



**CITY OF HOQUIAM  
Council Meeting Minutes**

**August 9,, 2021**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ROLL CALL**

Those in attendance were Mayor Winkelman and Councilmembers Anderson (attending by zoom), Carlstrom, Dick, Hinchon, George, Grun, McMillan, Pellegrini, Puvogel (attending by zoom), Reid and Ushman (attending by zoom). Absent from the meeting was Councilmember Nelson.

Staff in attendance were Police Chief Jeff Myers (attending by zoom), Asst. Fire Chief Matt Miller, City Librarian Mary Thornton, City Attorney Steve Johnson, City Administrator Brian Shay, Finance Director Corri Schmid and Council Secretary Tracy Wood.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Application for Vacation of Alley at 623 Simpson

Councilmember Puvogel moved to open the public hearing on the application for an alley vacation at 623 Simpson (behind the LaVogues building) at 7:01 p.m. His motion was seconded and passed by voice vote. There were no comments and Councilmember McMillan moved to close the hearing. His motion was seconded and passed by voice at 7:02 p.m.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Blue Zones

Margaret Brown and Nick Buettner made a presentation to the council regarding Blue Zones (via Zoom). Blue Zones was created to put the world's best practices in longevity and well-being to work in people's lives. It empowers everyone, everywhere, to live longer through less stress, having a better outlook on life, eating a better diet, and developing close relationships with family and friends. Mr. Buettner spoke about the Blue Zone Certification Criteria. There will be meeting held in September (the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>) which will explain the process more. This is being sponsored by Summit Health and Grays Harbor Health Department. They will hold the initial meetings, then come back with a quote on what they feel a Blue Zone project would be in the community. Mr. Buettner answered several questions for the Council. Mayor Winkelman has met with Summit and Mr. Shay is on the Blue Zone Advisory Board.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Hometown Hoquiam Hero

Allegra Hood presented Mayor Winkelman with the Hometown Hoquiam Hero award. Mayor Winkelman was very honored to receive the award.



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**CONSENT AGENDA**

Councilmember Grun moved to approve item a, the City Council Minutes of July 26, 2021, on the consent agenda and his motion was seconded and passed by voice vote

**Amend Agenda**

Councilmember McMillan moved to amend the agenda and add an executive session to discuss real property. His motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Public Safety Committee –  
Emergency Ban on Fireworks

The Public Safety Committee met to discuss the issue of authorizing the Mayor to be able to ban consumer fireworks on an emergency basis. They have recommended that the Ordinance be brought before the council for their vote. Councilmember Puvogel moved to approve the report and his motion was seconded. Following a brief discussion, the motion passed by voice vote.

**OFFICER REPORTS**

Chenault/Monroe Paving

The City issued a request for bids for the paving repair of the intersection of Chenault/Monroe. Three bids were received as follows: AA Asphaltting, LLC - \$25,925; Lakeside Industries - \$26,477; and Rognlin’s Inc. - \$34,000. Staff recommends that Council award the project to AA Asphaltting as the apparent low bidder. Councilmember McMillan moved to accept the bids and award the contract to AA Asphaltting and his motion was seconded. Staff was asked where this company is from and Mr. Shay answered they were from Sumner. Following nor further discussion, the motion passed by voice vote.

**MAYOR REPORTS**

National Night Out

National Night Out was awesome this year. There were many new hosts and he thanked everyone for participating;

Chenault/Monroe Paving

He is glad to see that the council awarded the bid for the paving project on Chenault and Monroe. This project has been on the list to be completed for some time.

Appointment to Urban  
Forestry Board

Mayor Winkelman appointed Healy Love to a vacant position on the Urban Forestry Board.

Burn Ban

The Mayor reminded everyone there is still a burn ban in effect. It is going to take a lot of rain to get out of the burn ban status.

Yard of the Month

Councilmembers were reminded to select their Yard of the Month and send that information to Tracy or Corri.



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- Food Boxes Rick Parker who hosted one of the National Night out parties has notified the Mayor that they will be giving away food boxes to families who need them on Thursday, August 12<sup>th</sup> on K St. If anyone knows of someone needing some assistance, send them over there.
- Mr. Taco Food Truck Mr. Taco’s Food Truck has opened for business in the vacant lot behind the Mobile Gas Station. He encourages everyone to stop in and visit them.
- Turf Committee Turf committee has had several meetings and will be touring the stadium tomorrow.
- Blue Zone Blue Zones Presentation. The Mayor will be meeting with Josh at Summit and believes it would be good to participate in this project. Taking a healthy approach to Hoquiam would be a good idea.

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

- Intersection of O and Spruce Councilmember Puvogel stated he has received emails from citizens concerned about the intersection of O and Spruce and asking for stop signs at this intersection. He moved to refer this to the Public Safety Committee and his motion was seconded and passed by voice vote. The Mayor commented that there are several uncontrolled intersections in the city and it might be worth looking into roundabouts on some of the wider streets to slow traffic down.
- Loggers’ Playday Loggers’ Playday has been meeting on Thursdays and they are still planning for the parade and show, as well as the Lions Club doing the Salmon bake. There will not be a breakfast or run this year. Councilmembers George and Carlstrom said they would again have an information booth at the vendor fair. It was suggested that they could provide information to the citizens regarding the RFA.
- Jack Ryan Arthaud Councilmember McMillan spoke briefly about Jack Ryan Arthaud who is the new commander of the 33<sup>rd</sup> Fighter Wing in Florida – he is a former local Grizzly.
- Yard of the Month Councilmember Pellegrini stated that his ward recently awarded the Yard of the Month to Brandon and Emily Pauley at 2021 Panama. Councilmember Ushman stated that her Ward has awarded the Yard of the Month to Laurie Russell and Evan



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Harner of 45 Railroad Avenue. They will get their pictures submitted to be posted.

