

**Montesano City Council Meeting Minutes  
September 13, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall**

1 **Mayor Vini Samuel, Presiding**  
2 **Meeting was called to order by Mayor at 7:00 p.m.**

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4 **FLAG CEREMONY** – Pledge of Allegiance

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6 **COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dave Skaramuca, Chris Hutchings, Ian Cope, Dan Wood, Nikki King and  
7 Tyler Trimble.

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9 **ABSENT:** Lori Benedict – Motion was made by Councilman Trimble to excuse Benedict from the  
10 meeting and seconded by Councilman Hutchings. Motion Passed 6-0 Vote

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12 **STAFF PRESENT:** Police Chief Brett Vance, Forester Loren Hiner, Public Works Director Rocky Howard,  
13 Fire Chief Corey Rux, CFO Doug Streeter and Deputy City Clerk Kim Lillegard.

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15 **APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

16 Councilman Trimble presented bills totaling \$188,848.46 for Check's 51813 to 51848, payroll total  
17 \$209,516.51. Councilman Trimble made a motion to approve the bills as audited and was seconded by  
18 Councilman Wood. Motion Passed 6-0 Vote

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20 **MEETING MINUTES APPROVED:**

21 Motion to approve minutes, with one correction, for August 23, 2016 was made by Councilman Trimble  
22 and seconded by Councilman Cope. Motion Passed 6-0 Vote

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24 **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

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26 **PUBLIC HEARING:** Willis Annexation, no comments, ordinance will be on the agenda for the September  
27 27<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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29 **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

30 **Forestry Committee:** Councilman Cope commented the Forestry Committee met on September 6, 2016  
31 to discuss the 2017 budget and Forest operations. Discussed the upcoming events involving the City  
32 Forest.

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34 **Public Works:** Councilman Skaramuca reported the Public Works Committee met on September 12,  
35 2016 to discuss nuisance properties. Councilman Skaramuca noted the progress being made with  
36 properties that have been identified, the committee also discussed concerns that may lead new  
37 properties to be added to the nuisance list. The Committee also discussed the progress at Beacon Park  
38 and the recent donation of 550 yards of topsoil. The committee also discussed the status of Quinn Court  
39 and the Waster-water Treatment Plant.

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41 **Flood Authority:** Councilman Wood noted Public Works Director Rocky Howard will be covering the  
42 Flood Authority meeting this month.

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44 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

45 **Fleet Park Memorial:** Councilman Wood discussed the project to move the Chambers Memorial from  
46 Bryan Park to Fleet Park. Monument details and project scope were discussed. The City involvement  
47 would be to lay the concrete base and placement of the memorial. Councilman Trimble moved to

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48 authorize moving the memorial to Fleet Park, not to exceed two days of labor by the City, other costs  
49 covered by donations to VFW, seconded by Councilman Wood. Discussion ensued, motion passed 6-0  
50 Vote.

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52 **NEW BUSINESS:**

53 **Parks Board Vacancy** – The Mayor asked to appoint Randy Bachtell to the Parks Board. Councilman  
54 Wood moved to confirm the appointment, seconded by Councilman Cope, motion passed 6-0 Vote

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56 **ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:** No ordinances or resolutions

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58 **PUBLIC COMMENT:** none

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60 **MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

61 **Councilman Skaramuca** – Thanked the citizens for taking part in the town hall discussion prior to the  
62 meeting, their comments are valuable and helpful to the Council.

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64 **Councilman Hutchings** – Thanked everyone for their participation in the town hall discussion.

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66 **Councilman Cope** – Highlighted items discussed from the Public Works committee and the progress that  
67 is being made without huge budget impacts to the City, thanked the staff for their work and the public  
68 for participating in the public hearing

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70 **Councilman Trimble** – Appreciated the town hall, thanked those who commented.

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72 **Councilwoman King** – Appreciates the work the RV Park has done.

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74 **Councilman Wood** – Showcase Grays Harbor is Friday, contact Greater Grays Harbor for details and the  
75 Lake Sylvia Fall Festival Saturday. Thanked Rocky for his work on abatements.

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77 **Mayor** – Lake Sylvia Fall Festival, thanked Loren for his hiking tours this season. Thanked Chief Rux,  
78 Rocky and the Chamber for the upcoming Fish and Brew Fest. Beta testing on City wide wi-fi is active.

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80 **Executive Session** – At 7:34 p.m. the Mayor recessed the meeting for Executive Session to discuss Labor  
81 negotiations, expected to last ten minutes with no action to be taken. The meeting was reconvened at  
82 7:44 p.m.

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84 **Motion to adjourn** was made by Councilman Wood and seconded by Councilman Cope. Motion Passed  
85 5-1 Vote with Councilman Hutchings voting No

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87 Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

88 Doug Streeter – CFO/City Clerk

**Recording Available**