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CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Council Confirmation of Police Chief Joe Strong

Councilmember Puvogel made a motion to move item 7A – Council Confirmation of Police Chief to the first item on the agenda. His motion was seconded and passed by voice vote. Mayor Winkelman asked for council confirmation on the appointment of Joe Strong to serve as the new police chief for the city. Councilmember Puvogel made a motion to confirm this appointment and his motion was seconded and passed by voice vote. Chief Strong’s father, retired police officer Sidney Strong presented Chief Strong with his badge.

Police Department Promotions to Lieutenant and Sargent Promotions

Chief Strong announced the promotions of Jeff Salstrom and Brian Dayton to serve as Lieutenants for the Department. He also announced the promotions of Jared Spaur, Rob Verboomen and Dave Peterson to Sargent positions. Those being promoted introduced their families and family members presented each of them with their badges.

Vacation Application

Tana Green submitted an application proposing to vacate a portion of Franklin Avenue that is located at the West end of her property. She would like to construct a driveway access to her property for building a new house. Ms. Green was informed that the public hearing for this vacation will be on August 22, 2022

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Pellegrini moved to approve consent agenda items a and b, as presented and his motion was seconded. Those items appearing on the consent agenda were as follows:



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COMMITTEE REPORTS

LTAC Committee – 2022
Funding Applications

- The city Council minutes of July 25, 2022;
- A release requesting approval for timber sale bonds for Hoq-TS-2021-02 to Sierra Pacific;

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

The LTAC Committee recommended that the following applications for funding be approved:

- City of Hoquiam Old Cannery Park Improvements - \$10,000;
- City of Hoquiam Olympic Stadium Baseball Field Improvements - \$10,000;
- City of Hoquiam John Gable Park Paving and Improvements - \$15,000;
- City of Hoquiam Olympic Stadium Renovations - \$20,000;
- City of Hoquiam Beautification Team Flowers and Baskets - \$4,500;
- 7th St. Theatre Event Advertising - \$3,000;

There were two other applications that were received after the advertised due date and the Committee recommended funding these both at \$2,500. Loggers' Playday Stadium Rental for Show - \$2,500; Polson Museum Signage Improvements - \$2,500.

Councilmember Puvogel moved to accept the committee recommendation with the two additional projects as recommended and his motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

Regulatory Committee –
Hometown Sanitation

The Regulatory Committee made a recommendation that Council approve a request from Hometown Sanitation to 1) Change the annual CPI adjustment from 80% of the index to 100% of the actual CPI adjustment; 2) Move the annual CPI



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adjustment date from September 1st to August 1st; and 3) Reduce the insurance liability requirements from \$4M to \$2M. Councilmember Puvogel moved to approve this recommendation and his motion was seconded. Following a brief discussion where Brian Smith from Hometown answered council questions, the motion was approved by voice vote.

OFFICER REPORTS

Purchase of Vehicle for Police Department

The Police Department is requesting council approval for the purchase of a used 2021-2022 certified Ford Explorer SUV at a cost of up to \$50,000. Funding would come from the equipment rental fund. This vehicle will be used for the new Lieutenants to respond to emergency situations. Councilmember Brooks moved to approve the purchase of the vehicle and his motion was seconded. Following a brief discussion the motion passed by voice vote.

Public Safety Committee Meeting of August 22, 2022

Councilmember Puvogel made a motion to move the August 22nd Public Safety Committee meeting to the council chambers. His motion was seconded and passed by voice vote. It was previously scheduled to be held at the police department.

MAYOR REPORTS

Staff and Council Appreciation

Mayor Winkelman thanked the Departments and personnel, as well as the City Council for their service to the community.

National Night Out

Mayor Winkelman thanked everyone who hosted a party for National Night Out and also thanked the staff and council who could travel around and attend each party.

Basketball Sports Camp

NBA Player, CJ Elleby and his foundation recently held a youth sports basketball camp for the youth of Grays Harbor at the Hoquiam High School. Assisting with the camp were the School District and the Rotary Club. This was free of charge to the youth and there were two days that the different age groups could participate.



