

CITY OF HOQUIAM
Council Meeting Minutes

August 24, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

Councilmember McMillan led the flag salute and Mayor Durney asked for a moment of silence for the firefighters who lost their lives in Eastern Washington. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Homeless Camp

Pastor Jeanne Shofter, from the 1st Presbyterian Church, spoke to Council regarding their Church hosting the Homeless camp for the next 90 days. They will be having an information meeting on Thursday evening at the Church if anyone has questions. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Robin Moore, Hoquiam, stated that she attended the first meeting at Amazing Grace Church in Aberdeen when they opened their property for the camp and she thanked Pastor Shofter.

Land Use Hearing Examiner Recommendation

Scott Heidderich, Demoinis, Iowa, their company is acquiring Imperium they believe that the Hearing Examiner recommendation addresses everyone's

Land Use Hearing Examiner Recommendation

Mr. Al Carter, 315 Lawrence Drive, Hoquiam, representing Ocean Protein stated his company's support of the Hearing Examiners recommendations.

Land Use Hearing Examiner Recommendation

Kayla Dunlap, spoke on behalf of the Port of Grays Harbor, regarding the recommendation from the Hearing Examiner. She stated that the Port does have a few concerns with the zoning amendment recommendation. They would like the word pipeline added and the word liquid added between "occurring and petroleum" under item 17 in the definitions.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- The City Council Minutes of August 10, 2015;
- The Regulatory Committee report recommending approval and payment of claim check numbers 82690 through 82839 in the amount of \$463,259.75;
- Notification from Hometown Sanitation of a rate increase for sanitation services taking effect in October, 2015;

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

OFFICER REPORTS

N Street Paving

Included in the packet for Council review and approval were the results of the bid opening on the N Street Paving Project. Two bids were received as follows: Rognlin's Inc. \$381,480.00 and Nova Construction \$805,132.00. Staff made a recommendation that Council approve the bids and award the contract to Rognlin's, Inc., as the apparent low bidder. Staff further requests that Council authorize a change order to include deficiencies between 5th Street and 8th Street as per the bids received. Councilmember McMillan moved for approval of the bids and to authorize the contract with Rognlin's, and to allow staff to negotiate with Rognlin's for the expansion of the project and additional ramps from 5th to 8th. The motion was seconded and following a brief discussion, passed by voice vote.

**Community Foundation
Grant – Hoquiam Police
Department**

Chief Myers provided information regarding the award of a \$10,000 Community Foundation Grant to the Hoquiam Police Department to replace their portable radios. The funding will allow the Department to purchase 13 new radios for their officers. Councilmember McMillan moved to accept the grant and authorize the purchase of the 13 radios and the motion was seconded. Following a brief discussion, the motion passed by voice vote.

**Zoning Amendment
Recommendation**

Included in the packet was the report from the Land Use Hearing Examiner on the proposed text amendments to the Zoning Ordinance. Staff stated that Council can approve the amendments as presented, make proposed changes or not approve the proposed changes and send them back for further review. Councilmember McMillan moved to accept the recommendations with the language additions requested by the Port. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

Pre-Commercial Thinning

In June the City requested bids on a pre-commercial thinning sale at the watershed. The low bidder was Sierra Reforestation. The City has been unable to reach an agreement with the contractor and is asking council to formally reject their bid and they will forfeit their bid bond to the City. Councilmember Grun moved to reject all bids on the sale and refer this back to the Watershed Committee for review. The motion was seconded and following a discussion on the necessity of the sale, passed by voice vote.

MAYORS REPORTS

Pride Festival

Mayor Durney stated that the Pride Festival was very successful and he complimented Out and Proud for the job that they did.

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Simpson Avenue Bridge Closure

Mayor Durney stated the City has been notified that DOT will be closing the Simpson Avenue Bridge on August 31st. The City is meeting with DOT to discuss the closure and what affect it will have with Labor Day traffic and loggers' playday.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Pride Festival

Councilmember Anderson stated that the Pride Festival was very successful and thanked the City for their assistance.

Hoquiam Shows Its Best Auction and City Website

Councilmember Winkelman reminded the Council and citizens that the Hoquiam Shows Its Best Auction will be on October 17, 2015. Tickets are available for sale now. He also stated that there has been some discussion about listing the City businesses on the website.

Employee Barbeque

Council was reminded that the Employee Barbeque is scheduled for September 3rd. If anyone is available to assist please be at the City shop by 10:30. The barbeque starts at 11:30.

James McQuade Way

Councilmember McMillan stated that they will be dedicating the memorial signage for James McQuade Way at 10:00 on Saturday, September 12th. Members of the McQuade family will be in attendance if anyone from the Council would like to attend.

Sea Scouts

Councilmember Winkelman spoke briefly about the recent donation of tug boats to the Sea Scouts. If anyone is interested in seeing the boats, please get in touch with him or you can contact John Shaw in Westport.

LEGAL BUSINESS

Ordinances

Moratorium on Liquefied Petroleum Storage and Sales Facilities

An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Hoquiam, extending a moratorium on the licensing, regulation, location and permitting of Wholesale Liquefied Petroleum Storage and Sales Facilities, for an additional six months. Councilmember McMillan moved for adoption of the Ordinance and the motion was seconded. Following a brief discussion, the Ordinance was read by title a second time after which the motion for approval passed by unanimous roll call vote.

OLD BUSINESS

Testing Costs – Landfill

Mr. Shay provided a brief update on the John Gable Park project. The project should be complete within the next month.

Truck Traffic During Bridge Closure

Mr. Shay stated that Bay Avenue and 22nd will be changed to two way traffic for use by trucks needing to enter into Ocean Protein and other truck traffic during the bridge closure.

NEW BUSINESS

Excuse Absent Member

Councilmember McMillan moved to excuse the absent member, and

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the motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

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

Councilmember Tibbetts asked if the State flag could be put on the flagpole outside City Hall. It was also asked if the flagpole at the Cemetery will be replaced.

COMMUNICATIONS
Zoning Amendments

Mr. Dave Forbes, 2216 Aberdeen Avenue, stated that he would like the City to allow time for the public to review and comment the hearing examiner report and recommendations before the Council takes any action on the proposed amendments to the zoning code.

Council Minutes

Robin Moore, Hoquiam, asked where the minutes can be reviewed. Staff stated that the Council minutes are posted on the City website. Other information is also available at City Hall.

**Proposed Zoning
Amendments**

Arnie Martin, 631 Chenault, stated that Council needs to look at the proposed changes from the hearing examiner with great care before any wording is changed. He believes the changes proposed by the Port may be allowing more than what is wanted.

**Removal of Old Boat on
River**

Scott Heidderich, REG, stated that he will send packets out that talks about their company. He provided information to the Council and citizens regarding their operations and their purchase of Imperium. He also answered questions for the Council.

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

MIKE FOLKERS – Finance Director

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