

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

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**February 22, 2016**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Dickhoff called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. City Attorney Steve Johnson led the flag salute.

**ROLL CALL**

In attendance at the meeting were Mayor Dickhoff and Councilmembers Anderson, Carlstrom, Grun, Nelson, Pellegrini, Pennant, Simera, Swope, Wilson, and Winkelman. Councilmember Livingston was absent from the meeting.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Rezone of Property on Bay Avenue

Councilmember Pellegrini moved to open the public hearing at 7:01 p.m. and the motion was seconded and passed. Mayor Dickhoff read the fair hearing doctrine. Councilmember Wilson stated that he did speak to constituents in his ward concerning the rezone.

Wayne Hagen, Attorney, representing the Dahlstroms, stated that he helped to prepare documents and applications that were submitted. They believe that the industrial zoning is more in line to what the property could be used for and more in line with the other properties in the area. Councilmember Grun asked if the intent was to sell the properties together. Mr. Hagen stated he believed so. Councilmember Pellegrini asked what the properties to the West side of Ontario and the Franciscovich property zoned. Mr. Shay stated that both properties are industrial. Councilmember Wilson asked if the property was being used for anything at this time. Mr. Hagen stated that there is a small shop on the property that is being used but that is all as of now.

Mr. Dave Forbes, 2216 Aberdeen Avenue, Hoquiam, believes he read in the paper that the rezone would allow this property to have a marijuana growing/processing plant. He has no problem with that but believes there should be some type of conditional use put on the property as part of the zoning. New people coming into the area should be looked at to ensure that the uses are in the best interest of the citizens and Grays Harbor County.

Councilmember Pellegrini moved to close the public hearing at 7:09 p.m. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

Councilmember Pellegrini moved to approve the rezone application. The motion was seconded. Councilmember Winkelman asked if Councilmember Wilson received any feedback. Councilmember Wilson stated that he did go around this ward area and there was a high percentage of residents against a marijuana processing plant next to their home. Mr. Shay stated that anyone residing within 300 feet of the property

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received written notice and notification of the hearings. Following the discussion, the motion passed by voice vote.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Marijuana Processing/  
Manufacturing Plant

Mr. Keith Nicholson, 520 28<sup>th</sup> Street, Hoquiam, he has heard that the property just discussed was going to be used for a marijuana processing/manufacturing plant and he does not feel that he wants that close to his property.

Status of Loggers Playday

Robin Moore, 1019 Monroe, she has heard that Loggers Playday might be cancelled. Staff responded that it is scheduled for September 10<sup>th</sup> as of now. Mayor Dickhoff stated that they are in need of volunteers.

Public Presentation - Youth  
Issues

Lisa Chappel, League of Women Voters of Grays Harbor, invited everyone to their public presentations, Youth Issues, Solutions and Resources. Their next meeting is Tuesday at 7:00 First Baptist 729 Eklund, Hoquiam. The presentation will be on suicide prevention.

Dale Anderson, 317 Simpson Avenue, stated that she lives very close to several of the hotels and there is terrible problem. She asked that the city address the issues.

Arnie Martin, 631 Chenault Avenue, asked the Mayor if she is planning on appointing someone to serve on the Shorebird Committee.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Councilmember Grun moved for the adoption of items a and b on the consent agenda as presented and the motion was seconded. Those items appearing on the consent agenda were as follows:

- The City Council Minutes of February 8, 2016;
- The Regulatory Committee report recommending approval and payment of claim check numbers 83899 through 83909 in the amount of \$224,942.57; ACH and EFT deposits in the amount of \$343,580.38 and \$184,074.36 respectively; and payroll check numbers 27715 through 27748 in the amount of \$175,825.95.

The motion for approval passed by voice vote.

**MAYOR REPORTS**

Shorebird Festival

Mayor Dickhoff encouraged everyone to attend the Shorebird Festival which will be held May 4-7, 2016.

**OFFICER REPORTS**

Tree Planting Bids

The City made a call for bids for the planting of 17,000 seedlings in the Hoquiam Watershed. One bidder responded, Mt. St. Helens Reforestation for \$700 per thousand trees. Staff recommends that council accept and approve the bid from Mt. St. Helens Reforestation. Councilmember Pellegrini moved for the approval and acceptance of the bid and to authorize the Mayor to sign any necessary documents. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

E-Verify

A discussion on the e-verify program followed and Councilmember Anderson stated she would like the council to reconsider this resolution.

**LEGAL BUSINESS**

**Ordinances**

Zoning

An Ordinance relating to the official zoning map; amending the official zoning map as set forth in Section 10.03.040 and Section 10.03.060 of the Hoquiam Municipal Code. Councilmember Pellegrini moved to approve the ordinance. The motion was seconded. Councilmember Wilson again stated that he had spoken to many residents and they do not want a marijuana processing/manufacturing plant in their area. Councilmember Pellegrini stated that the rezone is a separate issue from what possible business might go there or how the land is used. We are voting on the use of other properties and determining the zoning for the area. Following the second reading, the motion passed by a vote of 9 to 1, with Councilmember Wilson voting no.

