



CITY OF HOQUIAM

City Council Meeting Minutes

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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Winkelman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and the flag salute was held.

ROLL CALL

In attendance were Mayor Winkelman and Councilmembers Anderson, Carlstrom, Dick, George, Grun, McMillan, Patterson, Puvogel and Reid. Absent from the meeting were Councilmember Hinchin and Nelson.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Swearing in Councilmember Pellegrini

Mayor Winkelman issued the oath of office to John Pellegrini who will fill the Ward 1 Council vacancy.

Michael Sand – Interest in Purchasing Property

A written copy of a letter received from Mike Sand, stating his interest in purchasing a portion of City property adjacent to his house, was presented to the Council. Councilmember Puvogel asked if the purchase of the property was on the agenda tonight. Staff indicated that Mr. Shay and Mr. Sand have been discussing this.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Grun 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 July 13, 2020;
- The Regulatory Committee report recommending approval and payment of claim check numbers 94183 through 94359 in the amount of \$398,154.06; claim auto pays and EFT numbers 379 through 381 in the amount of \$18,165.77; payroll check numbers 29509 through 29542 in the amount of \$191,730.34; payroll ACH and EFT's in the amount of \$384,863.56 and \$200,767.89 respectively; and that payroll and benefits for the month of August, 2020, be approved and issued at the proper time.

The motion for the approval of the consent agenda passed by



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MAYOR REPORTS

Police Department

voice vote

Mayor Winkelman asked Chief Myers to provide a quick update to the Council regarding operations at the Police Department. Chief Myers stated he was recently a guest on the radio show at KBKW and he spoke about the challenges of policing at this time. The Department has received outstanding support from the City and the community. There is currently one open position which they have held off filling due to COVID. Officer Simpson is still in her training phase but will be done soon. WASPC has brought forward a concern that there is not a protocol for testing inmates and they are hoping to get some action there. The Department did take an inmate to Seamar last week who was showing some sickness and they had results back in an hour. Niko and Officer Spaur are doing a great job. Mayor stated that he has heard feedback from citizens regarding speed control on Riverside and Emerson. Councilmember Puvogel thanked the department for getting zoom set up for inmate visitation. Chief Myers thanked Finance Director Schmid for getting that set up for the Department

Current Projects

Mayor Winkelman stated that there is progress being made on multiple fronts. Phase I of the Stadium repair has been awarded and is scheduled to start soon. Staff is currently looking at some grants regarding pump stations and there has been discussion about trying to get a Tsunami alert system possibly in North end.

Public Utilities Committee
Yard of the Month

The Public Utilities Committee made a recommendation that the City Council re-establish the Yard of the Month program to be managed by the Councilmembers of each ward. The Council Ward mates will coordinate on how best to review the homes in their ward for distribution of the recognition sign and determine the appropriate months of the year for the program. Councilmember McMillan moved to approve the committee report and his motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Yard of the Month

The Yard of the month for Ward 4 has been awarded to Mr. and Mrs. Bob Paylor. Councilmember McMillan stated that



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	<p>Ward 1 recently awarded Paul Cook with Yard of the month for their ward.</p>
Regional Fire Authority (RFA)	<p>Councilmember McMillan spoke briefly regarding the recent RFA meeting.</p>
Loggers Playday	<p>Councilmember McMillan stated that the Loggers Playday Committee is meeting every Thursday in August. If the City does not believe it is in the best interest of the City for this to be held this year, please let them know</p>
Yard of the Month	<p>Councilmember Patterson and Nelson awarded the Yard of the Month for Ward 3 to Rod and Elizabeth Scott.</p>
LEGAL BUSINESS Ordinances	
Hobby Bee Keeping	<p>An Ordinance relating to the keeping of bees; amending Section 3.40.200 of the Hoquiam Municipal Code; and adding a new Section 3,40.195 to the Hoquiam Municipal Code. Ms. Schmid read the ordinance by title and Councilmember Patterson moved to adopt the ordinance. Her motion was seconded. Councilmember Patterson provided a brief summary of the discussion held in Public Utilities concerning this issue. She also spoke about a State law that does not hold the City or bee keeper liable if someone is stung or injured. Mr. Johnson stated that there is a state law that passed a few years ago that pretty much grants immunity against lawsuits from someone stung by the bee and immunity for the City. Mr. Johnson stated that under Section 1, subsection (1), the words “or bees” should be stricken from the Ordinance. A discussion followed wherein Council discussed the letters that were received. Councilmember Anderson asked if the Animal Control Officer would need additional training for this. Councilmember McMillan stated that he would like to put this off to next year due to citizens not being able to attend the meetings to discuss this due to COVID. There was further discussion regarding the danger to people and what type of threat hives would cause. Following this discussion, Ms. Schmid read the ordinance by title a second time after which the ordinance passed by a roll call vote of 8 to 2, with Councilmembers Grun and McMillan</p>



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	voting no.
Fire Truck Bond	<p>An Ordinance of the City of Hoquiam, Washington, authorizing the submission to the voters of the City at an election to be held on November 3, 2020, of a proposition authorizing the City to issue its general obligation bonds in a principal amount not to exceed \$875,000 to finance the costs of acquiring and equipping a new pumper truck. Ms. Schmid read the Ordinance by title. Councilmember Puvogel moved to adopt this ordinance and the motion was seconded. A discussion followed wherein the age of the current fire equipment was discussed. Fire Representative Malizia stated that this has been an ongoing request for several years. It was brought up by both of the last two fire chiefs. Councilmember Puvogel stated the Departments equipment is aging and in dire need of replacement. This would be a 15 year bond – which would be the life of the expected use. The cost would be between \$15-\$18 per \$100,000 on property tax per household. Running this on the November ballot would be the lowest cost to the city. Ms. Schmid read the Ordinance by title a second time and the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.</p>
OLD BUSINESS	
Purchase of City Property	<p>Councilmember McMillan made a motion to have staff continue to work with Mr. Sand regarding the purchase of the city owned property he inquired about. His motion was seconded and the motion passed by voice vote.</p>
Status of Assistant Fire Chief	<p>Councilmember McMillan asked for an update on where the Fire Department was regarding the Assistant Fire Chief position. Mr. Malizia stated that the Department and Staff are working on this.</p>
Yard of the Month	<p>Council was reminded that if the Wards have not picked up their signs they are available through Tracy.</p>
NEW BUSINESS	



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Excuse Absent Members

ADJOURN

Council moved to excuse the absent members who notified staff. The motion was seconded. Councilmember Nelson will be excused from the meeting. The motion passed by voice vote

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 7:45 p.m. and the motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

BEN WINKELMAN – Mayor

TRACY WOOD – City Council Secretary