

CITY OF HOQUIAM
Council Meeting Minutes

March 25, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Those in attendance at the meeting were Mayor Dickhoff and Councilmembers Anderson, Carlstrom, George, Grun, Hinchey, McMillan, Patterson, Puvogel, Wilson and Winkelman. Absent from the meeting were Councilmembers Nelson and Stinchfield.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Hoquiam Beautification
Committee

The Hoquiam Beautification Committee submitted a letter to the Council regarding the fountain located in front of City hall. The Committee is requesting that the city remove the inside portion of the fountain so they can place planters in the middle with a tree honoring arbor day and other planters filled with flowers. Councilmember Puvogel made a motion to have staff look at the cost to repair fountain and that staff verify if the Eagle Scout who looked at the fountain several months ago has made a decision on whether to do the project he was proposing or not. His motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

PROCLAMATION

Don Wertanen

Mayor Dickhoff asked that the council amend the agenda to remove the resolution that was posted and replace it with a Proclamation. Councilmember McMillan moved to amend the agenda and the motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

Mayor Dickhoff read a proclamation honoring Deputy Chief Don Wertanen for his 32 plus years of service to the City of Hoquiam with the Hoquiam Police Department. Chief Myers presented Don with a plaque recognizing his accomplishments and service to the citizens of Hoquiam.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- The City Council Minutes of March 11, 2019
- The Regulatory Committee report recommending approval and payment of claim check numbers 91507 through 91234 in the amount of \$503,298.90; claim ACH and EFT numbers 277 through 277 in the amount of \$16,921.79; payroll check numbers 28986 through 29017 in the amount

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of \$185,751.99; payroll ACH and EFT's in the amount of \$358,766.48 and \$187,865.54 respectively and that payroll and benefits for the hours worked in March be approved and issued at the proper time.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Lodging Tax Advisory Board

The LTAC Committee recommended that the city award the following requests for funding from the LTAC funds: Hoquiam Business Association \$1,530.00; City of Hoquiam Community Easter Egg Hunt - \$800.00; Hoquiam Loggers Playday Committee \$2,000.00; 7th St. Theatre \$2,500.00 and Olympic Stadium Repair and Preservation \$20,000.00. Councilmember McMillan moved to approve the LTAC recommendation and his motion was seconded. Following a brief discussion, the motion for approval passed by voice vote.

OFFICER REPORTS

Gurney Bids

The City made a call for bids for new gurney's at the Fire Department. One bid was received from Stryker in the amount of \$36,551.23. Councilmember McMillan moved to accept the bid and have the Mayor sign any necessary paper work. The motion was seconded and following a brief discussion the motion passed by voice vote.

MAYOR REPORTS

House Budget

Mayor Dickhoff stated that the City has been informed that there is a \$25,000,000.00 proposal included in House Budget for the Levee Project

COUNCIL REPORTS

Harbor Hawks

Councilmember Hinchin spoke briefly about the Harbor Hawkes and their recent event. Mayor Dickhoff was their coach and it was a great event.

LEGAL BUSINESS

Other Legal

Purchase of Property for use by DTF - MOU

Included in the Council packet was an between Grays Harbor County, the City of Aberdeen and the City of Hoquiam to utilize proceeds from forfeited property for the purchase of 10,000 square feet of land and a pole building with office space for use by the DTF. Councilmember McMillan moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the document and his motion was seconded. Following a brief discussion where chief Myers answered questions for the Council, the motion to approve the MOU passed by voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS

Lights on Sumner

Councilmember McMillan spoke to the Council at a previous meeting about a proposal for citizens to purchase lighting for the

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poles on Sumner and Simpson. He stated that due to the efforts of the beautification committee to raise funds at this time, he is putting the lighting project aside for now.

BHP Project

Councilmember Grun asked staff for an update on the BHP Potash facility. Mr. Shay stated that BHP will be submitting a revised application to the City in April that will be reviewed and the city would issue a SEPA determination. A hearing would be held sometime in May if the application is received. The revisions would address the concerns that have been received from the environmental groups and the Quinault Nation.

**Derelict Vessels and
Condition of Property**

Councilmember Carlstrom asked for an update regarding the sunken vessels and the status of the person living illegally in the motor home on the property. Mayor Dickhoff stated that Code Enforcement is working on that issue. DNR, Ecology and city met regarding the vessels and the City does qualify for reimbursement for up to 90% of removal costs. At this time it is Ecology's recommendation that the vessels be left at this time until the legal process is completed.

**Youth In Government
Program**

Councilmember Puvogel stated that the Youth in Government Program through the YMCA has received enough donations to send their group to the legislature.

NEW BUSINESS

Public Safety

It was announced that the Public Safety Committee will meet at 5:00 p.m. at the Hoquiam Police Department on April 8, 2018. Councilmember McMillan stated that they will have a discussion on a certified landlord program.

Gary Nelson

Council requested that the City of Hoquiam send a letter to Gary Nelson congratulating him on his appointment as Chairman of the Board of the American Association of Port Authorities.

Watershed Committee

It was announced that the Watershed Committee will meet at 6:00 p.m. in the Mayor's Office on April 8, 2019.

Loggers Playday

Councilmember George asked if the Council would be interested in having a booth at Loggers Playday. It would be a good outreach to interact with the citizens. A brief discussion followed.

COMMUNICATIONS

BHP

Susan Johnson, 703 Simpson Avenue spoke in opposition to the BHP project. She also commented about the traffic on Simpson and the speed that some cars are traveling. It is hazardous to try and cross the streets. She asked if the police could possibly patrol

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this area to try and reduce some of the issues.

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| Historic Hoquiam Event | Connie Parsons, Simpson Avenue, reminded Council of the upcoming Historic Hoquiam Event. She thanked the library for hosting their event this year. There has been a great deal of interest and in regards to Councilmember George's comment about community outreach. This might be a good event for the Council or City to have a booth at. |
| Mayor's Wall and Recent Visit to Port Angeles Excuse Absent Member | Kyle Pauley, 603 G. St., Cosmopolis, thanked the City staff for getting the pictures updated on the Mayor's wall. He also spoke briefly about his recent visit to Port Angeles which is very similar to Hoquiam in that they also have a highway going through their downtown. He did come back with some good ideas that he will share with the Mayor. |
| Property at corner of Eklund and Jefferson | Bill Wieland, 600 Washington Court, asked what the status of the cleanup on the property located at Eklund and Jefferson was. This is a disgrace to the city. Staff stated that the cleanup of the property is being addressed. |
| Excuse Absent Members | Councilmember McMillan moved to excuse the absent members who notified staff. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote. |
| ADJOURN | Councilmember McMillan moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote. |

JASMINE DICKHOFF – Mayor

TRACY WOOD – City Council Secretary