



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. Ms. Schmid and Ms. Wood led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

In attendance at the meeting were Mayor Winkelman and Councilmembers Anderson, Carlstrom, Dick, George, Grun, Hinchey, McMillan, Nelson, Pellegrini, Puvogel, Reid and Ushman.

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

PUBLIC HEARING –

Alley Vacation 2544
Simpson Avenue

Councilmember Puvogel moved to open the hearing at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the YMCA Street/Alley Vacation Request between 2500 and 2544 Simpson. The motion was seconded. Mr. Howell, the building official was in attendance to present the application. The YMCA would be building a proposed fenced area on the vacated property which would still allow for access to utilities. Franzine Potts, 2500 Simpson Ave., Hoquiam. thanked the building official for assisting them in putting the application together and answering their questions. Al Gozart and Mr. Keith Lile were also in attendance on behalf of the YMCA. The YMCA purchased the Crown Drug Building which they will be remodeling for their child care program. They are really excited about this project and having this daycare available for essential workers and others. The quicker they can move forward and expand their services would be the best thing they can do for the community. Ten to twelve parking slots will be needed as well as drop off and pick up parking. The facility will be able to house to 80 children. They are aware of the historic nature of the building and will maintain that. With Covid they were able to write another grant but it required the outside play area and by having the covered area they will be able to also utilize the Y facilities. Alan Gozart, 345 W. Wishkah, Aberdeen, spoke specifically to the proposed fence and utility access. Mr. Johnson asked for clarification on Mr. Howells report in which he indicated that there would not be any problems with utility access as long as the entire width of the alley was not used. Mr. Lile,



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CONSENT AGENDA

908 Larson Rd., stated the application is requesting the alley from Simpson to the back of the building. Councilmember McMillan asked about Hometown Sanitation and their access. They currently have the ability turn around in that space and there should not be an issue. Following this discussion, Councilmember McMillan moved to close the hearing at 7:21 p.m. and his motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

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 March 8, 2021;
- The Regulatory Committee Report recommending approval and payment of claim check numbers 95827 through 95977 in the amount of \$354,991.52; payroll check numbers 29762 through 29787 in the amount of \$180,099.45; payroll ACH and EFT's in the amount of \$405,552.63 and \$216,079.63 respectively.

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

OFFICER REPORTS

Sale of 1905 Riverside

Mr. Shay provided a written report to the Council regarding the previously approved agreement with Gordon Thomas Honeywell (GTH) for \$1,500 per month up to a total of \$10,000 for Government Affairs Services. Staff is recommending that Council approve an expanded scope of work and authorize execution of the necessary agreements with GTH for up to \$22,500 for State governmental affairs services and up to \$27,000 for Federal governmental affairs services and that the City continue to partner with the City of Aberdeen. Councilmember McMillan moved to accept the report and his motion was seconded. Councilmember Ushman asked why they are asking for more money now than what was actually agreed to earlier. Mr. Shay stated that we are now actually hiring the firm and increasing the scope of work. The City believes we are on target to get substantially more funds than we anticipated and we feel this is a worthwhile investment to go after funding through those sources. Councilmember Puvogel stated he would abstain from



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GH County – COVID
Isolation Center

voting on this motion. The motion to accept the staff report and recommendation passed by voice vote.

Grays Harbor County Covid Isolation Center – Recommends approval of necessary documents to proceed. McMillan moved to approve, seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

Emerson Ave. Pump Station
and Sewer Plan – Ecology
Agreement

Mr. Shay provided information to the Council regarding a grant/loan agreement with Department of Ecology for the design and permitting of the Emerson Avenue Storm/Sewer Pump Station. Staff recommends that Council authorize execution of the necessary agreements with Ecology for the design and Construction of the Pump Station and the General Sewer Plan/Wastewater Facility Plan. Councilmember McMillan moved to sign the agreement and his motion was seconded. Councilmember Grun asked if it would be in the same location and Mr. Shay stated that we would maintain that existing building and improve it, with additional improvements on the lot across the street. The City funding portion is \$130,000 loan and \$130,000 grant. Following a brief discussion, the motion to execute the agreement passed by voice vote.

MAYOR REPORTS

Entry Level Police Officer

The Police Department is currently interviewing several applicants for an entry-level police officer.

Capital Facilities Charge

The owner of Summerhaven reached out to him and extended his thanks to the Council for making changes to the capital facilities charge.

LaVogues Building

There is new ownership of the LaVogues building. They will announce more in the future as to what their plans are. The bike shop will stay there and the Jitter House will stay there also. They are looking at a possible boutique hotel and restaurant and hope to incorporate the property behind the building into their project.

Librairie Gourmande

Mayor Winkelman took a tour through Librairie Gourmande last week. They have their first events starting in April. They will be offering cooking classes, catering, etc.



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Fastest Growing Home Prices

MSN.com put together a list of the 30 cities with the fastest growing home prices in Washington. Hoquiam was number 8 in the State, Elma and McCleary were also in the top 30 with Aberdeen listed as number one.

