

1 Mayor Vini Samuel presiding.

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3 Mayor Samuel called the meeting of September 11, 2018 to order at 7:00 p.m.

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5 **FLAG CEREMONY:** Pledge of Allegiance

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7 **ROLL CALL:** Councilman Wood, Councilwoman Cristobal, Councilman Hatley, Councilman Trimble,
8 Councilman Cope, and Councilman Skaramuca were all present. Councilman Bryson was present via
9 conference call.

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11 **STAFF PRESENT:** CFO/City Clerk Streater, Police Chief Vance, Fire Chief Rux, Public Works Director
12 Olden, Forester Hiner, City Attorney Coker and Deputy Clerk Lillegard were present.

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14 **APPROVAL OF BILLS:** Councilman Trimble presented the bills in the amount of \$83,361.38 for checks
15 #53280-#53312. Councilman Trimble made a motion to approve the bills as audited which was seconded
16 by Councilman Hatley.

17 *Motion passed 7-0.*

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19 **PAYROLL:** Checks #40584to #40615 in the amount of \$190,420.64.

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21 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion to approve the minutes of the August 28, 2018 council meeting was
22 made by Councilman Cope with a second by Councilman Wood. There were no corrections or additions.

23 *Motion passed 7-0.*

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25 **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

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27 **COMMITTEE REPORTS/FOR COUNCIL INTRODUCTION**

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29 **Public Works Committee**

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31 Councilman Skaramuca reported the PW Committee met on September 5th with PW Director Olden,
32 CFO/City Clerk Streater, Councilwoman Cristobal, and Councilman Hatley all present. They discussed the
33 following: FEMA has released the newest version of the flood plain map for Montesano; they discussed
34 projects for the 2019 budget which included several street improvements; discussed a possible way of
35 funding streets might creating a transportation district which would allow the city to possibly levy for
36 dollars some way to create a revenue source; reported on the status of the property abatement which
37 had gone to court on September 10, 2018; Attorney Coker updated on what exactly the Order of Default
38 and Order of Abatement meant.

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40 **FORESTRY**

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42 Councilman Cope reported the Forestry Committee will be meeting soon.

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48 **FLOOD AUTHORITY**

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50 Councilman Wood reported the Flood Authority meets on September 20th at City Hall where they will be
51 discussing among other things, the small works projects of which we have one and what package will be
52 taken to the legislature.

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54 **COUNCIL INTRODUCTION**

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56 Councilmen Wood made a presentation regarding his concern about a noxious weed called Knotweed
57 (Japanese, Giant or Himalayan). Councilman Wood provided photographs of areas around town where
58 it can be found and more detailed information regarding this particular weed; updated the council on
59 the Noxious Weed Control Boards view of this weed and provided a sample of the weed and its roots.
60 Councilman Wood expressed concern over major drainage issues related to this weed and it spreading.
61 Councilman Wood agreed this should go to the Public Works Committee for further consideration as to
62 an approach to this problem.

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64 **NEW BUSINESS:**

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66 **PETITION FOR ANNEXATION-Introduction**

67 Mayor Samuel advised the council the city had received a petition for annexation and the paperwork
68 including a map of the proposed area was in their packet for consideration; Mayor Samuel advised 60%
69 of the property value within the annexation area has to be in favor for this to go through. At this time,
70 she is asking the council to consider this request with action being taken at the next meeting. The steps
71 for annexation were discussed with comments added by CFO Streeter and Public Works Director Olden.
72 Some discussion and a few questions followed.

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74 **ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS**

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76 **Resolution #944 authorizing the adoption of the Grays Harbor County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard**
77 **Mitigation Plan:**

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79 Councilman Wood made a motion to approve but not release this resolution until some changes were
80 made to the Hazard History Table concerning the 1999 earthquake. This event was left off of the
81 documentation which was used to form the hazard mitigation plan and this was a significant event in
82 the history of Montesano. Councilman Hatley made a second to the motion. More discussion ensued
83 and input from Fire Chief Rux was given.

84 *Motion passed 7-0*

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86 **Resolution adopting a policy protecting individuals engaged in nonviolent civil rights demonstration-**
87 **discussion**

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89 This is set for action at the next meeting. There were no questions or comments.

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91 **Resolution adopting a residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan-discussion**

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93 Councilman Wood had questions and concerns regarding some of the language; he wants language that
94 protects the city from being responsible for someone else's action. This is set for action at the next
95 meeting.

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97 **PUBLIC COMMENT-** None

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99 **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

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101 **Councilman Wood** thanked everyone who worked on getting the abatement finished; acknowledged
102 today was 9/11 and the impact this date has on all of us; thanked the council for humoring him with his
103 crusade on noxious weeds.

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105 **Councilman Hatley** also thanked the people responsible for the hard work on the abatement;
106 recognized it was 9/11, hoping we remember and never forget; recognized we have a noxious weed
107 problem that will need to be addressed.

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109 **Councilwoman Cristobal** thanked Mike Olden for all his hard working in seeking grant funding for our
110 roads.

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112 **Councilman Trimble**-none

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114 **Councilman Cope** echoed everyone else's thank you for the work on the abatement; thanked
115 Councilman Wood for bringing the knotweed issue forward; looking forward to more conversation with
116 the hospital board.

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118 **Councilman Bryson** thanked the Mayor and council for putting up with his absence and having to
119 conference call in.

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121 **Councilman Skaramuca** echoed everything said by other members regarding 9/11 pointing out the
122 reports show the health related deaths has almost caught up with those killed on that day; thanked
123 everyone for their work on the abatement.

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125 **MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

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127 Mayor Samuel echoed all that had been said reference today being 9/11; thanked Mike Olden for
128 extending projects especially the little leg of Marcy Avenue between Chehalis and Church. She
129 appreciates his ability to think on his feet and get things done. Mayor Samuel advised she met with
130 three members of hospital board plus labor folks and Mr. Jensen. A public disclosure request has been
131 made so we can know the correct dollar amounts involved; reminded everyone tomorrow was open
132 house for the school district, the football season has started and Saturday is the 9th annual Lake Sylvia
133 Festival.

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135 **ADJOURNMENT:**

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137 Motion was made by Councilman Hatley to adjourn the meeting with a second by Councilman Cristobal.
138 *Motion passed 7-0*

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- 140 Meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.
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