



CITY OF HOQUIAM

City Council Meeting Minutes

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CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Congressman Derek Kilmer

Congressman Kilmer thanked the Mayor, Council and staff for their service. It has been very challenging, health wise and economically since the closures of 2020. Food banks, schools, businesses, restaurants, event venues, school districts have all felt the impacts. The American Rescue Plan was established to provide some relief due to the impacts caused by COVID. Unemployment is at its lowest in many years, we have expanded user utility broad bands, etc. Several programs have been proposed. Fifty-billion will be available to improve infrastructure such as roads, utilities, parks, bridges, expansion of transit, etc. There is money available for internet access, virtual classes, virtual doctor appointments, clean water, salmon population culvert replacements, etc. To find out more information on how to access these dollars go to Kilmer.house.gov/infrastructure – RAISE Grants.

Funding will be available for bus/bus facilities, safe streets and roads for all and reduction in traffic fatalities in May; funding will be available for electric vehicle charging, rural transportation for moving people and freight in small rural areas. Those grants open in the 1st Quarter of 2022. Funding for climate and resilience, tsunami preparedness, etc. should be available no later than September 2022. The City has received some BRICK funding in the past for flood mitigation programs. Congressman Kilmer spoke about many other funding opportunities for energy efficiency, cyber threats, water/wastewater/drinking water (State funds); bridging the digital divide which will also go through the State; he encouraged the City to apply for multiple grants and discussions have been held on simplifying the application



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process. Check the website for further information on what is available and reach out to his office with any questions or to ask for a letter of support from him.

The House passed the Buildback Better Act – lowering costs for families for healthcare, prescriptions, daycare, child care tax giving a break to those who have children. Funds will be available for college tuition help, affordable housing, rental assistance, more affordable homes. The Economic Opportunities Recompete Account offers 10 year flexible grants to develop and implement economic opportunities. His office has a team who will help individuals having difficulty with contacting or working with Government offices – if anyone is experiencing problems they can contact his office.

Councilmember George asked if some of this funding could be used to help the PUD provide high speed internet so there would be other options for individuals in our area. Mayor Winkelman spoke briefly about working with local tribal entities to provide a trans-ocean line, which would also address the issue with cleaner types of expansion. Congressman Kilmer will look into whether this type of program would be eligible for some of these funds. Councilmember Puvogel thanked Congressman Kilmer for his efforts in helping the city obtain funding for the North Shore Levy which will make a great impact to our local communities for flooding issues and flood insurance requirements. He spoke briefly regarding our local bus transportation and the possibility of obtaining funding for operational costs. For some time we had no weekend service, and now there is limited weekend service. Low income families and individuals depend on this transportation for their jobs, shopping, etc. Congressman Kilmer stated that transit is important and they have taken a big hit through this. Relief funds could help with that. Again he encouraged the staff to go to his website to see all of the available types of funding open in 2022. The Mayor, staff and council thanked Congressman Kilmer for his service and support to our community. He will be visiting Hoquiam this coming Friday and meeting with staff to tour different areas of our communities.



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CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember McMillan moved for approval of the consent agenda as presented and his motion was seconded. Appearing on the consent agenda was:

- The City Council Minutes of January 24, 2022;

The motion to approve the consent agenda passed by voice vote.

MAYOR REPORTS

Vouchers for Flood Debris Disposal

Mayor Winkelman announced that there are vouchers available for disposal of debris from the recent floods. Information can be obtained through the Utility office.

Council Retreat

The Council Retreat will be rescheduled to a later date. This will be discussed later in the meeting.

Title 9 Recognition

Mayor Winkelman spoke briefly about the recent recognitions given at the school program honoring women athletes. He also thanked Councilmember McMillan and several other Councilmembers who attended the program on February 4th. Councilmember McMillan has been the announcer at the women's sports for 40 years.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Cemetery

Councilmember McMillan stated that the Cemetery is beautiful but the moles HAVE arrived!

HBA

Councilmember Carlstrom stated that as of last Tuesday, the HBA is back up and running. They are making plans for a scavenger hunt, putting coins in local businesses starting March 1st through St. Patrick's and giving out baskets at the end. They will begin meeting the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00.

