



CITY OF HOQUIAM

City Council Meeting Minutes

May 23, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Those in attendance were Mayor Winkelman and Councilmembers Brand, Brooks, Carlstrom, Dick, Hinch (entered at 7:06), George, McMillan, Nelson, Pellegrini, Puvogel and Reid. Absent from the meeting was Councilmembers Anderson.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

HDR Engineering – Flood Protection Update

Ty Johnson and David Clien, representing HDR Engineering, made a presentation to the Council regarding the Aberdeen-Hoquiam Flood Protection Updates. A bid package will be put together in the near future to replace the current pump station which was built in 1977. Both Aberdeen and Hoquiam storm water conveyance systems flow directly into Fry Creek. Fry Creek is tidally influenced so when the water is high it floods into the city streets. The plan is to advertise for bids this spring, with completion of the project in January 2024. They also discussed the North Shore Levee West which lies strictly in the city of Hoquiam. This project will consist of earthen levees, 2 to 6 ft. tall. They are still waiting for final approval from FEMA. 35% of design package is complete; completed exploration plan; completed field sampling and testing program and laboratory testing is in progress. The next step will be for the field survey to begin. There is a public open house scheduled for June 22, 2022 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at city Hall. Wetland and Waterbody field work is completed. They have submitted a Phase 1 Environmental Assessment, prepared biological assessment and performed an Archaeological Survey. They will continue working and coordinating with several different entities and continue to work with FEMA to procure grant funding. The areas currently within the flood zone will be protected thus lowering their FEMA insurance requirements by completion of this project. Also provided was a summary of the status of the



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Traffic on Buchanan

North Shore Levee. It will be 13,500 feet long for Aberdeen starting at the port and ending close to the B St. bridge.

Tammy Naranjo, Chenault Ave in Hoquiam spoke to the council regarding the traffic on Buchanan, Karr, Eklund and Chenault. She expressed concern that there are no stop signs on any of these blocks and traffic speeds down the streets as they know they don't have to stop. It is extremely dangerous and close to the school and there are many children in the neighborhood. She also brought up the issue with no ADA ramps at the post office. She is unable to get into the post office as she is wheelchair bound.

Dumping

Ms. Bennett, 109 Pierce Street, spoke to the Council regarding dumping in her area. There is a large amount of garden debris and yard waste along the base of the trees at the end of the road and the compost is creating so much heat it is rotting the trees. She feels there is a potential fire hazard from the trees falling on the power lines, etc. Mayor Winkelman thanked her for bringing it to the attention of the city.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember McMillan moved for approval of the 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 May 9, 2022;
- The Regulatory Committee Report recommending approval of claim check numbers 98502 through 98709 in the amount of \$1,462,737.00; claim auto pays and EFTs numbers 534 through 540 in the amount of \$26,201.26; payroll check numbers 30153 through 30178 in the amount of \$193,104.28; payroll ACH and EFTs in the amount of \$433,016.77 and \$221,002.58 respectively; and that payroll and benefits for the month of May 2022 be approved and issued at the proper time.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS



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Historic Preservation Commission – Olympic Stadium Siding Color

The Historic Preservation Commission discussed the exterior paint colors for Olympic Stadium at their May 18th meeting. The color choices were presented by Harbor Architects and the recommended choice from the commission is included in the Council packet. The building is on the National Historic Register as well as the city Historic Register. The choices provided meet the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation and Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Building. The Commission recommends that the Council consider the included color choice for the exterior paint color of the shingles along Cherry Street and the front portion of the stadium. Councilmember McMillan moved to approve the committee report and the motion was seconded.

Councilmember Dick stated he does not like the color and believes we should do a gray stain. Councilmember Hinchin stated he does not like it either. Mr. Shay explained that historically the building was not painted and it is a city owned building. As it is on the historic register, certain rules and regulations must be followed. Councilmember Puvogel stated that the stadium is not a school facility and has many users - he likes the stain. Councilmember McMillan believes if we asked each councilmember tonight there would be 10 different colors picked. He thanked the Historic Preservation Commission for reviewing it and selecting the color. Following no further discussion, the motion passed by voice vote.

