

CITY OF HOQUIAM
Council Meeting Minutes

October 24, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Dickhoff called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. She asked that our visiting scouts lead 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 Attorney Steve Johnson, City Administrator Brian Shay, Finance Director Corri Schmid and Council Secretary Tracy Wood.

COMMUNICATIONS

My Town Coalition

The following members of the My Town Coalition were in attendance at the meeting: Wilma Webber, Brock Maxfield, Paul McMillan, Izzy Chavez and Katri Pelan. They made a presentation to the City Council about what their organization is trying to do in our community. They are a group of volunteers who come together once a month to help students achieve success through reducing barriers. The Coalition started about three years ago and through the State Healthy Youth Survey they found out that Hoquiam has some of the highest risk factors for youth in the State. They were able to receive some grant funding to help achieve a more successful, healthier environment for the students. Prevention and student success doesn't just involve the schools; it involves families and the community.

PUBLIC HEARING

Property Tax Revenues

Councilmember Pellegrini moved to open the public hearing at 7:13 p.m. The motion was seconded and passed. Finance Director Corri Schmid made a presentation to the Council regarding Property Tax Revenues. The city is required to hold a Public Hearing for property tax revenues and then would need to adopt an Ordinance to be filed with the county by November 30th. She will bring the Ordinance before the council at the November 14th meeting. She reviewed the past property tax revenues and what the city is seeking for the 2017-18 Biennium. She also spoke briefly about the city requesting a refund levee and explained what this is. Following a brief discussion, Councilmember Pellegrini moved to close the hearing at 7:22 p.m. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

COMMUNICATIONS

**Westway Terminal Expansion
Permits/Oil by Rail**

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

Arnie Martin, 631 Chenault, Hoquiam, stated his opposition and

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also presented a letter from the Audubon Society stating their opposition;

Diane Wolfe, 309 Beacon Hill Drive, Hoquiam, spoke regarding recent Court cases in California;

Tammy Domike, 820 Bluff, Hoquiam, read a letter of opposition from the Fire chief of Mossier;

Dave Forbes, 2216 Aberdeen Avenue, Hoquiam; spoke regarding the City Administrator being the person who will issue or not issue permits;

Marianna from Montesano, spoke regarding her fear of living so close to the rail tracks and what an explosion would do to our communities;

Zach Thayer, 401 O Street, Hoquiam, suggested other ways to transport oil;

Greg Shumler, 30 Cedar Mill Lane, Montesano, spoke regarding oil prices and the need for certain types of oil for heating and cars; but this type of oil and product is not needed or wanted here;

Paul McCloud, 2115 Aberdeen Avenue, Hoquiam, polled Council on their stance towards the issue;

Chehalis Basin Flood Authority

Vicki Raines representing the Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority invited citizens and staff to attend the public hearing on Thursday, October 27th from 6-9 p.m. at Montesano City Hall. There is also a Website available for more information. Comments can also be submitted in writing or through email. The comment period has been extended through November 14, 2016. She has been working with Mr. Shay to try and secure funding for flood improvements and they were able to secure \$1.3 M for a new pump station on Ramer.

Westway Terminal Expansion Permits/Oil by Rail

The following individuals spoke in opposition to the issuance of the Permits for the Westway Expansion:

Jacob Barnet, 629 Karr Avenue, Hoquiam; spoke regarding damage oil can cause;

Corina Johnson, Lincoln Street, Hoquiam, stated that the Mayor has ultimate authority and asked why she is not using it in writing;

Timber Works Public Meeting

Frank Gordon reminded the citizens that there will be a meeting on Tuesday, October 25th at the Log Pavilion at 6:00 p.m. to discuss flood improvements for our communities.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Grun moved to approve items a through c on the consent agenda as presented and the motion was seconded.

Those items appearing on the consent agenda were as follows:

- The Hoquiam City Council Minutes of October 10, 2016;
- The Regulatory Committee report recommending approval and payment of claim check numbers 85515 through 85712 in the amount of \$985,950.07; claim auto pays and EFTs in the amount of \$20,693.08; payroll check numbers 28010 through 28044 in the amount of \$177,521.01; ACH and EFT's in the amount of \$345,748.94 and \$184,493.69 respectively;
- A Notice of Completion of Work and Request to Release Retainage and Bonds to Quigg Brothers for completed work on the Hoquiam Watershed Bridges: Crossings #12582 and #12607.

The motion to approve the consent agenda items passed by voice vote.

