



CITY OF HOQUIAM

City Council Meeting Minutes

August 26, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Those in attendance at the meeting were Mayor Winkelman and Councilmembers Anderson, Brooks, Hinchey, Larson, Nelson, Pauley, Puvogel, Reid, Smith and Thornton. Absent from the meeting was Councilmember Carlstrom.

Staff in attendance were Police Chief Joe Strong, Fire Chief Matt Miller, City Attorney Steve Johnson, City Administrator Brian Shay, Finance Director Corri Schmid and Council Secretary Kayla Nielsen.

PUBLIC HEARING

Revenue Sources – Property Taxes

City of Hoquiam levy rates are projected to increase by 1% based on revenue we receive. It is estimated to increase from 2.2 million (2024) to 2.3 million (2025). This is an estimation, and will be updated when the final data is produced by the Grays Harbor County Assessor's Office.

Discussion between Councilmembers.

Councilmember Puvogel moved to approve. Second. Motion to approve passed by voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment on the Public Hearing.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember moved to accept Consent Agenda items A-C. Second. Passed by voice vote.

COUNCIL ACTION/DISCUSSION

Committee Reports

No Committee Reports.



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Officers Reports
IT Storage

Staff recommends purchasing additional camera/IT storage for 58 cameras off the state contract. The purchase was allotted in budget.

Councilmember Puvogel moved to approve. Seconded. Motion to approve passed by voice vote.

Queen Ave Storm Water
Pump Station Project

Staff recommends that the City accept a \$1.2M grant for the construction from the Chehalis Basin Flood Authority and authorize an amendment with HDR Engineering for the project management during construction.

Construction will be awarded on September 23rd, 2024. Flood Authority also giving presentation on September 23rd. Project will should start immediately, in October.

Councilmember Brooks moved to approve. Second. Motion to approve passed by voice vote.

MAYORS REPORTS

Be careful when driving, kids are out and enjoying the end of summer. Sports have also started; children will be walking to and from practice.

Loggers Playday is in a couple weeks. Councilmembers, please participate where you can.

LEGAL BUSINESS

Ordinances

None Presented.

Resolutions

None Presented.

Other Legal

Cost reimbursement
agreement with the Railroad

Puget Sound & Pacific Railroad will be reviewing the plans and specifications for the West Levee & K Street Pump Station to ultimately issue an easement for the new structures in PSAP right of way. The cost will be paid for by the funding we already have for the projects. Councilmembers discussed.

Councilmember Puvogel approved. Second. Motion to approve passed by voice vote.



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.09 Economic Development
Grant Agreement with GHC

Grays Harbor County awarded the City with a \$450K grant to install sewer and water service to the upland industrial site at T-3 where PNWRE plans to construct a pellet manufacturing facility.

Councilmember Puvogel approved. Second. Motion to approve passed by voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS

Councilmember Hinchon asks about “Adopt a Storm Drain Program”. Mr. Shay states he hasn’t heard anything from that group.

Councilmember Thornton relays a complaint about the new speed limit out East Hoquiam.

Councilmember Anderson talks about Staff Appreciation BBQ on September 16th at Noon. Please bring salads and drinks. Need volunteers for set up and take down.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Reid – Public Safety Meeting September 9th at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers.

Councilmember Thornton excuses the absence of Councilmember Carlstrom. Approved by voice vote.

Councilmember Hinchon – Asks if we have received any letters of interest for Council member Ward 4 position. Yes, 3 letters currently. Deadline is September 16th at 5:00 PM.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURN

Councilmember Puvogel moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 PM and his motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

BEN WINKELMAN – Mayor

KAYLA NIELSEN – City Council Secretary