

CITY OF HOQUIAM
Council Meeting Minutes

February 26, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Capital Facility Charges

Mike Vellani, 201 Bryant Lane, thanked the Council and Mayor for addressing the issues of the Capital Facility Charges. Market has changed since these charges went into effect. The price to build homes has increased and with the sale prices, it is not feasible any longer. Mr. Vellani reviewed costs that these new homeowners will pay for utilities and charges each month once the homes are sold. He also reviewed the improvements that they have already made to the area. Economic growth is the goal. Housing is needed and Hoquiam has a shortage of new and affordable housing. He urged the council to adopt the proposed new rates.

**Hometown Hoquiam and
Capital Facility Charges**

Mr. Jack Durney, Hoquiam, spoke to the council regarding all of the great changes that have been made since he served as Mayor. He spoke of the community meetings that were held and all of the improvements that have been done from the ideas brought forth from those meetings. He stated that one of the things they heard over and over was the need for affordable housing – Summerhaven will provide that housing. Development at Summerhaven will bring more people to our community to live here, shop in our downtown, pay utilities, etc. He understands the purpose of the Capital Facility Charges but he urged the council to modify the charges – it’s important that this gets done.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Grun moved to approve consent agenda items a and b and the motion was seconded. Councilmember Winkelman moved to amend the minutes to indicate the Mayor’s comment from the last meeting that she would veto an ordinance in support of lowering the Capital Facility Charges, His motion was seconded and passed by voice vote. Those items appearing on the consent agenda were as follows:

- The City Council Minutes of February 12, 2018, as amended by the motion;
- The Regulatory Committee report recommending approval and payment of claim check numbers 88621 through 88799 in the amount of \$1,128,994.66; claim auto pays and EFT numbers 203 through 208 in the amount of \$45,607.95; payroll check numbers 28576 through 28609 in the amount of \$178,289.84; payroll ACH payments in the amount of \$373,870.88 and payroll EFTs in the amount of \$192,261.60; and that payroll and benefits for the month of February be approved and issued at the proper time.

The main motion, as amended, passed by voice vote.

OFFICER REPORTS

Speed Limit on Airport Way,
Paulson and 5th St. Ext.

Chief Myers provided a written report to the council regarding inconsistencies in the speed limits along 5th Street Extension, Airport Way and Paulson Road. He asked that council review the speed limits in that area to determine if changes need to be made. Councilmember Grun moved to refer this issue to the Public Safety Committee for their review and recommendation. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

MAYOR REPORTS

Timberworks Funding

Mayor Dickhoff stated that she and Mr. Shay met with the City of Aberdeen regarding funding for the Timberworks project. She will keep the Council informed.

Special Olympics

Mayor Dickhoff stated that she has been asked to help coach one of the teams for the Special Olympics. Corri Schmid has agreed to be her assistant coach. The Special Olympics will be held on Saturday, March 10th at 1:00 – it would be great if the council and citizens would come out to support them.

LEGAL BUSINESS

Ordinances

Capital Facility Charges

An Ordinance relating to capital facility charges imposed to connect and receive city water service and city sewer service; amending Subsection (1) of Section 8.10.035 to the Hoquiam Municipal Code; and amending Subsection (1) of Section 8.12.047 to the Hoquiam Municipal Code. Councilmember McMillan moved to adopt the Ordinance and the motion was seconded. A lengthy discussion followed regarding the sizes of the meters and the charges proposed. Councilmember Winkelman spoke briefly regarding the concern that he might have a conflict of interest on this issue, the Mayor stated that they have investigated this and the opinion is that there is no conflict. Councilmember Winkelman reviewed the proposed charges – any meter under 1” would not

have a charge, and those above 1” have been reduced by 70%. Councilmember McMillan asked why the Committee proposed a 70% reduction. And it was stated that was Councilmember Pellegrini who suggested that number. Several Councilmembers stated that they felt this should go back to committee for further study by the current councilmembers, since this report was generated before the end of last year. Councilmember Grun asked if these fees were instituted because of the study that was done in 2005 regarding our utilities and rates. Ms. Schmid stated that they were and she provided the Council with information from other communities and what they charge. Councilmember Forkum moved to table this issue and refer it back to the Public Utilities Committee for further review. The motion was seconded. Following a brief discussion, the motion to table and refer back to the Public Utilities Committee passed by voice vote.

LEGAL BUSINESS

Resolutions

Job Description for Assistant
Finance Director

A Resolution adopting an amended position description for the Assistant Finance Director position. Councilmember McMillan moved for adoption of the resolution and the motion was seconded. Following a brief discussion, the motion to approve the Resolution passed by voice vote.

Surplus Property

A Resolution declaring certain real personal property owned by the City to be surplus pursuant to Hoquiam Municipal Code Section 1.64.005, 1.64.010 and 1.64.020. Councilmember McMillan moved for adoption of the Resolution and the motion was seconded. Mr. Johnson asked that the wording in Section 3 be corrected to High Point HP-45 f; McMillan moved to amended and the motion was seconded and passed by voice vote. Councilmember Forkum asked the chief what our policy is for high powered weapons. Chief Myers explained that the state statutes control how firearms can be disposed of. The Police Department trades weapons to a licensed firearms dealer for other firearms, equipment, ammunition or other supplies. Following a brief discussion on the disposal of weapons, the Council passed the resolution by voice vote.

Opposing Offshore Oil and
Gas Drilling

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Hoquiam, Washington, in opposition to offshore oil and gas drilling and exploration activities, including seismic air gun blasting. Councilmember McMillan moved for the adoption of this resolution and the motion was seconded. Councilmember Anderson moved to amend the resolution and move the section regarding the ORMA act to the first section. The motion to amend

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was seconded and passed by voice vote. Following a brief discussion, the motion to approve the resolution, as amended, passed by voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Public Safety Committee

It was announced that the Public Safety Committee will meet on March 12, before the City Council meeting at 6:15 at the Fire Station.

Regulatory Committee

It was announced that the Regulatory Committee will meet at 6:15 in the downstairs conference room before the Council meeting on march 12th.

High Powered Weapon
Destruction

Councilmember Forkum moved to have confiscated high powered weapons destroyed and the motion was seconded. Following a brief discussion, she amended her motion to refer this issue to the Public Safety Committee for their review and recommendation.

2016 Ambulance Levy – Line
of Credit

Ms. Schmid spoke briefly regarding the bond levy that was approved in 2016 by the Citizens. She stated that it was suggested the city do a line of credit with no revolving funds. Bank of Pacific has offered a 3.19% interest rate with a tax exemption letter from the City's Bond Counsel. Staff recommends that the Council allow the funding of the ambulance equipment levy to go through the Bank of Pacific as a line of credit with no revolving funds. Councilmember McMillan moved to authorize staff to sign necessary paperwork to go through the Bank of Pacific and the motion was seconded and passed by voice vote

COMMUNICATIONS

Resolution Opposing Oil and
Gas Offshore Drilling

Ms. Tammi Domike, Hoquiam, thanked the council for passing the resolution opposing offshore drilling.

Excuse Absent Members

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

Adjourn

Councilmember McMillan moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. and the motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

Offshore Oil Drilling

Jasmine Dickhoff - Mayor

Tracy Wood – Council Secretary