Land Use Hearing Examiner  
Authority

An Ordinance relating to zoning and land use regulations; modifying the authority of the Land Use Hearing Examiner; amending Section 1.55.080 of the Hoquiam Municipal Code; and amending Sections 1.55.080 and 10.07.140 of the Hoquiam Municipal Code. Councilmember Pellegrini moved to approve the Ordinance and the motion was seconded. Mr. Johnson explained that the current process has amendments to the zoning code sent to the Land Use Hearing Examiner and he holds a public hearing, etc. Passage of this ordinance would allow some issues to go to the planning commission instead of the hearing examiner. Following the second reading, the motion to approve the ordinance passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Shoreline Management and  
Shoreline Hearings

An Ordinance relating to shoreline management and shoreline hearings; amending Sections 11.04.030, 11.04.160, 11.04.190, 11.04.220 and 11.04.230 of the Hoquiam Municipal Code. Councilmember Pellegrini moved to approve the ordinance and

the motion was seconded. Mr. Shay explained that this ordinance would have Shoreline Issues referred to the Land Use Hearing Examiner. Following the second reading the motion to approve the Ordinance passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Zoning Districts/Boundary Changes

An Ordinance relating to zoning and land development, and the process of adopting zoning district boundary changes; amending section 10.03.060 of the Hoquiam Municipal Code. Councilmember Pellegrini moved to approve the ordinance and the motion was seconded. Following the second reading, the motion to approve the Ordinance passed by unanimous roll call vote.

**LEGAL BUSINESS**

**Other**

Legion A & AA Rental Agreement

Included in each packet was a rental agreement with Legion A and AA Baseball for use of Olympic Stadium. Councilmember Pellegrini moved for approval of the rental agreement and the motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

Legion AAA Rental Agreement

Included in each packet was a rental agreement with Legion AAA Baseball for use of Olympic Stadium. Councilmember Swope moved for the approval of the rental agreement with Legion AAA. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

Grays Harbor College Rental Agreement

Included in each packet was a rental agreement with Grays Harbor College Baseball for use of Olympic Stadium. Councilmember Pellegrini moved for the approval of the agreement and the motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

**OLD BUSINESS**

E-Verify

Councilmember Anderson moved to have the council reconsider the Resolution regarding the requirement for the E-Verify program. The motion was seconded and a voice vote was undeterminable. Councilmember Pellegrini called for a division of the house and the voice vote was 5 to 5, with Mayor Dickhoff voting yes. The motion passed and the resolution will be brought back before the council.

Committee Charis

Councilmember Winkelman reminded the committees that they need to meet and elect their chairman. It was also announced that the Regulatory Committee will meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting date of each month at 6:15 and the Watershed will meet the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of each month at 6:00.

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Billing Utilities by Meter Size      Councilmember Winkelman moved to refer the issue of water billing based on meter size to the Public Utilities Committee for their review and recommendation to the council. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Lighting on Entrance Signs      Councilmember Winkelman stated that the lights on the entrance signs coming into Hoquiam are not working.

Elite Obstacle Course Racers      Councilmember Winkelman stated that the Elite Obstacle course racers will be leading a workout at the High School on Saturday at 3:00 – this is open to anyone who would like to attend.

Vacant Council Position      A brief discussion was held regarding the vacant Council position and the process that should be followed to select and appoint a person to the position. Mr. Johnson stated that it has been done several ways in the past. The council has chosen to interview the candidates on some occasions and on others, based their decision strictly from the letter of interest that was submitted. Council is allowed to go into executive session to discuss the candidates, but the vote to appoint an individual must be done on the open floor. A motion was made to ask questions of the candidates in executive session and then make a decision. The motion was seconded. Councilmember Pellegrini moved to amend the motion to interview the candidates on the open floor and then go to executive session to discuss. The amendment was seconded and passed by voice vote and the main motion as amended passed by voice vote.

Current Sign Ordinance      Councilmember Winkelman stated that some business owners are concerned with the current regulations on signs for their businesses. He moved to send the sign ordinance and regulations to the Planning Commission for their review and recommendation. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

Jitterhouse      There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony for the grand opening of the Jitterhouse on Wednesday at 4:00.

Public Utilities Meeting      Councilmember Pellegrini stated that the Public Utilities Committee will meet following the regular council meeting.

Excuse Absent Member      Councilmember Pellegrini moved to excuse the absent member and the motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

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**COMMUNICATIONS**

- Roberts Rules                      Councilmember Tibbetts stated that under Roberts Rules of Order only someone who voted on the winning side can move to reconsider an issue.
- Changes to Ordinances              Robin Moore asked if the changes to the Ordinances can be published on the website so the citizens can view them.
- League of Women Voters              Lisa Chappel announced that it is the 95<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the League of Women Voters.
- E-Verify Program                      Pat Mulhouser stated that she is in favor of keeping the e—verify program and she encouraged the Councilmembers to stand up for their principles.
- E-Verify Program                      Mr. Bill Whieland, 600 Washington Court, stated that the Council needs to look at the e-verify program if it is costing the city thousands of dollars to have it in effect.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Councilmember Pellegrini moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

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Jasmine Dickhoff – Mayor

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Tracy Wood – Council Secretary

