



CITY OF HOQUIAM

City Council Meeting Minutes

February 10, 2025

CALL TO ORDER	Mayor Winkelman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Councilmember Larsen led the flag salute.
ROLL CALL	Those in attendance at the meeting were Mayor Winkelman and Councilmembers Anderson, Brooks, Gillis, Hinchey, Larsen, Pauley, Puvogel, Reid, Smith and Thornton. Absent from Council Meeting were Councilmembers Carlstrom and Nelson. Staff in attendance were Police Chief Joe Strong, Fire Chief Matt Miller, City Attorney Steve Johnson, City Administrator Brian Shay, Finance Director Corri Schmid and Council Secretary Kayla Nielsen.
APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA	Councilmember Puvogel moved to amend the agenda to add Executive Session to discuss labor negotiations. Councilmember Smith supported. Passed by voice vote.
COMMUNICATION City of Aberdeen – Rail Corridor Study	Nick Bird, Aberdeen’s City Engineer, spoke on the Railroad Corridor Study. This consists of six rail crossings to study for horn noise elimination.
PUBLIC COMMENT	None presented.
CONSENT AGENDA Council Minutes of January 27, 2025	Councilmember Brooks moved to approve Council Minutes of January 27, 2025. His motion was seconded by Councilmember Smith and passed by voice vote.
COUNCIL ACTION/DISCUSSION	
Committee Reports Public Safety	Councilmember Reid was voted to be the Chair of the Public Safety Committee for 2025.
Officers Reports Tree Planting Bids at the Watershed	Staff recommended that the Council award the contract to the low bidder, Ramon Coronel Reforestation, for \$7,250.



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Mayors Reports

Why you love Hoquiam
Photos

Councilmember Puvogel moved to approve this contract. His motion was seconded by Councilmember Brooks. Passed by voice vote.

Thank you to those who have submitted photos already. Please send photos of why you love Hoquiam to bwinkelman@cityofhoquiam.com.

Mayor Prayer Breakfast

This event should be some time in May. The date and time will be at our next meeting.

Council Reports

Councilmember Brooks

Reminder to Councilmembers to log into their SAW accounts. The Council retreat will be scheduled in July or August of this year. Need ideas for local establishments.

Councilmember Puvogel

Thank you staff for getting the agenda out on Wednesday and getting the whole packet out online by Friday. Was able to find it online with the app, hoping to get it into the Hoquiam Feed.

LEGAL BUSINESS

Ordinances

Repealing Chapter 1.53 –
Library Board

An Ordinance relating to the Library Department; repealing Chapter 1.53 to the Hoquiam Municipal Code. Councilmember Puvogel moved to adopt the Ordinance, and his motion was seconded by Councilmember Pauley. A discussion followed. Ms. Schmid read the Ordinance by title a second time after which the motion to approve passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Resolutions

None Presented.

Other Legal

AFSCME MOU – City
Mechanic

This MOU changes the pay of Mechanic 2 to match Electrician 2. Councilmember Brooks moved to approve this change in pay, and his motion was seconded by Councilmember Pauley. A discussion followed and was passed by voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS



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Train Study	Councilmember Brooks moved to un-table the Train Study Councilmember Puvogel supported. This allows City of Hoquiam to participate in the study for \$10,000. Discussion followed. Passed by voice vote.
NEW BUSINESS	
Termination of Farm Stand Lease.	Councilmember Puvogel moved to approve the early termination of the farm stand lease. Councilmember Reid seconded this motion. Discussion followed and passed by voice vote.
Councilmember Absences	Councilmember Puvogel moved to excuse the absence of Councilmember Carlstrom and Nelson. Councilmember Anderson seconded and passed by voice vote.
Second Public Comment	Councilmember Hinchon moved to move the second public comment before executive session. Councilmember Smith seconded and passed by voice vote.
SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT	
Buck Giles – Ocean Beach Road	Spoke on using property owned by the City of Hoquiam adjacent to John Gable Park and requested that the City allow for it to be used for mountain bike trails constructed by qualified volunteers without city expense.
Maxine Johnson – Chenault Ave.	Spoke on immigration.
Chris Gunderson	
Robbin Emery – Broadway Ave.	Spoke on the City’s App to report it won’t download to iPhones.
Samuel Nelson – 8 th Street	Spoke on the Seedling Planting and submitted a written comment thanking the City for Council meeting improvements.
Jessica Nelson – 8 th Street	Spoke on the positives of building local trails for mountain biking. Spoke on the positives of building local trails for mountain biking.



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EXECUTIVE SESSION
IAFF

Council meeting recessed by motion of Councilmember Puvogel at 7:49 p.m. Supported by Councilmember Smith and passed by voice vote. Will reconvene at 8:05 p.m.

ADJOURN

Council came back to order in Regular Session at 8:05 p.m. Councilmember Brooks moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. and his motion was seconded by Councilmember Hinchey and passed by voice vote.

BEN WINKELMAN – Mayor

KAYLA NIELSEN – City Council Secretary