

CITY OF HOQUIAM
Council Meeting Minutes

January 22, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Dickhoff led the flag salute and called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Dickhoff and Councilmembers Anderson, Carlstrom, Forkum, George, Livingston, McMillan, Nelson, Simera, Swope, Wilson and Winkelman. Absent from the meeting was Councilmember Grun.

COMMUNICATIONS

Hometown Hero

Sara Livingston, representing the My TOWN Coalition made a presentation to Nickolas Moir, naming him the Hometown Hero for January. Nickolas volunteers for many things such as food ball and other school functions, as well as serves as a member of the Library Board. He is active in sports and an outstanding student.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- The City Council Minutes of January 8, 2018;
- The Regulatory Committee Report recommending approval and payment of claim check numbers 88449 through 88620 in the amount of \$1,054,360.23; claim auto pays and EFTs numbers 199 through 202 in the amount of \$2,576.90 and that payroll and benefits for the month of January, 2018, be approved and issued at the proper time.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Committee on Committee's
Council Committee
Assignments for 2018**

The Committee on Committee's consisting of Councilmember McMillan, Chair and Councilmembers Winkelman and Livingston made the following Council Committee Assignments for 2018:

Public Utilities Committee: Councilmember Wilson, Chair; and Councilmembers Winkelman, George and Carlstrom.

Regulatory Committee: Councilmember Winkelman, Chair; and Councilmembers Carlstrom, Forkum, Livingston and George.

Watershed Committee: Councilmember Grun, Chair; and Councilmembers Anderson, Nelson and Forkum.

Public Safety Committee: Councilmember Nelson, Chair, and Councilmembers Simera, Swope, Livingston and McMillan.

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Councilmember McMillan moved to accept the Committee assignments as written and the motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

Regulatory Committee –
Consultant for Cost Study for
GEMT

The Regulatory Committee made a recommendation that the Council authorize staff and/or the mayor to sign an agreement with a consultant to perform a cost study for the Ground Emergency Management Transportation (GEMT) program. Councilmember McMillan moved for the adoption of the report and the motion was seconded. Ms. Schmid explained the cost study will set an amount for each ambulance run. The GEMT program will help the City make up the difference in the Medicaid and Medicare payments. The motion to approve passed by voice vote.

Mayor Reports
Appointments to Boards

Mayor Dickhoff made the following board appointments: She will serve as the representative for COG; Councilmember Livingston will serve on HBA; Councilmember Simera will serve on the City Tourism Board; Councilmember Simera will serve on Loggers Playday; Councilmember McMillan will be the Mayors alternate on the 911 Board; Councilmembers Swope and Winkelman will serve on the Community Services Board; Councilmember Nelson will serve on the Cemetery Board and Councilmember Carlstrom will serve on the Library Board. Councilmember McMillan moved to concur with the Mayors appointments and the motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

COG Meeting

Mayor Dickhoff reported that the first COG meeting was last Thursday and she met with Mayors of other communities. They have agreed that the Homeless Issue is a priority and they are going to try and find funding to help. Every city in Grays Harbor has this problem.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Attendance

Councilmember Wilson stated that he was glad to see everyone in attendance at the meetings.

OLD BUSINESS

Greater Grays Harbor Inc.

Councilmember Winkelman moved to authorize the mayor to sign an agreement with Greater Grays Harbor Inc. in the amount of \$5,500 for the city's municipal membership. The motion was seconded and a discussion followed on the oversight as to what they provide for the city, and where the funding will come from. The Mayor also offered her opinion and indicated that she sees their focus on promoting membership businesses vs. encouraging economic development. Council felt that they should have a presence at the board meetings. It was explained that Mayor Larson represents the cities on this board. Councilmember Wilson

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moved to table the issue and his motion was seconded but failed by voice vote. The main motion to approve the funding at \$5,500 was passed by voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Council Retreat

Mayor Dickhoff asked that Council to check their schedules for March 19th (Monday) for a Council Retreat for 2018. Staff will attend for the first hour from 6:00 to 7:00 and then Council will continue with the retreat following their departure.

Community Forums

Councilmember Forkum asked that Council consider holding Community forums at the grade schools again. This can be discussed at the Council retreat.

Downtown Project

Councilmember Winkelman stated he has had several emails and phone calls regarding the downtown project and asked who the contact at the City is for people to find out information. Mr. Shay stated that a flyer was sent to all businesses telling them that he is the contact. He stated that they are approximately 3 weeks from moving across the bridge.

Alleys

Councilmember Wilson made a motion that the issue regarding alleys be referred to Public Utilities Committee for review. Would like to have the options of a possible LID or other type of maintenance discussed. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

Library Renovation

It was announced that the Library funding has been approved by legislature.

COMMUNICATIONS

Use of Fireworks and Public Safety

Lisa Chappel, thanked the Mayor for acknowledgement of the severity of the homeless issue. She spoke briefly about the Police Department and all that they do, but had a concern that calls were not responded to in their neighborhood for a citizen setting off fireworks and using the lighted lanterns. She is concerned for neighborhood safety. Chief Myers said he would review the calls when he returned to the police department.

League of Women Voters

Robin Moore, 1019 Monroe, invited everyone to League of Women Voters on January 24th at 7:00 p.m. at the Hoquiam Library.

HBA Appointment and Coastal Harvest

Kyle Pauley thanked the Mayor for the appointment of Councilmember Livingston to the HBA and also spoke about the funding recently received by Coastal Harvest.

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Excuse Absent Member

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

ADJOURN

Councilmember McMillan moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m. and the motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

Jasmine Dickhoff - Mayor

Tracy Wood – Council Secretary