**LEGAL BUSINESS**

**Ordinances**

Vacating a Portion of Alley  
623 Simpson

An Ordinance vacating a portion of an improved alley located behind "The LaVogue Building" running parallel to Simpson Avenue and Levee Street, between 6<sup>th</sup> Street and 7<sup>th</sup> Street. Ms. Schmid read the Ordinance by title. Councilmember McMillan moved for the adoption of the Ordinance and his motion was seconded. Councilmember Grun asked what the value of the property was. Mr. Shay stated it would need to be appraised; Councilmember Puvogel stated that this will be for parking and that there would be no building on it, correct. Mr. Shay stated that the owner would need to provide easements for the utilities. Councilmember McMillan stated that the improvements to the building are fantastic. Ms. Schmid read the Ordinance by title a second time after which the motion for approval passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Relating to the Use of  
Consumer Fireworks

An Ordinance relating to the use of consumer fireworks; amending Section 5.20.015 of the Hoquiam Municipal Code; and adding a new section 5.20.018 to the Hoquiam Municipal Code; and providing an effective date. Ms. Schmid read the Ordinance by title. Councilmember Puvogel moved to approve the Ordinance and his motion was seconded. A discussion followed on the powers that this will give to the Mayor. The Ordinance does require the Mayor to consult with various officials before an order is issued. The City Attorney stated that with this Ordinance the council cannot override the decision of the Mayor, but if the Council determines they don't want to have fireworks banned they can repeal the ordinance. Councilmember McMillan stated the City should watch what is happening in Clark County. They banned fireworks and are now being sued; but they did not follow the rules and do it appropriately. Following the second reading, the motion to approve passed by unanimous roll call vote.

**OTHER LEGAL**

Safe Routes to School  
Funding

The City has been awarded \$1,440,000 for the SR109/US 101 Bike lanes and Sidewalks grant that was submitted. The funding will be used to improve school routes on Simpson and Emerson through new sidewalks, traffic signals and bike lanes. Mr. Shay explained the scope of work. Councilmember McMillan moved to accept the grant and his motion was seconded. Mr. Shay also



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stated that this is a 100% funded grant, there is no city match. Following further discussion on the scope of the work and the areas affected, the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Franko's Farm Stand Lease      Included in the packet was a Commercial lease Agreement for 1958 Riverside Drive between the City and Franko's Farm Stand LLC. Councilmember McMillan moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement and the motion was seconded. A brief discussion was held on the terms of the agreement. Mr. Shay stated the rental fee will be \$1,000 per month and is for a two year lease. Following this discussion the motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement passed by voice vote.

Mr. T's – Grays Harbor Sports Association      Included in the Council packet was an Operating Agreement between the City and the Grays Harbor Sports Association for the operation and maintenance of the facility known as Mr. T's bat-o-rama. The Association will pay 5% of their net profit and the term of the agreement is for 2 years. Councilmember McMillan moved to approve the agreement and authorize the Mayor to sign and his motion was seconded. Councilmember Hinchin asked to recuse himself from voting as he is a member of the Grays Harbor Sports Association. The motion to approve passed by voice vote.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Naming of Park      Staff stated that we should have recommendations on the Adams St. park name by the next meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Broadway Avenue Repair      Councilmember Pellegrini asked what the status is of the Broadway repair. Mr. Shay stated that HDR is designing the scope to repair it. Staff can have them make a recommendation on a temporary repair.

Public Safety Meeting      Councilmember Reid announced that the Public Safety Committee will meet at 5:00 on August 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Police Station.

Slide on 109      Councilmember Puvogel stated that the recent slide on 109 was mostly tree's and very little dirt.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Levee Project      Sam Nazario, Aberdeen, asked if he could find out the exact areas of the Levee's being proposed. Mr. shay said he could contact his office tomorrow and he could provide him with that information. Mr. Nazario also provided an update on his project



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at 623 Simpson. The project is going well. Terry's Bike shop will need to relocate temporarily so they can work on the replacement of the floors but hopefully within two years most of the renovations will be completed. They are looking at putting in a restaurant, adding a hotel and spa in the upstairs and are looking forward to it getting completed.

LaVogue Store

Bill Weiland, 600 Washington Court, complimented Mr. Nazario on the improvements to the building. He has many memories of the LaVogue Store.

Excuse Absent Members

Councilmember McMillan moved to excuse the absent member and his motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Real Property

Council recess for three minutes at 8:23 p.m. after which they will convene in executive session for approximately 10 minutes to discuss Real Property. Possible action could follows.

**ADJOURN**

Council came back to order in regular session at 8:42 p.m. Councilmember McMillan moved to adjourn the meeting and his motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

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BEN WINKELMAN – MAYOR

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TRACY WOOD – COUNCIL SECRETARY