

CITY OF HOQUIAM
Council Meeting Minutes

May 13, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Dickhoff called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and Finance Director Schmid led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

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

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

PROCLAMATIONS

Public Works Week

A Proclamation declaring May 19-25, 2019, as Public Works Week in the city of Hoquiam, WA.

WWTP Operator Award

A Proclamation honoring Jesse Mottinger, Lead Wastewater Operator for the City of Hoquiam.

PUBLIC HEARING

Street Vacation

Councilmember McMillan moved to open the public hearing at 7:04 p.m. and his motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

Mr. Arnie Martin, 631 Chenault, asked if the vacation would only come into effect if BHP chooses this site and their permits are approved. Mr. Shay stated yes. A brief discussion followed on the actual area that will possibly be vacated.

Cindy (last name undiscernible) 601 2nd Street, stated that the city is building the barn before we need a horse. There has been little to no notice to the public and the public is not aware of what is being affected. The Road doesn't matter as much as the increased numbers of trains, etc. A public meeting needs to be set up for BHP. General Public does not have much of an idea of what is going on. What is better for the citizens. Project was put on hold last December to address concerns of several groups.

Councilmember McMillan moved to close the hearing at 7:15 p.m. His motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

COMMUNICATIONS

Myrtle Street Dance

A letter was received from Becky Carrosino, organizer of the Myrtle Street Dance that will be held later this year. Ms. Carrosino missed the LTAC Application process as she was out of town and

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she asked the council to consider approving LTAC funds to help fund this event. Councilmember Puvogel discussed the application process and that if she is given that opportunity then the application process should be opened to others who might have also missed the deadline. Ms. Schmid stated that LTAC funds are to be used for advertising, etc., as a tourist draw to our community. This event is more for those living in the community.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember McMillan moved to approve Consent Agenda item a, the Council Minutes of April 22, 2019. His motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

MAYORS REPORTS

Deputy Police Chief

Mayor Dickhoff congratulated Joe Strong, on his promotion to Deputy Chief.

Capital Budget

Mayor Dickhoff spoke briefly about the approval of funding in the Capital Budget for several local projects. The City is appreciative of the funding received for the North Shore Levee, Olympic Stadium, Gable Field, YMCA, and other projects. She thanked City Administrator Brian Shay for his work on all of this. Mr. Shay stated that we have amazing staff at the City, several of which are doing more with less. He thanked staff for all of their hard work.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Public Works Projects and
Public Works Crew

Councilmember Anderson stated that Mr. Shay attended the Public Utilities meeting and updated them on 12 different projects. She also thanked the public works crew who worked through the night last night on a water break in her neighborhood.

Youth in Government

Councilmember Puvogel stated that the YMCA sent 5 kids to the – Youth in Government at the legislature and 3 of them came home with awards.

Hoquiam Amenities

Councilmember Patterson spoke briefly regarding the 7th Street Theatre and the great selection of movies they are providing throughout the year. She also spoke about the other programs that they host such as the Young Artists showcase of the 7th Street Kids. She also stated that Timberland Library has been doing presentations at the various local schools regarding their summer reading program.

LEGAL BUSINESS

Ordinances

Salary Ordinance

An Ordinance fixing the compensation of the officers and employees of the City of Hoquiam from and after May 1, 2019; and repealing Ordinance No. 2018-17. Councilmember McMillan moved for the approval of the ordinance and his motion was

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seconded. A brief discussion followed where in the Salary Committee explained the changes to the Administrative Salaries. Ms. Schmid read the Ordinance by title a second time after which the motion to approve passed by unanimous roll call vote.

OTHER LEGAL

Option to Lease – Port of
Grays Harbor

Mr. Shay provided background information regarding the Port request to Lease property off of Paulson road. Mr. Shay stated that once the lease option is signed the Port will pay the City \$500 month for 2019 and \$1000 in 2020 until June. Staff is requesting that Council grant the Mayor authority to sign the lease. There would be a public hearing on permit process for BHP, etc.

OLD BUSINESS

Fire Department
Consolidation

Councilmember McMillan reminded the Council that they sponsor an employee barbeque at the end of August. He asked if the Councilmembers would please get their \$25.00 donation to Councilmember Anderson.

Stop Signs – Aberdeen Ave.

At a previous meeting, Councilmember Wilson asked what the status of installation of stop signs was at the intersection of 27th and Aberdeen. Mr. Shay stated that the Public Safety Committee had recommended staff determine if stop signs were necessary and they felt Yield Signs were more appropriate. Chief Myers stated there have been no significant accidents in that area.

Excuse Absent Members

Councilmember McMillan moved to excuse the absent members who notified staff. His motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Set Public Hearing Date

Staff requested that the Council set a Public Hearing Date for the 6 Year Transportation Improvement Plan for June 10, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. Councilmember McMillan moved to set the hearing and his motion was seconded and passed by voice vote. Mr. Shay explained what the 6 Year TIP was and Council requested that it be published on the website for the citizens to review.

Cancel May 27, 2019 Meeting

Staff requested that Council cancel the May 27, 2019 City Council meeting due to the Memorial Day Holiday. Councilmember McMillan moved to cancel the meeting and his motion was seconded. Councilmember Puvogel asked to amend the motion to state that a meeting can be held on May 28th if necessary. His motion to amend was seconded and passed by voice vote. The main motion, as amended passed by voice vote.

COMMUNICATIONS

Hoquiam Historic Memories

Connie Parsons, 703 Simpson, thanked everyone who helped with Hoquiam Historic Memories event. She also thanked the Hoquiam

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Beautification Committee for all of the hard work they have been putting in.

Hoquiam Watershed and
Timber Sales

Jeff Wetzel, N St., Hoquiam, read an article on the internet regarding long term planning and changes to the timber sales for the Watershed. Staff stated that the City Forester has looked at the age of many of the stands at the watershed and have based the sales on that and the current rotation. Mr. Wetzel stated that we have had the watershed since the 30's and that every citizen benefits from it. He has a lot of information that he learned about the watershed while he was on the council. He asked if the city had declared a surplus on the watershed funds in the last two years. Staff stated no.

ADJOURN

Councilmember McMillan moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 p.m. His motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

Jasmine Dickhoff, Mayor

Tracy Wood, Council Secretary