

CITY OF HOQUIAM
Council Meeting Minutes

October 10, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Dickhoff called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Councilmember Winkelman led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

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

Staff in attendance were Police Chief Jeff Myers, Fire Chief Paul Dean, City Librarian Mary Thornton, City Attorney Steve Johnson, City Administrator Brian Shay, Finance Director Corri Schmid and Council Secretary Tracy Wood.

COMMUNICATIONS

Greater Grays Harbor Inc.

Mr. Dru Garson, representing Greater Grays Harbor Inc., provided information to the council on the projects and programs they have worked on over the past year. He also spoke about upcoming plans and additions for 2017. Greater Grays Harbor Inc. is asking that the City restore funding to their organization to the level it was in 2015-15.

Oil Terminals/Westway Expansion

The following individuals spoke in opposition to the Westway Terminal Expansion:

Paul McCloud, Hoquiam, WA; Arnie Martin, Hoquiam, WA; Tammy Ramsey, Hoquiam, WA; Lisa Chappel, Hoquiam, WA; and Robin Moore, Hoquiam, WA.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Grun moved to approve consent agenda item a, the Hoquiam City Council minutes of September 26, 2016, as presented. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

MAYORS REPORTS

Library Remodel Project

Mayor Dickhoff stated that the City has been notified that Timberland Bank has allocated \$5,000 in funds for the library restoration project.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Hoquiam Business Association

Councilmember Winkelman reminded the public, staff and council of the Hoquiam Business Association – Hoquiam Shows Its Best auction and dinner on Saturday at 6:00 p.m. It will be held at the Grand Central Building and tickets are available through him or any business association member.

Friends of Olympic Stadium

Councilmember Forkum stated that after the initial meeting of the Friends of Olympic Stadium, people have stepped up to be on the board and they will be electing officers. They are currently waiting for their EIN/non-profit status.

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OLD BUSINESS

Library Project

Councilmember Grun asked for an update on the library project. Mr. Shay stated that the roof is almost complete and the next step will be to address the heating system. The city is currently working to secure additional funding to help with the costs of the heating system replacement. We also hope to raise additional funds no later than next May to complete the other portions that were addressed. To date, approximately \$21,000 has been secured over the past 6 weeks.

Public Safety Committee

There have been some items referred to the Public Safety Committee and they will need to set up a meeting date in the near future.

NEW BUSINESS

Excuse Absent Member

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Opposition to Westway
Terminal Expansion/Oil by Rail

The following individuals spoke in opposition to the Westway Terminal Expansion Project:

David Ma, Westport, WA; Arnie Martin, Hoquiam, WA; Paul McCloud, Hoquiam, WA; Tammy Ramsey, Hoquiam, WA; and Corrina Johnson, Hoquiam, WA.

Lisa Chappel, Hoquiam, stated that the United Way is doing a coat, blanket and shoe drive for local Grays Harbor schools. They are accepting monetary donations and the children who will benefit are being selected by the teachers at the schools.

Staff and Council reiterated that if issued, the permit goes from the City to the Department of Ecology. DOE can overturn the permit or act on it in other ways. There will be notice posted on the website.

ADJOURN

Councilmember Nelson moved to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

Jasmine Dickhoff – Mayor

Tracy Wood – Council Secretary

