

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

**July 10, 2017**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Dickhoff called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. City Administrator Brian Shay led the flag salute.

**ROLL CALL**

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

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**

Fireworks

Mary Riley, 121 Karr, stated her opposition to fireworks in the city. She stated that most of the buildings in our town are old and made of wood and they will burn. She feels we should ban fireworks in town for personal use.

Council Minutes

Robin Moore 1019 Monroe, made an inquiry on the posting of the minutes on the webpage. She stated that the last several sets of minutes are not showing. Staff will check with the webmaster and get these up to date.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- The City Council Minutes of June 26, 2017

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

**OFFICER REPORTS**

Pavement Repair Bids

Mr. Shay provided a written report to the council regarding the recent call for bids for pavement repair throughout the City. Two bids were received as follows: Lakeside Inc. - \$51,635 and Granite construction \$94,075. Staff recommends that Council approve the bids and award the bid to Lakeside Inc., in the amount of \$51,635 as the apparent low bidder. Councilmember Pellegrini moved to accept the bids and award the bid to Lakeside. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

**MAYOR REPORTS**

Designated Fireworks Zone

Mayor Dickhoff stated that she would like to see the fireworks issue referred to the Public Safety Committee for review. She spoke briefly regarding designating a fireworks zone within the city or that the Committee could ban fireworks altogether. Councilmember

Nelson moved to refer this issue to the Public Safety Committee and the motion was seconded. Following a lengthy discussion on the liability of the City and issues of concern with the noise and safety, Councilmember Nelson called for the vote and the motion passed by voice vote.

Council Code of Conduct

Mayor Dickhoff discussed the Council Code of Conduct which has been referred to the Committee on Committees. She made an official request to the committee that they bring back a recommendation to the Council.

**NEW BUSINESS**

ATV's

Councilmember Pellegrini spoke briefly regarding the possibility of licensing ATV's for use on residential streets in the city. There are several communities where elderly people use ATV's to get around in their neighborhoods. He moved to refer this issue to the Public Safety Committee for their review and recommendation. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

Veterans Park

Councilmember Winkelman thanked the Boy Scouts and the VFW for their work at the Veterans Park.

Homicide

Mayor Dickhoff thanked the Police Department staff for their work with the recent homicide and offered condolences to the family members.

Retail Sales Article

Councilmember Wilson referred to an article in the Daily World regarding retail sales in Grays Harbor County. He encouraged all to shop locally.

**COMMUNICATION**

Fireworks

Bill Wieland, 600 Washington Court, spoke in opposition to allowing fireworks in our city. The animals and many veterans have problems – especially when the fireworks being used are not the legal ones. He asked that he be informed of when the Public Safety Committee would meet.

Fireworks and Sign Code

Kyle Pauley, Councilmember for Cosmopolis stated that they are also looking at fireworks. The City can declare an emergency if the weather is dry and ban them during that time. He also stated that the HBA has been notified of the Planning Commission meeting and several members are planning on attending.

Fireworks

Jude Armstrong, Chenault, also stated her opposition to the fireworks within the city limits and expressed their gratitude to the Hoquiam Police Department for their recent conduct during the homicide investigation.

Traffic and Drivers

Mr. Gary Patterson, 315 Karr, spoke briefly regarding drivers lately. There have been several instances of them going down one way streets the wrong way or driving outside their lane. He suggested that something needs to be done.

Councilmember Pellegrini moved to excuse Councilmembers Simera and Grun who notified staff of their absence. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

**ADJOURN**

Councilmember Nelson moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 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