



# CITY OF HOQUIAM

City Council Meeting Minutes

APR 11 2022

## **CALL TO ORDER**

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

## **ROLL CALL**

In attendance at the meeting were Mayor Winkelman and Councilmembers Anderson, Brand, Brooks, Carlstrom, George, Hinchey, McMillan, Nelson, Pellegrini, Puvogel and Reid. Absent from the meeting was Councilmember Dick.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

### **PUD Presentation**

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

Ian Cope, Public Information Officer for Grays Harbor PUD made a presentation to the Council regarding what the PUD has been doing and what they have accomplished over the past few years. The PUD operated under a \$123.4 Million budget, served over 43,000 customers, and replaced over 500 poles last year. Customers have not been able to come into the lobby since COVID but the drive through has still been open and there is a contact in the lobby entry that can speak with them if they need assistance. They are a telecommunications company as well. They have been assisting to get internet service and more infrastructure to the rural areas of the county. Grays Harbor has a very exposed utility due to our weather. The down time is minimal, but a lot of it is because of the crews. 69% of the outages in 2020 were weather/storm related. With the passage of the EIA and CETA prioritized clean energy, the PUD is required to obtain and operate with clean energy. Over 96% of PUD's power comes from emission free resources. The Hydropower on the Columbia and Snake Rivers constantly comes under attack, and they want to make sure people know the importance of the dams and the power they provide. 2022 Goals: Core Utility Service is a focus; cancelled the 2% rate increase from last year; strengthen the financial position of the PUD and continue to work to maintain and improve system reliability.

## **PROCLAMATION**

### **Arbor Day and Month**

The Mayor issued a Proclamation declaring April 13, 2022 as Arbor Day and the month of April, 2022 as Arbor Month in the City of Hoquiam. The City of Hoquiam has been a Tree City USA for the past 14 years.



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## **Broadway Avenue Repair – Hoki Moir**

Hoki Moir, Broadway Avenue, Hoquiam. He lives on Broadway next to the planned area of repair. He also owns a parcel of property with Warren Gunderson. They have not been contacted by the City and yet people have been out there measuring and blazing going back at least 100 feet onto their property. Why has he not been contacted when it's now over a year and a half into the project? They should be part of the conversation and they should have been from the beginning. People are working on their private property and yet those people think they are on City property. DNR needs to give permission for any tree removal. Frustrated with the lack of communication. Want the road fixed but they need to be part of the discussion.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Councilmember McMillan moved to approve the consent agenda item a, as presented and his motion was seconded. Appearing on the consent agenda were the City Council Minutes of March 28, 2022. His motion passed by voice vote.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Watershed Committee**

Councilmember Nelson stated the Watershed Committee met and he has been elected to serve as chairman. They will bring a report to the Council at the next meeting.

## **MAYOR REPORTS**

### **Arbor Day**

Mayor Winkelman stated there will be an Arbor Day celebration at 3:30 on Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, in front of City Hall.

### **Shorebird Festival**

The Shorebird Festival is coming up soon. Birds have started to arrive. The festival will be virtual again this year.

### **Environmental Clean-up Day**

On April 16<sup>th</sup> the Hoquiam Rotary with Join with Miss Grays Harbor Outstanding Teen (Ellie Winkelman) for an Environmental Clean-up day in Hoquiam. Volunteers are welcome to attend and participate in the event. People should meet at 11:00 at Train Station and will then be dispersed to areas such as Paulson Road, the Endreson boat launch, along the waterfront area, local parks, etc. If anyone would like more details please contact Ellie. Their goal is to get 150 volunteers to participate.

### **Volunteer Appreciation Week**

April 17<sup>th</sup> through the 23<sup>rd</sup> is Volunteer Appreciation Week. Mayor Winkelman thanked the many volunteers who participate in Crime Watch, the volunteer Chaplain, the members of the Beautification Committee who are all out there year round



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National Public Safety  
Telecommunicators Week

serving Hoquiam. He also thanked the many citizens who volunteer on our boards such as the Historic Preservation Board and the Urban Forestry Board just to name a few.

It is National Public Safety Telecommunicators week and the Mayor thanked the dispatchers for all that they do.

Parks

There are some discussions about Improvements to some of our parks and he will provide details at a later date.

Easter Egg Hunt

The City Easter Egg Hunt will be held Thursday April 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 at Olympic Stadium.

## **COUNCIL REPORTS**

Hoquiam Business  
Association

Councilmember Brand stated that the HBA is sponsoring a bingo board with 24 different businesses on it. The idea is to get more people back out in the public and supporting the local businesses. There are prizes that are going to be awarded, three for regular bingos and three for blackouts. Cars can be picked up at several of the local businesses and participants can visit any of the businesses on the board to have their cards stamped and become eligible for the prizes.

Loggers' Playday

Councilmember Anderson reported that the Loggers' Playday Committee met last Thursday and are making their plans for the event in September. Also, the playday court has been selected and things are moving ahead.

Council Retreat Ideas

Councilmember McMillan stated that at the Retreat various councilmembers brought up their ideas for the upcoming year. Those ideas have been posted here in the Council chambers.

## **OTHER LEGAL**

HDR Engineering –  
Broadway Avenue Guardrail

Included in the packet was a contract with HDR Engineering for Scope of Work, Permitting and Right-of-Way Services for the Broadway Avenue guardrail and safety improvement project Phase II. Councilmember McMillan moved to approve the contract and his motion was seconded. A brief discussion followed on the timeline for the project and Council requested that staff provide them with a report on the ROW 's for the phases.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Sumner and Riverside

Councilmember McMillan asked if there has been any progress on a solution for the corner of Sumner and Riverside. Mr. shay



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Bargewell Park

stated that he and other staff have had conversations with DOT and they are looking at some kind of solution – such as installation of a guard rail or something.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Public Utilities – Sr.  
Discounts

Councilmember Reid asked if there was an update on the Bargewell Park. The Committee is headed up by Jay Fry and staff will reach out to him to see what the status is at this time. Also, staff can look at the possibility of submitting a grant for a portion of this.

Councilmember McMillan asked that Public Utilities meet and review the Sr. Citizen discounts. It was announce that Public Utilities will meet at 5:15 p.m. on April 25<sup>th</sup>.

Broadway Dip

Councilmember Pellegrini spoke briefly about the Broadway dip. It is in need of some temporary repairs. There have been some discussions with staff and hopefully something can be done within the next month.

Letter to Council

Ms. Schmid stated a letter had been given to the council from a citizen. It was not signed nor did it have their name and address so it will not be read into the public record.

Excuse Absent Member

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

Historic Hoquiam

Connie Parsons, Emerson Manor, Hoquiam, reminded council that the Historic Hoquiam event will be April 30<sup>th</sup> at Emerson Manor.

## **ADJOURN**

Councilmember McMillan moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m. and his motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

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BEN WINKELMAN – Mayor

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TRACY WOOD – City Council Secretary



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