

CITY OF HOQUIAM
Council Meeting Minutes

August 10, 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, Simer, Swope, Tibbetts and Winkelman.

Staff in attendance were Police Chief Jeff Myers, Fire Chief Paul Dean, City Attorney Steve Johnson, City Administrator Brian Shay, City Finance Director Mike Folkers and Council Secretary Tracy Wood.

COMMUNICATIONS

Introduction of New Firefighter/Paramedic Fire Chief Dean introduced our newest Firefighter/Paramedic – Adam Collins. Mayor Durney presented welcomed Adam to the City of Hoquiam and presented him with his badge.

Outstanding Performance Award Mr. Folkers read a letter from the Department of Ecology congratulating the City for being awarded the Wastewater Treatment Plant Outstanding Performance award.

Bridge Closure Flooding Mr. Dave Forbes, 2216 Aberdeen Avenue, Hoquiam, asked when the bridge would be shutting down for maintenance. Mr. Shay stated that it is looking like the first part of September.

CONSENT AGENDA Councilmember McMillan moved for items a and b as presented to be approved and the motion was seconded. Those items appearing on the consent agenda were as follows:

- The City Council Minutes of July 27, 2015;
- The Regulatory Committee report recommending approval and payment of claim check numbers 82656 through 82689 in the amount of \$656,678.91; ACH and EFT deposits in the amount of \$335,941.06 and \$183,134.98 respectively; and payroll check numbers 27506 through 27521 in the amount of \$171,305.18.

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

MAYORS REPORTS

Code Compliance Mayor Durney stated that Dorian Whiley is now working as a part-time Code Compliance officer for the city. He is also working as a part time clerk in the Court Office. He is doing a great job on the code compliance issues.

Hearing Examiner – Proposed Text Amendment A Public Hearing was held last Thursday, August 6th, where the Hearing Examiner heard testimony and comments regarding the

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to Zoning Code proposed text amendments to the Zoning Code regarding crude oil. His report will be coming back to the council. The council has the authority to take his recommendations or they might chose to act on something different.

National Night Out National Night Out was on August 4, 2015. There were 12 block parties throughout the City and Mayor Durney thanked everyone who sponsored a party and the staff who visited the parties.

Jail Expansion Council recently authorized a call for bids on the proposed jail expansion. The call for bids has been published. Chief Myers provided a brief summary of the proposed expansion. Staff is hoping that the bid can be awarded at meeting of September 14th. The estimated cost is approximately \$300,000 and staff believes it will pay for itself within the first 3 to 4 years.

COUNCIL REPORTS

City-wide Garage Sale and Business Sidewalk Sales Councilmember Winkelman reminded everyone of the city-wide garage sale this Saturday (August 15, 2015). Local businesses are participating by holding sidewalk sales.

Polson Museum Fundraiser Councilmember McMillan stated that there is a representative in the audience selling tickets for the Polson fundraiser. If anyone is interested in purchasing one of the tickets he will be available after the meeting.

PRIDE Festival Councilmember Anderson reminded everyone that the Pride Festival is scheduled for August 22nd. From 10:00 to 4:00 on 8th and Levee Streets. There is also the drag show and the Rocky Horror picture show Saturday evening at the 7th Street.

Elks Lodge Fundraiser and Pushrods Car Show Mayor Durney reminded everyone that the Elks will be holding a fundraiser and car show on August 29th on K Street between 6th and 7th St.

LEGAL BUSINESS

Other Legal

Waterway Permit – Department of Natural Resources Mr. Shay provided some background information on a Waterway Permit between the City and the Department of Natural Resources. They have agreed to a 5 year lease at no cost to the City. This permit is required for the construction of the new moorage and boat launch at 9th Street. Councilmember McMillan moved to authorize the Mayor to sign and the motion was seconded. Following a brief discussion, the motion passed by voice vote.

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**Land Lease – Department
of Natural Resources
(Property at Landfill)**

Mr. Shay provided some background information on the Land Lease that was before the Council. For the past several years the Department of Natural Resources has leased the portions of property located at the old landfill from the City and they are asking to renew this lease and add some additional space. Councilmember McMillan moved to approve the lease and authorize the mayor to sign the lease and the motion was seconded. Department of Natural Resources will pay the City \$1165 per month for 5 years. DNR will also now pay the utility costs. The motion for approval of the lease and authorization for the Mayor to sign passed by voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS

Testing Costs – Landfill

Councilmember McMillan requested that Staff speak with the County Commissioners regarding the testing costs the City has been paying at the landfill. He moved to have the funds that were being paid for the landfill testing costs go into a maintenance and improvement fund for the Gun Range once they are discontinued by the County. The motion was seconded and following a brief discussion, passed by voice vote.

**8th Street Pier
East Side Gas Station**

Councilmember Grun asked for an update on the 8th Street pier repairs and the concrete slaps that are in the river. Mr. Shay stated that the city is not planning on repairing the dock that sunk and will not be removing the concrete from the river at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Public Works Crew

Councilmember Swope read a letter he received from one of his ward members thanking the Public Works and Sidewalk crew for their recent work in their neighborhood.

COMMUNICATIONS

**Permit – Westway and
Imperium**

Mr. Arnie Martin, 631 Chenault, asked for a brief update on the possible purchase of Imperium by Renewable Energy and the status of the EIS report. Mr. Shay stated that Renewable Energy is excited about locating in Hoquiam and do plan to continue with the permits. At this time nothing has closed on the sale. He also stated that the report on the draft EIS should be out by the end of August and two public hearings will be held to allow citizens to provide testimony or submit written comment. One hearing is scheduled in Aberdeen and another one is scheduled at Satsop.

**Removal of Old Boat on
River**

Mr. Shay stated that the boat located at the base of the 6th Street bridge is owned by Mr. Cemelich who does not plan to remove it at this time. If the city did remove it – it would be at city cost at this time.

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**Crosswalk Concerns and
Other City Issues**

Dave Wilson, C Street, spoke regarding safety concerns with the crosswalk located before the Riverside bridge. He would like to see it lighted – much like the one in front of the YMCA. He also said that he feels the old boat looks bad and the city should require its removal. He is glad to hear about the jail expansion, but would like the city to get funding or a loan to cover the cost. Mr. Shay explained that the crosswalk is on a State highway and the city does not have jurisdiction. Mr. Shay also explained that the current contract with the Department of Corrections will help pay the costs for the expansion.

ADJOURNMENT

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

JACK DURNEY – Mayor

MIKE FOLKERS – Finance Director

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