning July 5th on a trial basis.

Public Nuisance

Mayor Durney commented on public nuisances such as the Thunderbird Motel in Aberdeen. The City of Hoquiam will not allow chronic nuisances in our town. We have also passed a moratorium on oil transportation.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Summerhaven Grand Opening

Councilmember McMillan attended the Summerhaven Grand Opening on June 13th.

Sign Ordinance Exemption

Councilmember Winkelman stated that HBA would like to have an exemption on the sign ordinance during the bridge closure. Mr. Shay stated that Council had already acted on this at a previous meeting. Extra signage will be allowed during the closure for those businesses in the downtown area.

LEGAL BUSINESS

Resolutions

6 Year TIP

A Resolution adopting the comprehensive street program prepared by the City Administration pursuant to RCW 35.77. Councilmember McMillan moved for adoption of the resolution and the motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS

Zoning Ordinances

Councilmember McMillan made a motion to send draft ordinance I to the hearing examiner for his review and the motion was seconded. Councilmember Dickhoff moved to amend the motion to also include draft Ordinance H. The motion to amend was seconded and passed by voice vote. The main motion as amended passed by voice vote.

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Police Department Councilmember McMillan encouraged the other City Councilmembers to schedule a ride along with the Police Department.

Sign Ordinance Council requested that staff provide them with a copy of the exemptions on the sign ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS

Public Utilities Committee It was announced that the Public Utilities Committee will meet at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council chambers on July 13' 2015.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Animal Control Officer Mr. Dave Forbes, 2216 Aberdeen Ave., Hoquiam, asked if the Animal Control Officer was going to be replaced. Staff stated that they have issued the written test to 18 candidates and that oral interviews are being held over the next two days.

Founders Day Parade Ms. Robin Moore, 1019 Monroe, invited anyone interested to join the Citizens for a Clean Harbor in the Founders Day parade.

Zoning Ordinance Mr. Al Carter, 315 Lawrence Drive, representing Ocean Protein, stated his concern that the new zoning ordinance will exempt biological oil as well. Their company does produce biological oil.

JACK DURNEY – Mayor

TRACY WOOD – Council Secretary

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