OFFICER REPORTS

Ramer Street Pump Station Project

Mr. Shay presented a written report to the Council regarding the Ramer Street Pump Station Project. The project would make storm system improvements in the North end of Hoquiam. Construction must begin by July 1, 2017. He asked that the Council authorize acceptance of the grant from the Chehalis Basin Flood Authority for \$1.3M and allow the city to proceed with signing a contract with HDR Engineering for consulting services necessary to design, permit and manage the project. Councilmember Pellegrini moved to authorize the Mayor to accept the grant and to sign the contract with HDR. Motion was seconded and following a brief discussion, the motion passed by voice vote.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Council of Governments (COG) Meeting

Councilmember Pellegrini provided a brief update on the recent COG meeting and discussed the importance of having representation on the Regional Transportation Planning Board. Grays Harbor needs a voice on this board to help get some of the funding for our area.

Safe Energy Leadership Alliance

Councilmember Pellegrini reviewed a recent report issued from SELA (Safe Energy Leadership Alliance) which stated that they are aware of the risks of transporting oil in rail cars.

Haunted Hoquiam and Hoquiam Shows Its Best

Councilmember Winkelman reminded those in attendance that the Hoquiam Business Association will be sponsoring Haunted Hoquiam on Saturday, October 29th with downtown business trick or treating for the kids from 1:00 to 3:00. Also, the Hoquiam Shows its Best dinner and auction will be held on

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November 5th at the Grand Central building. Tickets for the event are available through any HBA Board member or at the door.

Board and Committee Meetings Councilmember Grun announced that the Cemetery Board met on October 12th and would like to meet once a month.

Councilmember Forkum stated that the Friends of Olympic Stadium will meet on Wednesday, October 26th at 6:00 p.m. to elect officers.

LEGAL BUSINESS

Ordinances

Downtown Hoquiam Historic Preservation District

An Ordinance relating to land development providing for the establishment of a Downtown Hoquiam Historic Preservation District, pursuant to chapter 10.06 of the Hoquiam Municipal Code, correcting the description of the district as set forth in ordinance No. 2013-21. Councilmember Pellegrini moved for adoption of the Ordinance and the motion was seconded. Ms. Schmid read the ordinance by title a second time after which the motion to adopt the Ordinance passed by unanimous roll call vote. , seconded. No comments and Ms. Schmid read the ordinance a second time after which the motion passed by voice vote.

OTHER LEGAL

HDR Proposal for the Simpson Water Pipeline Replacement

Included in the Council packet was a Short Form Agreement between the City of Hoquiam and HDR Engineering, Inc., for Professional Services for design and services during bidding and construction of the Simpson Water Pipeline Replacement. Councilmember Pellegrini moved to approve the agreement and to authorize the Mayor to sign. The motion was seconded. Mr. Shay explained the project and the necessity of the repair of the lines. Following a brief discussion, the motion to approve the agreement passed by voice vote.

Wastewater Treatment Plant – Disinfection and Reliability, and Biosolids Reports Project

Included in the Council packet was a Short Form Agreement between the City of Hoquiam and HDR Engineering, Inc., for services in connection with the project known as the Wastewater Treatment Plant – Disinfection and Reliability, and Biosolids Reports Project. Councilmember Grun moved to approve the agreement and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement. The motion was seconded. Mr. Shay explained what the project would involve and the reports that would be prepared. Following a brief discussion, the motion to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign passed by voice vote.

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NEW BUSINESS

Naming a Bridge at the Watershed in Memorium

Councilmember Grun presented a proposal to the Council to name one of the two bridges at the Watershed after Mr. Williams who was instrumental in establishing the City watershed in the 1950's. Mr. Shay stated that there is a process to be followed and staff will provide the procedure to each councilmember.

Cemetery Board Meeting

Councilmember Grun announced that the Cemetery Board meeting will be November 12th at 6:00 p.m. prior to the Council meeting.

Excuse Absent Member

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Westway Terminal Expansion Permits

Paul McCloud, Pacific Avenue, Hoquiam, asked why all of the councilmembers would not answer when asked their stance on the Oil by Rail and Westway Project. Mayor Dickhoff stated that it is their right to either answer or not answer.

Greg Shumler, 300 Cedar Mill Lane, Montesano, stated the code section that Corinna referenced was Section 1.12 regarding the authority of the Mayor.

ADJOURN

Councilmember Pellegrini moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

Jasmine Dickhoff – Mayor

Tracy Wood – Council Secretary

