



CITY OF HOQUIAM

City Council Meeting Minutes

MAY 8, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

In attendance at the meeting were Mayor Winkelman and Councilmembers Brand, Brooks, Carlstrom, George (via Zoom), Hinchon, Larsen, Nelson, Pauley, Pellegrini, Puvogel and Reid. Absent from the meeting was Councilmember Anderson.

Staff in attendance were Police Chief Joe Strong, Fire Chief Matt Miller, City Attorney Steve Johnson, City Administrator Brian Shay and Council Secretary Tracy Wood.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Brooks moved to approve Consent Agenda item a, the Hoquiam City Council minutes of April 24, 2023. His motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

OFFICER REPORTS

Flock Safety LPR Cameras

Chief Strong provided background information regarding the Flock Safety License Plate Readers and the need to lease them for the city. Staff is requesting council approval for the annual lease of two LPR cameras at a cost of \$3,000 per year per unit. Installation would be approximately \$360 if they are mounted on current poles. Councilmember Puvogel moved for approval of the Officer Report and his motion was seconded. He stated that a presentation was made to the Public Safety Committee at an earlier date and they were supportive of this request. The motion to approve passed by voice vote.

Purchase of Patrol Vehicle

Chief Strong presented background information on the need for a Police Interceptor SUV and the installation of patrol equipment for the cost of \$86,423. This vehicle was to be purchased in 2022, but due to COVID and part shortages, delivery could not be guaranteed. Staff is requesting council approval for the purchase of the new 2023 Police Interceptor SUV from Gresham Ford. Councilmember Puvogel moved for the approval of the Officer Report and his motion was seconded. Following a brief discussion on the state contract purchasing and Oregon being included on that contract, the motion passed by voice vote.

MAYOR REPORTS

Delta Park Dedication

Mayor Winkelman reminded everyone that there will be a dedication ceremony for Delta Park on May 20, 2023, at noon. He hopes people will be able to attend. There will be closure of part of Emerson due to the program during that time.



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Beautification Committee and Service to Community

Mayor Winkelman thanked the beautification committee for all of their work. He also thanked the Council for their service to the community.

Filing for Elections

Mayor Winkelman reminded the Councilmembers that filing opens next week for the elections. You can file at the county or go on-line.

COUNCIL REPORTS

AWC Forums and Annual conference

Councilmember Carlstrom is providing forums on the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging which are open to any City Official. The next forum will be on June 16th and they last approximately one hour. You can register on the AWC site. Also, is anyone planning on attending the Annual Conference in June in Spokane? The conference is June 20-23. They will be providing breakout sessions on this there also.

LEGAL BUSINESS

OTHER LEGAL

Petition for Annexation into the Grays Harbor Conservation District

Councilmember Puvogel moved to submit this petition and his motion was seconded. A brief discussion followed after which the motion to approve the annexation passed by voice vote.

HDR Engineering – K St. Pump Station

Councilmember Puvogel moved to approve the Professional Services Agreement with HDR Engineering for the K St. Stormwater Pump Station and his motion was seconded. Mr. Shay explained which pump station this was and stated that it is being paid for through a grant from the Chehalis Basis Flood authority. Following further discussion, the motion passed by voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS

RFA

Councilmember Ried asked if the Fire Chief would speak to the recent ballot issue for the RFA. Chief Miller stated that it was not approved, and that the election shows that the support is going down. Staff tried to do their best on educating the public but it is not being supported. He does not believe there is any intention of putting this before the public again in the near future. We will continue to work with Aberdeen for enhanced response. Chief Miller stated that in the last feasibility study it was determined that the Department should have at least 3 more staff. There is an Ambulance study now being done. Chief Miller stated that he would like to discuss with Administration an increase in the future of staffing, equipment needs, etc. We are



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NEW BUSINESS

Excuse Absent Members

one of the busiest departments for calls per firefighter in the state. A lengthy discussion followed.

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

Flag at Fire Station

Councilmember Ried asked if the fire department was able to check on the flag at the Library. She thanked the department for assisting the library with replacing the flag. Mayor Winkelman stated that he has been approached by a few Scout programs about helping to replace flags in our community.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Annexation into GH
Conservation District

David Marcel, 1011 Cleveland St., Aberdeen, representing the Conservation District thanked the city for voting to enter into the annexation. It will be submitted for approval tomorrow and it will be submitted to the State. There will be an information meeting for the public at the Log Pavilion in the near future where the public can obtain information on what the Conservation District can do. He believes this will help with economic growth in our communities.

ADJOURN

Councilmember Puvogel moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 p.m.. His motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

BEN WINKELMAN – Mayor

TRACY WOOD – City Council Secretary