

CITY OF HOQUIAM
Council Meeting Minutes

February 25, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Dickhoff called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. City Attorney Johnson led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

In attendance at the meeting were Mayor Dickhoff and Councilmembers Anderson, Carlstrom, George, Grun, McMillan, Nelson, Patterson, Puvogel, Stinchfield, Wilson and Winkelman. Absent from the meeting was Councilmember Hinchin.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Grun moved to approve the consent agenda items a through c and his motion was seconded. Councilmember Wilson asked that the minutes be corrected to reflect that he did not want the word Religion added into the discrimination clause, he was just asking why the wording had been changed. Those items appearing on the consent agenda were as follows:

- The City Council Minutes of January 28, 2019;
- A Notice of Completion and Release of Bond Request for the Simpson Ave. Waterline Project
- The Regulatory Committee Report recommending approval and payment of claim check numbers 90917 through 91056 in the amount of \$295,573.97; claim auto pay and EFT numbers 270 through 276 in the amount of \$45,314.78; payroll check numbers 28954 through 28985 in the amount of \$186,470.03; payroll ACH and EFT's in the amount of \$355,959.37 and \$188,715.58 respectively.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Regulatory Committee –
Greater Grays Harbor, Inc.

The Regulatory Committee reported that the City does have money to fund Greater Grays Harbor Inc. if the Council chooses to approve it.

MAYOR REPORTS

Miss Grays Harbor

Mayor Dickhoff stated that the Miss Grays Harbor event went well and was well attended.

COG

Mayor Dickhoff stated that she was appointed to the Council of Governments Administrative Board at their last meeting.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Miss Grays Harbor

Councilmember Winkelman thanked Mayor Dickhoff for her participation and support of the Miss Grays Harbor pageant.

LEGAL BUSINESS

Resolutions

Surplus Property

A Resolution declaring certain personal property owned by the City to be surplus items pursuant to Hoquiam Municipal Code Sections 1.64.005, 1.64.010 and 1.64.020. Councilmember Wilson moved for the approval of the resolution and his motion was seconded. Following a brief discussion, the motion for approval passed by voice vote.

Other Legal

Farmers Market Coffee Stand
Lease

Included in the Council packet for Council's consideration was a lease for the Farmers Market Coffee Stand with Jay's Farmstand. Councilmember McMillan moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the lease, and the motion was seconded. Following a brief discussion the motion passed by voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS

Greater Grays Harbor Inc.

Council asked what the status of the Utility Rate Study was. Mr. Shay stated that the City received four proposals and he and the Finance Director will be reviewing those and present them to the Council at a future meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Greater Grays Harbor Inc.

Councilmember Winkelman moved to bring the contract with Greater Grays Harbor Inc. back off the table. His motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

Councilmember Winkelman moved to enter into an agreement with Greater Grays Harbor Inc. for one year at a cost of \$5,500.00. His motion was seconded. Several Councilmembers spoke regarding the work that Greater Grays Harbor does for Hoquiam. They would like to see these items reported on. Mr. Garson stated that he can't say they will do more for one community than other communities as they pay varying amounts.

Mayor Dickhoff stated that the City would like to see what is specific to Hoquiam, what is the overall benefit. Councilmember Puvogel stated he will oppose this tonight. The contract is generic. He has received more feedback from constituents against this than for this. Councilmember McMillan stated he will also oppose this – he feels Mr. Shay is the one who is working to bring businesses and companies to Hoquiam. Councilmember Anderson asked how the fees are calculated and Mr. Garson stated that this is a formula based on per capita. Councilmember Wilson asked that Mr. Garson bring truths and facts to the council to show what is being done. Councilmember Patterson asked Mr. Shay what he feels GGH could do. The Mayor stated she felt obligated to state her opinion. In her experience with GGH she does not see any tangible evidence

of benefits for the money that the city gives. If we are to say that projects such as Timberworks are happening because of GGH, that seven new businesses have come to Hoquiam in the past few months, it isn't because of GGH, it is because of City Administrator Shay. She understands her opinion is unpopular, but there were calls made to City Administrator stating they would not do anything more for Hoquiam if we did not approve the contract.

A voice vote was taken on the motion to approve the contract with Greater Grays Harbor Inc. but was undeterminable. A roll call vote was taken and the motion failed by a vote of 7 to 4, with Councilmembers Winkelman, Wilson, Grun and George voting yes.

Committee's

Councilmember Grun asked for clarification on whether a Committee needs a quorum to make a recommendation to the city. Mr. Johnson stated that ad hoc committees do not unless it is governed by a board.

Website

Councilmember Puvogel asked to refer an update to the City Website to the Regulatory Committee for their review and recommendation. The motion was seconded. Councilmember Puvogel stated he would like to see listings of available properties, information on the utility bills, etc. His motion for referral passed by voice vote.

Watershed Committee

Councilmember Grun announced that the Watershed Committee will meet at 6:00 on March 11th in the Mayor's office.

**Set Public Hearing Date –
Library Project**

Staff requested that Council set a Public Hearing Date of March 25, 2019 for the Library Project Closeout. Councilmember Puvogel moved to set the hearing date as requested and his motion was seconded and following a brief discussion on what is left to complete the project, the motion passed by voice vote.

Local Historic District

Councilmember Winkelman stated there is some difficulty understanding what the regulations are in the Local Historic District for remodeling, signage, etc. He asked if the Historic Commission could provide information to those owners. Mr. Shay stated there is a brochure that is provided for those needing a building permit. The City could provide information when they get their business license.

COMMUNICATIONS
ADA Issues in Hoquiam

Mike Nelson thanked the city for trimming back tree's and fixing the signage, etc. on the issues he was brought to the City.

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Hoquiam is meeting requirements when it comes to ADA. He did ask that the City look at the website as it is difficult to navigate with text to speech.

Remodel of Emerson Manor Connie Parsons spoke to the Council regarding the closure of part of the downtown parking lot for the remodel work that is being done on Emerson manor. She is concerned as a resident of the building that there has been very little communication. Mr. Shay stated that this is a Housing Authority project and they would be the ones responsible to notify the tenants.

New Business Locating in Hoquiam Chris Christianson introduced himself to the Council and stated he and his wife will be opening a new barber/beauty shop/cosmetology shop on Simpson next to the flower shop. They hope to open in the near future.

ADJOURN Councilmember McMillan moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m. and his motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

JASMINE DICKHOFF – Mayor

TRACY WOOD – City Council Secretary