

CITY OF HOQUIAM
Council Meeting Minutes

December 14, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Durney led the flag salute and 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, Simera, Swope, Tibbetts, and Winkelman.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Year End Report – Port of Grays Harbor

Port Commissioner Stan Pinnick introduced Executive Director Gary Nelson and Public Relations Officer Kayla Dunlap. He also thanked Mayor Durney and Councilmembers McMillan and Tibbetts for their service to our community. Ms. Dunlap reviewed the mission of the Port and the accomplishments that have been made over the past year. She also spoke about future plans. .

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- The City Council Minutes of November 23, 2015;
- The Regulatory Committee report recommending approval and payment of claim check numbers 83455 through 83494 in the amount of \$59,080.95; ACH and EFT deposits in the amount of \$372,818.90 and \$198,434.26 respectively; and payroll check numbers 27618 through 27681 in the amount of \$381,742.36.

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

OFFICER REPORTS

MOU With Fire Union

Mr. Folkers discussed a future change to the premium for the LEOFF 1 retirees and the cost to the City. Due to the increase, the City would like to move the retirees back to the plan under AWC. This can only happen if all active firefighters are also moved back to this plan. Staff would like council approval to approve an MOU with the firefighter Union if an agreement can be made before the end of the year. Councilmember Dickhoff moved to approve the staff report and approve the MOU if agreed

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to by the Union. The motion was seconded and following a brief discussion, the motion passed by voice vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Purchase of Ambulance

Councilmember McMillan stated that the Regulatory Committee has been discussing the purchase of a new ambulance. The Committee recommends that Council purchase a new ambulance using funds from equipment rental and a loan from the Watershed Fund which will be paid back in 3 years. Councilmember McMillan moved to approve the report, the motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Small Business Saturday

Councilmember Winkelman stated that the Small Business Saturday was a great success.

COG

Councilmember Pellegrini provided an update on recent meetings at COG. The Brownfield Assessment kick-off meeting was held two weeks ago. The Assessment grant would identify industrial property available.

Boards and Commissions
Small Business Saturday

Councilmember McMillan reviewed the various boards and commissions that he serves on and provided meeting dates. Someone will need to be appointed to fill those appointments.

LEGAL BUSINESS

Ordinances

Salary Ordinance

An Ordinance fixing the compensation of the officers and employees of the City of Hoquiam from and after December 1, 2015; and repealing Ordinance 2014-20. Councilmember McMillan moved for adoption of the ordinance. The motion was seconded. Mr. Folkers reviewed the changes. Following a brief discussion and the second reading, the motion for approval passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Resolutions

Surplus Property

A Resolution declaring certain personal property owned by the City to be surplus items pursuant to Hoquiam Municipal Code Section 1.64.005, 1.64.010 and 1.64.020. Councilmember McMillan moved for approval of the resolution and the motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

OTHER LEGAL

Childrens Advocacy Center
Lease

Included in the council packets was an agreement between the Children's Advocacy Center and the City for specialized services for child victims and training for city personnel for the amount of /\$4,000 for a one year agreement. Councilmember McMillan moved for approval and the motion was seconded. Following a brief discussion, the motion passed by voice vote.

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OLD BUSINESS

Landfill

Councilmember McMillan asked that the Mayor or Mayor elect speak with Commissioner Raines about closing the landfill. The telephone wires on Beacon Hill are still hanging off of the pole. Now that houses have been demolished on Queets, the City needs to put in some dirt and seed to keep the lots from washing out during rain. He also spoke regarding having Beacon Hill tied into the storm system and other projects that he would like to see completed. Mayor Durney thanked Councilmember McMillan for his time on the Council and service to the community.

NEW BUSINESS

Resignation – Councilmember Diehm

Councilmember Diehm read a letter to the Council resigning her position as Ward 6 Councilmember.

Council Meetings

Councilmember McMillan moved to have council meet every Monday and the motion was seconded. Mayor Durney ruled the motion out of order.

Presentation to Mayor and Councilmembers McMillan and Tibbetts

The Department Heads presented a plaque mounted with the Mayor’s gavel to Mayor Durney and thanked him for his leadership and service. Thank you gifts were presented to Mayor Durney, Councilmembers McMillan and Tibbetts.

MAYOR’S REPORTS

Mayor Durney thanked staff and his family for their support during his term as Mayor. He reviewed the many accomplishments of the City during his term. He also invited anyone that would like to attend a gathering for himself and the outgoing councilmembers at the Ale House following the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember McMillan moved to adjourn at 7:56 p.m. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

JACK DURNEY – Mayor

TRACY WOOD – Council Secretary