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Mr. T's Batting Cage	The Grays Harbor Sports Association recently held their soft opening for Mr. T's Batting Cage. They have posted their hours of operation on line.
Other Sports Camps	The Grays Harbor Gulls will be hosting a soccer academy and there will also be football camps for the youth to attend at the stadium.
Water Main Break	There was recently a 10" Water Main break at 3 rd and K. Mayor Winkelman thanked all of the staff who worked on getting this fixed.
Summer Hire Projects	The Summer help have been completing many projects around town. He thanked them for their hard work.
COUNCIL REPORTS	
Strength and Fitness Camp and Football Camp – Dana Ladue	Councilmember Pellegrini thanked Dana LaDue, who comes to Hoquiam each year to help facilitate a strength and fitness camp for the school athletics. He also assists with a football camp at the stadium each year.
Yard of the Month	Councilmember Pellegrini stated that he recently recognized 202 24 th for his wards yard of the month.
Seahawk Team	Joel Dublanko has been selected to try out for the Seahawks team. Joel is a local Aberdeen Athlete.
Mr. T's – GH Sports Association	Councilmember Hinchin stated that the batting cages will be open Thursday and Friday from 5:00 to 8:00 and Saturday and Sunday from 12:00 to 8:00. Their organization is working on putting together teams of all sports types.
E-Sports	Councilmember Puvogel spoke briefly about the local E-Sports Program at the school district. Chris Nitti has done an excellent job in getting this set up. For those who aren't familiar with E-Sports it is a "virtual reality" based program. Mayor Winkelman stated that his daughter is participating in this program.



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LEGAL BUSINESS

Ordinances

Supplemental Budget 22-2

An Ordinance adopting a supplemental budget No. 22-2 and appropriating funds. Ms. Wood read the ordinance by title after which Councilmember Puvogel moved to approve the ordinance. His motion was seconded and after the 2nd reading, passed by roll call vote.

Other Legal

2022 Interagency Agreement – GH County and City of Hoquiam – Medication for SUD in Jails Program

Included in the packet was an amendment to the 2022 Interagency Agreement between Grays harbor County and the City of Hoquiam with respect to the 2022 Interagency Agreement for Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) in Jails Program. Councilmember Puvogel moved to authorize the Mayor to sign this agreement and his motion was seconded. Following a brief discussion, the motion passed by voice vote.

Interlocal Agreement with Aberdeen – North Shore Levee Project

Included in the Council packet was an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Aberdeen and the City of Hoquiam relating to the joint funding for design and construction of the North Shore Levee Project. Councilmember Puvogel moved to authorize the Mayor to sign this agreement and his motion was seconded. Mr. Shay explained that this would allow either city to be grant recipients for this project. Following a brief discussion, the motion to authorize the agreement passed by voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Public Hearing - Revenues

Councilmember Puvogel moved to set a public hearing date of September 12, 2022 for the Revenues. His motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

Loggers' Playday Booth

Councilmember Carlstrom asked if there was any Council interest in setting up a booth for the Loggers' Playday event.

Excuse Absent Member

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



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Employee Appreciation
BBQ

Councilmember Anderson announced that September 19th has been selected as the date for the Employee Barbeque. She announced who she has received money from to help sponsor this.

Public Comment

Rental Property

Marybeth Clearwater, 3016 Simpson spoke to the Council regarding recent problems she and her family have experienced over the past few years. They have both lost their jobs, lost their home and are having health issues. Last month they were notified that the property they have been renting is being sold and that the rent will increase \$250 per month. She also stated that they were informed that they will now be responsible for paying all utilities. Housing in this area is a problem. There is nothing to rent that is affordable for people on low income. She has reached out to several organizations for assistance and cannot qualify or get any help. A lengthy discussion followed wherein some other options for help were discussed. Mayor Winkelman thanked her for sharing the issues she is having with the council.

ADJOURN

Councilmember Pellegrini moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 p.m. and his motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

BEN WINKELMAN – Mayor

TRACY WOOD – City Council Secretary