

CITY OF HOQUIAM
Council Meeting Minutes

October 12, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

Councilmember Pennant led the flag salute and Mayor Durney called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. He thanked Councilmember Dickhoff for leading the last meeting.

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 Deputy Police Chief Don Wertanen, 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

Evergreen Treatment Center –
Molly Carney

Molly Carney, Executive Director for the Evergreen Treatment Center, provided an update to the Council on the Center. The clinic has been opened since last June and they are now serving 300 clients.

Two-Way Traffic Request

Mr. Dave Forbes, 2216 Aberdeen Avenue, asked questions regarding the change to the traffic flow on Bay and 22nd. Mr. Forbes was informed that there is an officers report later on the agenda which will refer to this. It was also stated that if the council votes to approve the request, it take a short time to make the changes.

Public Hearings - EIS

Ms. Tammy Domike, 823 Bluff, Hoquiam, stated that she was sorry so few of the Council came to the Public Hearings on the EIS. Comments can still be submitted through the 29th of October.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- The City Council Minutes of September 28, 2015;
- The Regulatory Committee report recommending approval and payment of claim check numbers 83032 through 83063 in the amount of \$641,256.82; ACH and EFT deposits in the amount of \$524,939.70; and payroll check numbers 27581 through 27617 in the amount of \$167,434.98.

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

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OFFICER REPORTS

Traffic Flow Change to Bay and 22nd

Mr. Shay provided a written report to the council regarding the request from Ocean Protein for a traffic flow change on Bay and 22nd St. and the construction of a 2nd driveway into their facility. Staff recommends that council approve this request and make that portion of Bay and 22nd as two-way traffic. Ocean Protein can construct a second entrance without city approval. Councilmember McMillan moved to adopt the staff recommendation and the motion was seconded. A brief discussion followed after which the motion for approval passed by voice vote.

Administrative Secretary Position

Mr. Johnson provided a written report to the council regarding the retirement of the Administrative Secretary and his recommendation for moving this position out of the Administrative Benefits Policy to a non-union, non-exempt position. Councilmember Dickhoff moved to approve the staff report and the motion was seconded. Following a brief discussion, the motion to approve the staff report and recommendation passed by voice vote.

MAYORS REPORTS

The Great Shakeout

Mayor Durney reminded Council, Staff and the citizens in attendance that the Great Shakeout will be held on October 15th at 10:15. This is an Emergency Management exercise and the City will be participating.

Simpson Avenue Bridge Auction and City Website

Mayor Durney stated that DOT will open the Simpson Avenue Bridge at 6:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 14th. They will continue to work on the bridge in the evenings and will be closing down one lane at 7:00 p.m. each night until the painting is complete.

Distinguished Budget Award

Mayor Durney presented Finance Director Mike Folkers with a Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association and congratulated Mr. Folkers and the Finance Department for receiving this award on behalf of the city.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Hoquiam Shows Its Best Auction and Dinner

Councilmember Winkelman reminded everyone that the Hoquiam Shows its Best auction will be on Saturday, October 17th at the Elks Lodge. Tickets are still available.

My Town Coalition Breakfast

Councilmember McMillan stated that the My Town Coalition Leadership Breakfast will be on Friday October 30th at 7:00 a.m. at Immanuel Baptist Church.

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OLD BUSINESS

Telephone Wires

Councilmember Winkelman spoke briefly regarding telephone lines that were dislodged from the slides in January. Century Link has not responded to requests to get these repaired. He asked that staff make a request from the city to get these fixed.

Ambulance Purchase

Councilmember McMillan spoke briefly regarding the possible purchase on an ambulance for the fire department. He would like to have this issue referred to the Public Safety Committee for their review and recommendation to the council.

Opposition to Crude Oil

Councilmember Pennant stated that he was not able to attend the EIS public hearings but wanted it known that he is opposed to the expansions and is opposed to crude oil coming into Hoquiam.

NEW BUSINESS

Public Safety Committee Meeting

Councilmember Swope announce that the Public Safety Committee will meet October 20th at 6:00 p.m. at the Police Station.

Public Utility District – Maintenance of Lines

Councilmember Tibbetts spoke regarding the downed telephone and cable lines. There is a law that allows for a public utility district to deal with downed lines and it might be something the city wants to look into for the future.

City Buildings

Councilmember Winkelman asked if staff would meet with the tenants of the City Buildings. Some of them experienced problems on Saturday with the rain and wind.

Commercial/Industrial Overlay

A brief discussion was held on having the Planning Commission look into the possibility of having a commercial overlay in the industrial zones where T-3 and the Anderson Middleton property are. This would allow for other types of businesses to go into these areas.

Council Tutorial

Councilmember McMillan asked if Councilmember Dickhoff could provide the Council tutorial that she has referenced to the entire council. She stated that what she had was what was provided to the council before the last retreat on critical thinking. It is not in print form.

COMMUNICATIONS

Detour Signs

Dave Wilson, C Street, Hoquiam, stated that the road closure signs that have been put up for the detour are not safe. The wind is blowing them around. He also stated that there is an issue on Karr with parking and asked that the City look into this. His last question was whether there has been any monitoring on extra

