

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

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**February 13, 2017**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Dickhoff called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and asked that all rise for the flag salute.

**ROLL CALL**

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

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

**COMMUNICATIONS**

There were no public comments regarding agenda items.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- The Hoquiam City Council minutes of January 23, 2017;
- A request for approval to purchase a new Police vehicle off of the State contract in the amount of \$33,478.78;
- A notice of completion of work and a request to release retainage and bonds for the Hoquiam Watershed bridge crossings to Quigg Brothers, Inc.

Councilmember Grun asked a question regarding the police vehicle and the price listed. Mr. Shay stated that the bid is directly from the State bid and is the best price that we can get for the vehicle. This is a budgeted item. Mr. Shay explained that if we want to buy locally then we have to advertise and accept bids from anyone wanting to bid. Following a brief discussion, the motion for approval of the consent agenda passed by voice vote.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Committee Appointments**

The Committee on Committee's, consisting of Councilmembers Winkelman, Forkum and Grun, met and recommended the following appointments to the Council Committees:

Public Utilities Committee: Councilmembers Anderson, Simera, Pellegrini and Pennant.

Public Safety and Law: Councilmembers Swope, Nelson, Carstrom and Pennant.

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Watershed Committee: Councilmembers Grun, Nelson, Wilson and Swope.

Regulatory Committee: Councilmembers Forkum, Pellegrini, Grun and Carlstrom.

Councilmember Pellegrini moved to adopt the committee recommendations and the motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

**Council Agenda**

Citizens and Council would like to have the agenda published earlier in the week, following the department head meeting.

**MAYORS REPORTS**

Mayor Dickhoff asked for Council concurrence to appoint Councilmember Pellegrini as the representative to the Council of Governments. Councilmember Carlstrom moved to concur with the appointment, the motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

**LEGAL BUSINESS**

**Ordinances**

Salary Ordinance

An Ordinance fixing the compensation of the officers and employees of the City of Hoquiam from and after January 1, 2017; and repealing Ordinance # 2017-01. Councilmember Pellegrini moved for adoption of the ordinance and the motion was seconded. Staff explained that the ordinance reflects the changes in salaries for the labor agreement with the Firefighters Union. Following its second reading, the motion for approval passed by unanimous roll call vote.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Broadway Avenue

Councilmember Pellegrini asked that staff look at the dip on Broadway Avenue. It has dropped another 4 to 5 inches.

Pacific Sidewalks

Councilmember Forkum asked what the status is of widening the sidewalks on Pacific. Mr. Shay stated that there are currently no funds available to do this project. Homeowners in that area could look at doing a Local Improvement District (LID) to accomplish it.

Beast Elite – Public Workout

Councilmember Winkelman stated that there will be a free “public” workout at Olympic Stadium on February 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Members of the Beast elite team will be there to lead the workouts and speak about good nutrition, etc. The event is sponsored by Grays Harbor Unders.

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Spring Clean-up Council asked what the status of the April Spring Clean-up is. Mr. Shay stated that the City does have a contract with Hometown for this event. In the past citizens have been provided with a voucher that allows for them to take a certain amount of loads to dispose of at the transfer station. He also stated that the City has had to do some clean-ups on derelict properties recently so some of those funds have been used for that. Council needs to provide direction to staff on what they feel the city should do. Councilmember Winkelman stated that we might want to look at providing some large dumpsters for drop off points and maybe more people would participate.

Appointments to Urban Forestry Board Mayor Dickhoff asked for council concurrence on the appointment of Kurt Estes and Annette Moir to the Urban Forestry Board. Councilmember Pellegrini moved to concur with these appointments. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

**COMMUNICATION**

Cabaret Ordinance Stephen Pulla, owner of the property at 212 4<sup>th</sup> Street, spoke to the Council regarding their event center. The Hoquiam Municipal Code requires that they hold a cabaret license because of the types of events they are holding at their facility. The code limits the age of the those attending these activities to 21 and over and he would like for the Council to review the code and make possible updates and changes.

Contanda (Westway) Expansion Application The following individuals spoke in opposition to the application for oil storage and oil by rail in the City of Hoquiam:

Mr. Bob Ford, Aberdeen and Mr. Paul McCloud, 2115 Aberdeen Avenue, Hoquiam.

Simpson Avenue to Two-Way Street Mr. Bob Espisito, Beacon Hill, Hoquiam, suggested that the City look at the possibility of making Simpson and Sumner two way streets. It would possibly attract more business to the downtown areas.

Purchase of Police Vehicle Mr. Ray Brown, 1200 Montesano Street N., Westport, spoke regarding the purchase of the new police vehicle from the State bid. He suggested that the Council or Staff look at the difference in the costs of the State bid vs. buying local.

“Small” House Project Robin Moore, 1019 Monroe, spoke regarding the recent decision of the County to put the proposed small housing project on hold. She stated that there was a lot of work done on the planning for

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this project and doesn't understand why the County Commissioners have stopped the project. Mr. Shay explained that CCAP did make a presentation to the Commissioners on the proposed project and were asking for \$250,000 in funding. The project in south Aberdeen would be helpful to those on SSI, limited funds, etc. Mayor Dickhoff also spoke briefly regarding the Homeless problem.

Past Commissioner Frank Gordon provided some background in regards to the funding available at the county to help the homeless.

Opposition to Contanda  
Expansion and Oil By Rail

Savra Noice, Oakville, WA, and Tammy Dimitke, Bluff Avenue, Hoquiam, spoke in opposition to the Contanda expansion and oil by rail.

Excuse Absent Members

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

**ADJOURN**

Councilmember Pellegrini moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 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