OFFICER REPORTS

Olympic Stadium Project Change Order

Staff requested council approval for Change Order #1, new gutters and drain pipes along Cherry Street at the Stadium for \$24,721.39 and the addition of another electrical panel at a cost of \$1,336.21. Councilmember McMillan moved to approve the change order and his motion was seconded. A brief discussion followed on the gutters and color, after which the motion to approve the change order passed by voice vote.

Addition of Lieutenant Position at Hoquiam Police Department

Staff recommends that Council authorize a change to the administrative model of the police department from a Chief and Deputy chief to a Chief and two Lieutenants to assist with the effective daily operations of the Department. The additional



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MAYOR REPORTS

New Location for Mr. Taco

Mr. Taco has moved to 8th and Simpson as of this week.

3 on 3 Basketball - Nationals

Councilmember Anderson is absent tonight but their Sr. 3 on 3 basketball team took 2nd at Nationals. Congratulations!

Cougar Sightings

There have been a number of cougar sightings and the Mayor reminded people to keep food put away and pets in a safe area. There have been several sightings along the Tennis Court and Endresen area which is relatively close to the schools.

Summer Help

Mayor Winkelman encouraged anyone knowing kids looking for summer employment to have them apply for the summer jobs that we are currently advertising.

Graduation

Mayor Winkelman congratulated the upcoming Graduates and encouraged them to all be safe over the next few weeks as they celebrate their accomplishments.

COUNCIL REPORTS

HBA

Councilmember Carlstrom reported that the Hoquiam Business Association is starting their 2nd Saturday in June. They are working to get businesses to stay open between 11 to 4:00 and encourage citizens to enjoy and support our local businesses. The next HBA quorum will be May 31st at 6:30 at Sgt. Brand

Mr. Taco and Grays Harbor Pride

Councilmember Puvogel congratulated Mr. Taco on their new location. The Grays Harbor Pride event will not be in Hoquiam this upcoming year. They will be holding another event here on June 25th.

Shut-off Day

Councilmember George expressed his concern that there were over 40 posts today about utility shut offs, many of which stated that they had paid their bills but were still shut off. There are many upset people. He asked that staff post accurate information and policies surrounding utility shut offs which



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Thanksgiving Day Game

would help to alleviate the misinformation that some are sharing.

Councilmember McMillan stated that he is still working on funding for Thanksgiving Day game. A brief discussion was held on the current endowment fund at GH Community Foundation. They are continuing to pursue this and will keep the council informed.

LEGAL BUSINESS

Other Legal

HDR Engineering – North Shore Levee Scope of Services

Included in the Council packet was a contract for HDR Engineering regarding their scope of services for the North Shore Levee. Councilmember McMillan moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract with HDR. His motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Clevenger's

The owners of Clevenger's Auction House have contacted him as well as the building department and they are willing to donate the building to the city for no cost. The land is valued at \$31,200 and the building at \$84,000. Councilmember McMillan made a motion to have staff look at this and bring back a report to the council. His motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

6th Street Property Tax

Council asked if there was any updates on the 6th St. Property. Staff said that an offer has been made but has not been accepted as of this time

Absentee Landlords

A discussion was held regarding Grays Harbor and the issue of absentee landlords. The owners are leaving properties empty and not doing any improvements and asking for high rental cost so they won't get any renters. There have been some articles in the newspaper lately regarding this and some cities have passed vacancy taxes. This is becoming a big issue and the city needs to start thinking about it. The Opportunity Zone intent was probably not intended to work the way it is. We need to encourage others to invest here.



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Camera at Old Cannery Park	Councilmember McMillan asked if we could get a camera at the new park to alleviate some of the vandalism.
Increase Sales	Councilmember McMillan spoke briefly regarding the upcoming hearing and resolution for the 6 th St. Transportation Improvement Projects. He suggested that Council consider an increase in our sales tax by 1.8% to help fund paving projects and other improvements that we cannot fund through grants. This would need to go to a vote of the citizens.
Cemetery Board	There will be a cemetery board meeting at 5:00 on June 13 th .
Excuse Absent Member	Councilmember Puvogel moved to excuse the absent member and his motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.
Stadium	Mayor Winkelman read an email from Steve Jump at the Hoquiam School District thanking everyone for the recent work on the fields at the stadium and also for working with the district on scheduling.
ADJOURN	Councilmember McMillan moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 p.m. His motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.
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