Title 9 Program

Councilmember Anderson stated that she attended the Title 9 Program conducted by the school district. She wanted to give a shout out to the young men who escorted all of the female athletes onto the field during the program – they were so polite and it was a wonderful experience.

LEGAL BUSINESS

Ordinances

Parking on Lincoln and Soule



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Resolutions

Adopting an Updated Water System Plan

Ms. Wood read the Ordinance by title. An Ordinance relating to parking; adding a new Subsection (52) to Section 7.80.030 of the Hoquiam Municipal Code. Councilmember McMillan moved for the adoption of this ordinance and his motion was seconded. Councilmember Anderson asked how this was going to be marked. Staff stated that it will be painted and have signage installed. Staff did make a special effort to speak with individuals in that area to explain that it was being done for pedestrian and traffic safety at that intersection. Following no further discussion, the Ordinance was read by title a second time and the motion for approval passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Adopting Water Use Efficiency Goals

A Resolution of the City of Hoquiam, Washington, adopting an Updated Water System Plan. Councilmember McMillan moved for the approval of this resolution and his motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

A Resolution of the City of Hoquiam, Washington, adopting Water Use Efficiency Goals. Councilmember McMillan moved for the adoption of this resolution and his motion was seconded. Councilmember George moved to amend the resolution and add #3 under Section 1 to read: To help our customers manage their water usage, the City will print their gallons-per-day usage on all water bills. His motion was seconded. Councilmember Puvogel questioned whether this was the place for this. These are our established goals. Councilmember George stated that he tried to institute this 4 years ago. Customers do not understand cubic feet. Gallons per day needs to be used to help people understand what their usage is. Councilmember Hinchin stated that it is correct in that cubic feet is not understood. Councilmember Reid asked if we can calculate this for the customers – staff stated that it is an easy calculation – 7.48 cf equals one gallon. The motion to amend passed by voice vote, following no further comments, the main motion, as amended, passed by voice vote.

OTHER LEGAL

HDR Engineering – Scope of Services for Emerson Avenue Wastewater Pump Station and Scope of Services for the General Sewer Plan Update

The City selected HDR Engineering, Inc. (HDR) to provide design, bidding and permitting for the replacement of Emerson Avenue Wastewater Pump Station. This scope of services is to document the services requested to assist the City with inspection and management services during construction.



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OLD BUSINESS Council Retreat

Councilmember Hinchon moved for approval of the contract and his motion was seconded. Councilmember McMillan moved to amend the motion to approve both the Emerson Avenue Wastewater Pump Station Scope of Services and the scope of services for the General Sewer Plan Update which is next on the agenda. His motion was seconded his motion to approve the amendment to include both contracts passed by voice vote. The main motion, as amended, passed by voice vote.

Hospital Diverts

Councilmember McMillan reminded Council that the retreat originally scheduled for Wednesday has been cancelled. He suggested Tuesday, March 1st but following a brief discussion on Council availability, the retreat is now rescheduled to Wednesday, March 2nd, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. It will be held in person for those who are comfortable attending and a zoom link will also be provided. Food will be provided and staff will attend the first hour. He asked that each Councilmember come prepared to talk about what they love about Hoquiam and what their goal or idea as a Council person is for Hoquiam.

Reports from Department Heads

Staff was asked how many diverts have happened at the Hospital since they came to our council meeting. Asst. Chief Miller stated that the department has taken a stance not to divert.

Regular Meeting of February 14th Cancelled

Staff was asked if Department Heads could provide reports to the Council at future meetings. The Police and Fire provide in depth reports on their yearly activities and it would be good to know what Public Works and other departments have accomplished over the past year.

NEW BUSINESS Baseball at Olympic Stadium

Councilmember Puvogel reminded Council that the regular meeting scheduled for next week was cancelled and moved to tonight. There is not a meeting next week (February 14th).

Councilmember Hinchon stated that he has spoken with Steve Jump about the stadium fields. The collegiate League is not doing the maintenance that is required as part of their lease. Staff and the Mayor stated that they are currently working with the



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Excuse Absent Member

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school district to address some of these issues and that it is currently being taken care of.

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

Councilmember McMillan moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m. and his motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

BEN WINKELMAN – Mayor

TRACY WOOD – City Council Secretary