



CITY OF HOQUIAM
March 24, 2025
City Council Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Those in attendance at the meeting were Mayor Winkelman and Councilmembers Anderson, Brooks, Gillis, Hinchey, Larsen, Nelson, Pauley, Puvogel, Reid, Smith and Thornton. Absent from Council Meeting was Councilmember Carlstrom.

Staff in attendance were Police Chief Joe Strong, City Attorney Steve Johnson, City Administrator Brian Shay, Finance Director Corri Schmid and Council Secretary Kayla Nielsen.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Councilmember Brooks moved to accept the agenda. Councilmember Pauley supported. Passed by voice vote.

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Winkelman recognized HHS State Wrestling Champion Oliver Bryson and read a Proclamation in his honor.

COMMUNICATION

Grays Harbor Conservation District

Kelsey Hunter spoke on the Adopt A Drain Program. This program brings the community together to help keep our drains clean.

Mountain Bike Trail Park

Buck Giles spoke on the benefits of building Mountain Bike Trails within our community.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None presented.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council Minutes of March 10, 2025

Councilmember Brooks moved to approve Council Minutes of March 10, 2025. His motion was seconded by Councilmember Nelson and passed by voice vote.

Claims & Payroll

Councilmember Brooks moved to approve the Claims & Payroll. His motion was seconded by Councilmember Nelson and passed by voice vote.

Renewal Ambulance Billing Agreement – Systems Design West

Councilmember Brooks moved to approve the renewal of the Ambulance Billing Agreement with Systems Design West. His motion was seconded by Councilmember Nelson and passed by voice vote.



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Renewal Forestry Contract
– Kurt Estes

Councilmember Brooks moved to approve the renewal of the Forestry Contract with Kurt Estes. His motion was seconded by Councilmember Nelson and passed by voice vote.

**COUNCIL
ACTION/DISCUSSION**

Committee Reports

Revitalization Taskforce

Councilmember Larsen moved to accept the recommendations given by the Revitalization taskforce. Councilmember Brooks seconded. Passed by voice vote.

Officers Reports

Timber Sales – 2025-1 and
2025-2

Staff recommended that the Council award Chehalis Valley Timber with both of the 2025 timber sales.

Councilmember Nelson moved to accept the bids of Chehalis Valley Timber. His motion was seconded by Councilmember Pauley. Passed by voice vote.

Mayors Reports

Local Emergency

Thank you to those who helped in the local emergency involving Public Works Employee Stephen Beeman, Police Officers, EMT, and 911 Communications, in which a citizen's life was saved.

Mayor's Round Table

Join us 3/25/25 at the Log Pavilion for the Mayors Round Table. Greater Grays Harbor is selling the tickets.

Levee Projects

Funding comes from FEMA, as of today funding is not compromised. West Levee is moving on time.

Hoquiam City Wide Garage
Sale

Hoquiam City Wide Garage Sale is going to be on June 13-15, 2025.

Council Reports

Councilmember Pauley

The Council of Government Meeting – Both bridges in Aberdeen are getting extensive work done. Expect project to take 2 years.

LEGAL BUSINESS

Ordinances

None Presented.



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Resolutions	None Presented.
Other Legal	None Presented.
OLD BUSINESS	
Feather Flags	Councilmember Puvogel moved to modify the Planning Commission recommendation – Strike “Allow for 90 days”, Strike “Sign application required”, Strike “Can not be located in school zones”, and Strike “Limit 1 sign except for outlying areas up to 2”. Seconded by Councilmember Anderson. Passed by voice vote.
NEW BUSINESS	
Councilmember Absences	Councilmember Puvogel moved to excuse the absence of Councilmember Carlstrom. Seconded and passed by voice vote.
Public Safety Meeting	Councilmember Reid moved to schedule a Public Safety Committee Meeting on April 14 th at 6pm in the Council Chambers.
Mountain Bike Trails	Councilmember Gillis made a motion to adopt a plan to allow use of public property in the Mountain Bike Trails proposal presented by Buck Giles. Motion seconded. Discussion to follow. Passed by voice vote.
Delta Park	Councilmember Smith spoke on the topic of the trees potentially being removed at Delta Park for parking.
EXECUTIVE SESSION	No Executive Session held.
ADJOURN	Councilmember Brooks moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 p.m. and his motion was seconded by Councilmember Smit and passed by voice vote.
	<hr/> BEN WINKELMAN – Mayor



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