

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

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**July 27, 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, Grun, McMillan, Nelson, Pellegrini, Pennant, Swope and Tibbetts. Absent from the meeting were Councilmembers Diehm, Simeria 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 and Finance Director Mike Folkers.

**PROCLAMATION**

Mr. Folkers read a proclamation declaring August as Breastfeeding month in the City of Hoquiam.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**Dike Repair**

Scott Weyer, 2200 Simpson Ave., Hoquiam, spoke to the City regarding possible funding to help repair the dikes and to manage flood protection in the City. He said that the City of Aberdeen had recently received funding for this purpose.

**Flooding**

Robin Moore, 1019 Monroe, Hoquiam. Made a comment regarding Mr. Weyer's comments.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Councilmember McMillan moved for approval of items a through c on the consent agenda and the motion was seconded. Those items appearing on the consent agenda were as follows:

- The City Council Meeting Minutes of July 13, 2015;
- The Regulatory Committee report recommending approval and payment of claim check numbers 82471 through 82655 in the amount of \$666,533.37;
- A request for release of timber sale bonds for timber sale 2014-1 to WT Timber.

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

**OFFICERS REPORTS**

**Council Reports**

**Special Olympics**

Councilmember Dickhoff and Councilmember McMillan participated in a celebrity baseball game for the Special Olympics charity. The fundraiser brought in over \$1,000 more than expected.

**LEGAL BUSINESS**

**ORDINANCES**

**Vacating a portion of 21<sup>st</sup> Street**

An Ordinance vacating a graveled portion of 21<sup>st</sup> Street, North of Cherry Street. Mr. Folkers read the ordinance by title and Councilmember McMillan moved to adopt the Ordinance and the motion was seconded. A brief discussion was held regarding the State Geologist report regarding this area. Council asked if staff could forward this report on to the homeowners in the neighborhood affected by the landslides during the flood. Mr. Folkers read the ordinance by title a second time after which the motion for approval passed by a roll call vote of 7 to 2 with Councilmembers Grun and Tibbetts voting no.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**Job Description**

A Resolution establishing a new job description for a Community Development Specialist in the Public Works Department. Councilmember McMillan moved to approve the new job description and the motion was seconded. A discussion followed wherein the duties for the position were discussed. Mr. Shay stated that the job description is similar to the City of Aberdeen's and is typical of the duties for similar positions. Councilmember McMillan stated that he is pleased that the counter will be continually manned. The motion for approval of the job description passed by voice vote.

**OTHER LEGAL**

**Police Union Contract**

It was stated that the Police Contract will be discussed following the Executive Session

**OLD BUSINESS**

**East Side Gas Station**

Councilmember McMillan asked if something could be done about the gas station on the East Side.

**East Side Neighborhood Concerns**

Councilmember Grun stated that he has spoken with the Salo's about safety concern issues in her neighborhood. He talked to the Building Official and he stated that everything was fine. City Administrator Shay stated that he met with the property owners in question including the landlord and the renters. The City also got a list of all the properties owned by the landlord and is working to get any of them that are questionable up to reasonable condition. Mayor Durney commented that a Facebook page has been started to identify substandard properties and work with owners to get them to act. Councilmember Pennant stated that many substandard properties are bank owned and it will be difficult to get any action.

**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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**COMMUNICATIONS**

**Sidewalks**

Mr. Bill Whelan, Hoquiam, spoke regarding the condition of the sidewalk by Don Moore's old home. He stated that it is almost entirely covered with vegetation.

**Jobs in Hoquiam**

Mr. Arnie Martin, 631 Chenault, Hoquiam, stated that if we had more green jobs more people would take care of their yards.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Durney called for a 5 minute recess at 7:31 p.m. after which the council will convene in Executive Session for approximately 10 minutes to discuss labor negotiations. Possible action will be taken following the executive session

Council reconvened in regular session at 7:51 p.m.

**Police Union Contract**

Councilmember McMillan moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract with the Police Union and the motion was seconded. Councilmember Anderson asked if there was a conflict with her voting on the contract as she is a member of Crime Watch. City Attorney Johnson stated there was no conflict as she is not a member of the union. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote/

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:53 p.m. Councilmember Swope moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Nelson seconded and the motion passed by voice vote.

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JACK DURNEY – Mayor

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MIKE FOLKERS – Finance Director

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