

1 Mayor Vini Samuel, Presiding
2 Meeting was called to order by the Mayor at 7 pm

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4 **FLAG CEREMONY** – Pledge of Allegiance

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

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10 **STAFF PRESENT:** Public Works Director Rocky Howard, Fire Chief Corey Rux, Lieutenant Jay Staten, Chief
11 Financial Officer Doug Streeter, and Deputy City Clerk Debbie Wisdom

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13 **APPROVAL OF BILLS:** Councilman Trimble presented bills totaling \$12,772.53 for checks 52081-52095
14 for 12-31-16 (13th month) and \$10,923.89 for checks 52096-52101 for 1-1-17 thru 1-10-17. Motion was
15 made by Councilman Trimble to approve the bills as audited and seconded by Councilman Wood.
16 Motion *Passed 7-0 vote.*

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18 Payroll total amount \$218,890.53 for checks 39808-39835 for 12-31-16.

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20 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
21 Motion to approve 12-13-16 minutes as written was made by Councilman Trimble and seconded by
22 Councilman Skaramuca. *Motion Passed 7-0 vote.*

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24 Motion to approve the 12-29-16 minutes as written was made by Councilman Trimble and seconded by
25 Councilman Hutchings. *Motion Passed 7-0 vote*

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27 **PUBLIC COMMENT:**
28 **Ken Estes** – Voiced his concerns in regards to the proposed rest stop and roundabout; would like the
29 council to do more research and planning; wants there to be a public hearing and that it be posted in
30 the Mayor's newsletter.
31 **Doug Iverson** – Inmates were used at the food bank to sort through the 14,000 pounds of food from the
32 food bowl and police supervision is required. Police Chief Vance did not just supervise, he and his
33 daughter helped with the lengthy sorting process. He appreciates the Chief's involvement and stated
34 what a value he is to the community.
35 **Bob Bellamy** – Voiced his concerns regarding the proposed rest stop and roundabout. He believes there
36 are better uses for such a valuable piece of property and that large trucks and trailers on roundabouts is
37 a high risk factor.

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39 **COMMITTEE REPORTS:** No Reports

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41 The Mayor advised the Personnel Committee that labor contracts are up for negotiation this year and
42 that they need to do a review of the contracts in advance. She also advised the Public Safety Committee
43 that they need to schedule a meeting to discuss the status of the upcoming Fire/EMS Levy and the study
44 into the development of a Regional Public Safety Building.

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46 **COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:**
47 **Forestry** – Cope, Skaramuca & Hutchings / Alternate – Chung
48 **Finance** – Trimble, Wood & Skaramuca / Alternate – Chung

49 **Public Works** – Skaramuca, Wood & Hutchings / Alternate – Trimble

50 **Parks & Recreation** – Status of this committee to be decided.

51 **Public Safety** – Trimble, Cope & Chung / Alternate – King

52 **GH COG** – Mayor Samuel / Alternate – Wood

53 **MTO** – Trimble / Alternate – Chung

54 **Personnel** – Wood, King & Skaramuca / Alternate – Hutchings

55 **AWC Legislator** – Mayor Samuel

56 **Mayor Pro-Tem** – Wood

57 **Motion to appoint Dan Wood as Mayor Pro-Tem was made by Trimble and seconded by King.**

58 **Motion Passed 7-0 vote**

59 **Parks Board** – Chung / Alternate – Cope

60 **Tech** – Hutchings / Alternate – Cope

61 **Planning Commission** – Skaramuca

62 **Volunteer Fire/Police** – Trimble

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64 **PARKS BOARD APPOINTMENTS:**

65 Motion to appoint Mr. Charles Fairbairn, Mr. Roger Ashlock and Mr. Kim Oestreich to the parks board
66 was made by Wood and seconded by Trimble. Motion Passed 7-0 vote / Mr. Ashlock was present and
67 thanked the Mayor and Council for the opportunity to serve.

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69 **OLD BUSINESS:**

70 **FEMA: Revised Flood Plain Ordinance** - Mr. French Whetmore of the Chehalis River Basin Authority
71 distributed a handout and gave a short presentation. Discussion ensued. The Flood Insurance Rate Map
72 to be adopted by February 3, 2017 is a vital detail so effected properties can purchase flood insurance.
73 Flood insurance can only be purchased through the Federal Program. The higher the standards are set
74 the lower the rates will be. This is set for public hearing at the January 24, 2017 council meeting.

75 **MONTESANO HEARINGS EXAMINER ORDINANCE CHANGE:**

76 Councilman Wood commented there are two points: 1) matters to go to council regarding siting of a
77 marijuana business goes before the council not the hearings examiner 2) Mayor & Council to need to
78 establish a cost recovery policy. Discussion ensued. The development of a cost recovery policy was
79 referred to the Finance Committee. Wood made a motion to revise Chapter 2.38 Hearing Examiner as
80 follows: **2.38.120(d) Matters limited to action by the council to allow siting of a marijuana business**
81 **shall not be referred to the hearings examiner.** It was seconded by Chung. Motion Passed 4-3. This
82 will be on the January 24, 2017 council agenda

83 **MONTESANO RV ORDINANCE/CAMPGROUND DEFINITION ORDINANCE CHANGE:**

84 The Mayor stated there are 3 RV Ordinances provided as samples and asked the council how they
85 wished to proceed. Discussion ensued. It was agreed that the RV Park Ordinance needs more work
86 and is being referred to the Public Works Committee. RV Parks currently fall under the Camp Ground
87 definition. The proposed Camp Ground Zoning Ordinance Definition change will be on the January 24,
88 2017 council agenda for action.

