

CITY OF HOQUIAM
Council Meeting Minutes

April 27, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Mayor Winkelman called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Councilmember McMillan led the flag salute.

In attendance at the meeting were Mayor Winkelman and Councilmembers Carlstrom, Dick, George, Grun, Hinchey, McMillan, Nelson, Patterson, Puvogel, Reid. Councilmember Anderson joined the meeting at 7:03 p.m. and Councilmember Wilson joined the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

Staff in attendance were Chief Myers, Fire Representative Rich Malizia, City Attorney Steve Johnson, City Administrator Brian Shay, Finance Director Corri Schmid and Council Secretary Tracy Wood.

COMMUNICATIONS

Lien on Property

A letter was received from Barney and Rocki Oldfield regarding a piece of property they purchased at a tax sale that had a city lien on it from demolition by the City. They stated that they did not find out about the lien until they tried to sell the property and they are asking that the city accept a lesser amount and refund part of the funds back to them. Mr. Johnson stated that the liens were noted on the descriptions of the property at the county, but the Oldfields indicated they were not disclosed on the bid sheet. The buyer reached out to the Mayor and City Administrator. They are asking for approximately \$10,000 of the lien to be forgiven.

There were no emailed public comments received prior to the meeting.

Mayor Winkelman stated that rather than a roll call vote on each issue, he will ask if there are any opposing votes to each motion rather than taking a roll call on each item.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- The City Council Minutes of April 13, 2020;
- The Regulatory Committee Report recommending approval and payment of claim check numbers 93693 through 93859 in the amount of \$378,724.23; claim auto pay and EFT's numbers 362 through 367 in the amount of \$18,993.84; payroll check numbers 29421 through 29451 in the amount of

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\$190,551.07; payroll ACH and EFT in the amount of \$394,502.94 and \$209,979.83 respectively.

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

MAYOR REPORTS

Mayor Winkelman stated there are a couple of projects planned in the next few weeks. On May 4th the High School is attempting to address the graduation for their Seniors. They will be hanging banners at Pocklington Central Playfield. They are working with City staff to make sure that all rules are followed.

Mayor Winkelman stated that the Stimulus Check website was not working but IRS did a successful update over the weekend and it seems to be working now.

Small Businesses can log in to the SBA Website or they can work with the business association or Greater Grays Harbor Inc. for some help.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Hoquiam Business Association

Councilmember Carlstrom announced that the HBA Board meeting will be via zoom on Wednesday – at 5:15.

OLD BUSINESS

Supplemental Budget

Councilmember Puvogel asked if the Council would be reviewing and approving a supplemental budget this year. Ms. Schmid stated that it will possibly be submitted in June or July for their review

Timber Sales

Councilmember Grun asked if the timber sale that was discussed a while back was approved. Mr. Shay stated that the sales were awarded to Sierra Pacific and Harbor Timber. Those were awarded under the executive order. We should have received \$100,000 from them in the last week. Councilmember Grun asked about the in town sale. Mr. Shay will speak with Mr. Estes this week on the status of that sale. Mayor Winkelman asked that Finance make sure the funds from that sale go to the appropriate city funds.

Sidewalks 22nd to 23rd St. on Summer

Closure of Parks

Councilmember Puvogel asked if the City is lifting the closure on the parks. Mayor Winkelman does not intend to lift any closure orders at this time. Only allowing the school district to do this specific thing for the Seniors.

Letter Regarding Lien

Council was asked if they would like to take any action on the letter that was received regarding the Lien on property purchased through the tax auction. Mr. Johnson had indicated that this would be a gifting of public funds when it was discussed earlier in the meeting. Council

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will not take any action on this request.

ADJOURN

Councilmember McMillan moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m.
His motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

BEN WINKELMAN – Mayor

TRACY WOOD – City Council Secretary

