

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

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**November 14, 2016**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ROLL CALL**

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

Staff in attendance were Deputy chief Don Wertanen, Fire chief Paul Dean, City Attorney Steve Johnson, City Librarian Mary Thornton, City Administrator Brian Shay, City Finance Director Corri Schmid and Council Secretary Tracy Wood.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

2017-18 Biennial Budget

Councilmember Pellegrini moved to open the hearing at 7:02 p.m. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

Ms. Schmid stated that Council received their preliminary budgets in their boxes on Friday for their review. She reviewed the preliminary budget and stated that staff is proposing using a portion of the endowment fund to balance the Cemetery budget. There is a decline in burials and Mr. Shay explained that the crews are at bare bones, that there are no positions left to cut within the AFSCME group. There was a brief discussion on the maintenance at the cemetery. Several options are being looked at from using volunteers, possible contracts for maintenance or a decrease in the months that maintenance will be completed. The ambulance budget is another concern. The reimbursements from Medicaid and Medicare are very low and not even covering the costs of the equipment and staff being used on these calls. Staff is proposing an increase in the monthly ambulance fee that citizens pay with their utilities. They are also looking at renegotiating the Fire District contracts. Consolidation of some services is also being looked at but is not something that will happen in the near future. After further questions, Councilmember Pellegrini moved to close the hearing at 7:25 p.m. and the motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Mayor Dickhoff stated that this portion of the public comment period would be for anyone with comments or questions on items that appear on the agenda. There were no comments.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- The City Council Minutes of October 24, 2016;

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

**MAYOR REPORTS**

North shore Levee Meeting  
Date

Mayor Dickhoff stated that there will be a public meeting for the North Shore Levee on December 6, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. at the rotary Log Pavilion. Mr. Shay stated that there is a special meeting for city councilmembers on November 15, 2016, at 5:00 or 6:00. Please notify him of which time you would like to attend.

Purchase of 8<sup>th</sup> St. Building

Mayor Dickhoff stated that the purchase of the old Sr. Center Building has been completed.

Council Conduct Policy

Mayor Dickhoff spoke briefly regarding the establishment of a Council Conduct Policy. If Councilmembers have any ideas please submit them to staff.

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

Friends of Olympic Stadium

Councilmember Forkum announced that the Friends of Olympic Stadium will meet on Wednesday at 6:30 to elect officers.

Hoquiam Business  
Association

Councilmember Winkelman stated that the HBA auction and awards dinner was a great success. He also reminded everyone that Ho Ho Hoquiam will be on December 3<sup>rd</sup> and he encouraged everyone to get out and visit the local businesses on Small Business Saturday on November 26<sup>th</sup>.

**LEGAL BUSINESS**

**Ordinances**

Property Tax Levy

An ordinance relating to ad valorem tax; setting and levying the ad valorem tax levies for the General Fund, the Ambulance Fund, the Fire Truck Bond Fund and EMS Bond Fund of the city of Hoquiam for fiscal year 2017. Councilmember Grun moved for adoption of the Ordinance and the motion was seconded. Following a brief discussion, Ms. Schmid read the Ordinance by title a second time and the motion to adopt the Ordinance passed by unanimous roll call vote.

**Resolutions**

Property Tax Levy

A Resolution of the City of Hoquiam, Washington, declaring the need to increase the 2017 ad valorem tax levy by one percent over the tax levy of 2016. Councilmember Pellegrini moved for the adoption of the resolution and the motion was seconded. Following a brief discussion, the motion to adopt the resolution passed by voice vote.

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Property Tax Levy Emergency Services      A Resolution of the city of Hoquiam, Washington, declaring the need to increase the 2017 ad valorem tax levy for emergency services by one percent over the 2016 tax levy. Councilmember Pellegrini moved for the adoption of the resolution and the motion was seconded. Following a brief discussion, the motion passed by voice vote.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Passage of Equipment Tax      Staff spoke briefly about the voters passing the equipment bond during the recent election. With these funds, the city will be able to re-chassis two ambulances and purchase one new one. These will be discussed before the council before any action is taken.

Public Safety Committee Meeting      It was announced that the Public Safety Committee will meet next Monday the 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 at the police department.

Welcome New Business      Councilmember Wilson encouraged the Council and citizens to stop in at the new coffee stand on 8<sup>th</sup> Street.

My Town Coalition Meeting      Councilmember Wilson stated that he attended the My Town Coalition meeting. He encouraged others to attend at a future date.

**COMMUNICATION**

Speaking Before the Council      Bill Wieland, 600 Washington Court, thanked Councilmember Pellegrini for the editorial that appeared in the Daily World. He also addressed the citizens in attendance and reminded them that speaking before the Council is a privilege. The Council does not need to allow public comment. Our only right is to be in attendance at the meeting. The council has allowed a 5 minute comment period which does not give us the right to carry on debates, go over the time, or anything else. If we don't follow the rules, the public comment period can be taken away.

Opposition to Westway Terminal Expansion and Oil by Rail      The following individuals spoke in opposition to the Terminal expansion and Oil by Rail:

Arnie Martin – 631 Chenault Avenue; presented flash drive with comments and opposition from the Audubon society;  
Tammy Domike 823 Bluff Avenue, Hoquiam, read a letter from the VP of the Spokane Fire Department Union;  
Eddie VanGoffart, 155 Spencer, Hoquiam;  
Linda Chappel, Hoquiam;  
Erik Sandgren – 811 N. Thornton St., Aberdeen,;  
Paul McCloud – 2115 Aberdeen Avenue, Hoquiam;  
Kathy Schafer, 1216 Fairview, Montesano;  
Robin Moore, 1019 Monroe;

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Victoria Leachman, Seattle;

Dave Forbes, 2216 Aberdeen Avenue spoke about his recent trip to Nevada.

Stadium

Mr. Goodenough, a student at Hoquiam High School, asked everyone to support the Friends of Olympic Stadium so that our future generation will have the opportunity to play their sports there as he and his friends have.

Review of Permit

Paul McCloud spoke briefly about the comment period which ends on November 19<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Shay stated that ICF is not under contract at this time but regardless of whoever is contracted, Westway will pay for the review.

Excuse Absent Member

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

**ADJOURN**

Councilmember Pellegrini moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 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