89 **VESSEY FIELD STATUS:**

90 Everything is moving along and should be completed by the end of February.

91 **BEACON PARK:**

92 Public Works Director Howard informed the Council the work has been completed by Quigg's and asked
93 them to authorize acceptance of the work and release the retainage. Trimble made a motion and was
94 seconded by Wood to accept the work as complete and to release the retainage. Motion Passed 7-0
95 vote

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97 **NEW BUSINESS:**

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99 **BIENNIUM BUDGET REQUEST:**

100 The Mayor presented information regarding her proposed Outdoor Recreational Rest Stop including a
101 Roundabout and has done outreach through a presentation at the Community Center, at the Kiwanis
102 and through her monthly newsletter. There has been significant public response both for and against.
103 There is 20.4 Billion Dollars in revenue from Outdoor Recreation in Washington State. She has met with
104 the chamber president & did a presentation to the Chamber; met with Rep. Tharinger; discussed with
105 Rep. Brian Blake and Sen. Dean Takko. Discussed application with transportation policy person in House
106 of Representatives. Met with concerned citizen who offered alternative oval model for roundabout.
107 She is setting up meetings with Rep. Walsh, Rep. Chapman and Sen. Van de Wege. She will meet with
108 DOT on January 11, 2017. She has started drafting applications for DOT and Capital funds.

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110 Discussion ensued. Councilman Wood made a motion to request funding for the Rest Area but not for
111 the Roundabout. Motion died for want of a second.

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113 **INDIGENT DEFENSE AWARD:**

114 CFO Streeter stated the City received two proposals. The cost will remain the same as the past contract.
115 He is recommending Ingram Zelasko & Goodwin. Motion to authorize the Mayor to sign a contract with
116 Ingram Zelasko & Goodwin for Indigent Defense services was made by Councilman Wood and seconded
117 by Councilman Trimble. Discussion ensued. Motion Passed 7-0 Vote

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119 **TREE PLANTING CONTRACT:**

120 Forester Hiner was ill so CFO Streeter presented the information. The City received two proposals. The
121 low bidder, Ramirez Reforestation, was recommended with a bid of \$8,645/\$247 per thousand. Motion
122 to accept was made by Councilman Wood and seconded by Councilman Cope. Motion Passed 7-0 vote

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124 **CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER CONTRACT:**

125 Motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract was made by Councilman Trimble and seconded by
126 Councilman Hutchings. Discussion ensued. Motion Passed 7-0

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128 **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:** None

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130 **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

131 **Doug Iverson** – Voiced his concerns regarding the proposed Rest Stop.

132 **Pat Wadsworth** – Requested that the City Council be more interactive with the Parks Board.

133 He is in favor of the Rest Stop and thinks it would be a great asset to the City.

134 **John Vetter** – Voiced his concerns regarding the proposed Rest Stop.

135 **Ms. Schindele** – Voice her concerns regarding the proposed Rest Stop.

136 **Louie Long** – Voiced his concerns regarding the proposed Rest Stop.

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138 **COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

139 **Councilman Wood** – The Rest Stop is not a new idea. This was in the Mayor's campaign. There have
140 been ensuing discussions. The discussion has been thorough and there are significant benefits.

141 **Councilwoman King** – Agrees that there has been lengthy discussion regarding the Rest Stop.

142 Welcomed Ashlock to the Parks Board. Great collection from the Food Bowl and thank you to all who
143 worked on the food collection and the sorting that followed.

144 **Councilman Chung** – Welcomed Ashlock to the Parks Board. Believes the Rest Stop would be a benefit
145 to the City and would be a good location and that citizen input is important.

146 **Councilman Trimble** – Welcomed Ashlock to the Parks Board. Thank you to all involved in the collection
147 & sorting of food for the Food Bank.

148 **Councilman Cope**- He is glad that the Mayor’s Newsletter brings people into meetings for discussions.
149 Community input regarding the Rest Stop is needed. Thank you to those involved in the positive impact
150 to the food bank.

151 **Councilman Hutchings**- Welcomed the new members of the Parks Board. Glad for the discussion
152 involving the Rest Stop. He likes Roundabouts but is not sure about the location. Development of some
153 kind does need to be done at the park & ride lot.

154 **Councilman Skaramuca** – Welcomed Ashlock to the Parks Board. Appreciates public comments. Likes
155 the Rest Stop idea & believes it would bring people in and Roundabouts do move traffic.

156 **MAYORS COMMENTS:**

157 She believes all the points made tonight regarding the Rest Stop & Roundabout are valuable. Things
158 have been discussed extensively and she is open to all ideas that will increase sales tax & industries.

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160 Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Trimble and seconded by Councilman Cope.
161 Motion Passed 7-0

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163 Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

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165 Debbie Wisdom, Deputy City Clerk

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167 Recording Available.

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