Easter Egg Drive Through Hunt

The City will be holding a drive through Easter Egg Hunt for local kids on Thursday, April 1st from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the little league parking lot at the stadium.

MLB Opening Day Commercial

This past weekend he and Tom Elledge met at the stadium with a crew from MLB. They will be featuring unique stadiums across America in their opening day commercial and came to take video and pictures of our stadium. The Mayor also broached the topic with them to have an exhibition game at our stadium in the future.

AdHoc Committee – Stadium Turf

Mayor Winkelman appointed the following individuals to a Stadium Turf AD Hoc Committee to review the pros and cons of turf, the expense, what challenges their might be, etc. Councilmembers Dick and Hinchin, Mike Bruner, Hoki Moir, Travis Hoppe and Chris Fry. Get contact info to Tracy and get a meeting set up. Excited to hear the discussions. Brian sent out what the city received several years ago on turf. Councilmember Puvogel stated that the Mayor consider diversifying this group beyond football, baseball and soccer – follow Title 9.

Retirements

The Water Plant Lead Operator is retiring at the end of the month – staff has posted the job announcement. Rich Malizia has also announced that he is retiring in June – he has been a real asset to the City.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Watershed Committee

Councilmember Grun stated that the Watershed Committee met before the meeting to discuss firewood cutting on city property and they elected him to serve as chair. He suggested that we set up a watershed tour for the council.

Coin Hunt

Councilmember McMillan stated that leprechauns passed out over 100 coins and some gold throughout downtown Hoquiam.

RFA Meeting

Councilmember McMillan stated there will be no RFA meeting this month.



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HBA

Councilmember Carlstrom announced that HBA will be meeting Wednesday at 5:30. They are planning an event in May. She also stated that the Kayak company was contacted and will be looking at a launch site at the Endresen launch.

Wood Cutting on City Property

Councilmember Hinchin asked when the Watershed Committee will be bringing in a recommendation on the wood cutting permits. Councilmember Grun stated that the committee is still reviewing this.

LEGAL BUSINESS

Resolutions

Aberdeen Hoquiam Flood Control

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Hoquiam continuing its support for a basin-wide solution to flooding and aquatic species restoration at a critical point in time. Councilmember McMillan moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the resolution and his motion was seconded. The motion passed by voice vote.

SWWRTPO Representative

A Resolution adopting the amended and restated interlocal agreement of the Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Planning Organization and authorizing the Mayor to Represent the GHCOG on the SWWRTPO. Councilmember McMillan moved to have the Mayor sign and represent the City and his motion was seconded. Following a brief discussion, the motion passed by voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS

Batting Cage

Councilmember Hinchin stated that the group working on the Batting Cages is working towards obtaining their non-profit status and the work continues to move along.

Watershed Committee

The Watershed Committee will meet at 5:00 prior to the next council meeting (April 12th).

NEW BUSINESS

Fentanyl Found in Community

Councilmember Reid asked if Chief Myers could provide some information regarding the recent discovery of Fentanyl in our



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Missing Resolution –
Supporting Legislative
Efforts in Seeking Funding
for the Aberdeen-Hoquiam
Flood Protection Project

community. Chief Myers spoke to the subject and stated that there has also been one instance of a teenager who overdosed after apparently taking some type of pill which was believed to be a synthetic opiodo possibly containing fentanyl. The black market pills are dangerous and are being sold.

Ms. Schmid stated that another resolution should have been included in the packet and provided that resolution via email to the Councilmembers. A Resolution supporting legislative efforts of the cities of Aberdeen and Hoquiam in seeking funding for the Aberdeen-Hoquiam Flood Protection Project. Mr. Shay explained that this resolution is needed for the cities to obtain funding through the legislative process and Aberdeen will be provided with the resolution at their Wednesday night meeting. Councilmember McMillan moved to approve the correct resolution and his motion was seconded and passed. The title on the agenda was correct but the resolution provided in the packet was not the correct one. There are two resolutions referring to flood control. The resolution regarding the basin-wide solution to flooding and Aquatic Species restoration will be brought back to the next meeting.

YMCA Alley Vacation

Councilmember Puvogel moved to have staff draft a resolution approving the alley vacation application from the YMCA. His motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

Spring Clean-up

Spring Clean-up is March 24th-27th; vouchers can be obtained at Hometown Sanitation.

Hazard Pay

Councilmember Anderson spoke briefly regarding the letters that were submitted on behalf of the Swanson's employees for hazard pay. She moved to have staff look at the legalities of the City passing an ordinance in support of this. It has been done in Seattle and Burien. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote. Mr. Johnson stated that a Federal Judge ruled it constitutional but he is sure it will be overturned.

Public Comments

Support of Hazard Pay

Mo Smedley, 121 Sudderth Road, Hoquiam, submitted a letter supporting hazard pay for Swanson's employees.



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ADJOURN

Councilmember McMillan moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m. and his motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

BEN WINKELMAN – Mayor

TRACY WOOD – City Council Secretary