

CITY OF HOQUIAM
Council Meeting Minutes

August 24, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Winkelman called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. Finance Director Schmid led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Those in attendance were Mayor Winkelman and Councilmembers Anderson, Carlstrom, Dick, George, Grun, Hinchey, McMillan, Nelson, Patterson (entered at 7:06 p.m.), Pellegrini, Puvogel and Reid.

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

Officer Breanna Cruz-Simpson

Mayor Winkelman swore in new Police Officer Breanna Cruz Simpson.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Performance Award

Included in the council packet was a letter from the Department of Ecology awarding the City of Hoquiam Wastewater Treatment Plant with an Outstanding Performance Award. Mayor Winkelman congratulated staff on this achievement.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- The Hoquiam City Council Minutes of August 10, 2020;
- The Regulatory Committee Report recommending approval and payment of claim check numbers 94360 through 94552 in the amount of \$542,933.61; claim check auto pay and EFT numbers 382 through 394 in the amount of \$133,125.05; payroll check numbers 29543 through 29579 in the amount of \$195,809.17; payroll ACH and EFT in the amount of \$394,065.03 and \$213,204.74 respectively; and that payroll and benefits for September 2020 be approved and issued at the proper time.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Historic Preservation Commission – 2544 Simpson Avenue

The Historic Preservation Commission made a recommendation to the Council that they approve the application for 2544 Simpson Avenue to be listed in the Hoquiam Register of Historic Places. Councilmember McMillan moved for the approval of the report and his motion was seconded. Following a brief discussion, the motion passed by voice vote.

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MAYOR REPORTS

- New Member of the Family Mayor Winkelman stated that they have a new dog in the family!
- School Districts – Distance Learning Local School Districts are starting school next week. There is a lot going on with trying to handle the distance learning.
- City Staff Staff is currently working on hiring an account clerk, a meter reader and testing for fire positions.
- Beautification Committee The Hoquiam Beautification Committee is doing a wonderful job. The City can't say thank you enough to all of the volunteers who have worked so hard. A Media group was in town recently and they were impressed with the quaintness and how comfortable our town is. They enjoyed their visit.
- Olympic Stadium A new entrance way is being worked on at the Stadium as well as the sprinkler system, etc.
- Dog Park Mayor Winkelman spoke briefly about looking at a dog park in Hoquiam.
- Non-Emergency Number Mayor Winkelman reminded council and citizens of the non-emergency dispatch number – 533-8765; it seems some people are reluctant to call 911 because they don't feel it is an emergency – you can use the non-emergency dispatch number. He stated he is happy to be the Mayor of Hoquiam. Enjoying this job and everyone makes it an enjoyable place to live. We should all be super proud.

COUNCIL REPORTS

- Loggers' Playday Councilmember McMillan stated that Loggers' Playday met and knows they are not going to be able to do the parade and show.
- RFA Meeting Councilmember McMillan stated that the RFA meeting will be on Thursday at 7:00 p.m.
- Hoquiam Proud The Beautification Committee has added the messages Hoquiam Strong and Hoquiam Proud on the Levee Lumber Fence.
- Councilmember Resignation Councilmember Patterson stated that she is resigning from her Ward 3 Council Seat as of this meeting. She and her family are moving to Aberdeen. She has loved the challenge of being a councilmember and stated that it was a delight to be on the council and serve with all of you. Mayor Winkelman thanked her for her service
- HBA Councilmember Carlstrom stated that HBA is still working on their website. Putting out brochure to recruit more businesses into the
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association. They have window decals for every business that is a member.

Utility Rate Webinar

Councilmember Carlstrom stated she attended a webinar from AWC regarding utility rates. It was very good information. Councilmember Anderson stated she could not get the log in to work, but she did watch the webinar today.

Employee Barbeque

Councilmember Puvogel spoke briefly regarding the employee barbeque. Due to restrictions, it will not be happening this year. Councilmember Anderson stated she has two councilmembers who have paid their \$25.

Code Enforcement

Councilmember Anderson thanked Code Enforcement for responding to the issues she spoke about at the last meeting. The problems are being dealt with.

NEW BUSINESS

Employee Barbeque

Councilmember McMillan stated that since we cannot do a barbeque for the employees that we will do a corn hole tourney. Employees can sign up with Tracy; prizes will be awarded

ADJOURN

Councilmember Hinchin moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. His motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

BEN WINKELMAN, MAYOR

TRACY WOOD, COUNCIL SECRETARY

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