

1 Mayor Pro Tem Tyler Trimble presiding.
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3 **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Tyler Trimble at 7:00 pm.
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5 **FLAG CEREMONY:** Pledge of Allegiance.
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7 **ROLL CALL:** Councilman Wood, Councilman Hatley, Councilwoman Cristobal, Councilman Cope,
8 Councilman Bryson and Councilman Skaramuca were all present.
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10 **STAFF PRESENT:** Public Works Director Olden, Police Chief Vance, Forester Hiner, City Attorney Coker
11 and City Clerk Lillegard were all present.
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13 **MAYOR PRO TEM NOMINATION:** Councilman Wood nominated Tyler Trimble to serve as Mayor Pro
14 Tem for the 2019 year. Councilman Hatley seconded the nomination and Councilman Cope made a
15 motion the nominations be closed.

16 *Motion passed 6-0*
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18 **APPROVAL OF BILLS:** Mayor Pro Tem Trimble presented the bills for 2018, checks #53571-#53576
19 totaling \$53,068.24 and bills for 2019, checks #53568 - #53600 totaling \$118,411.42.
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21 **PAYROLL:** \$116,230.00 for checks #40786-#40794.
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23 Councilman Skaramuca made a motion to approve the bills as audited with a second by Councilman
24 Hatley.

25 *Motion passed 6-0.*
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27 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Councilman Cope made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 8,
28 2019 council meeting with Councilman Hatley making a second. There were no corrections or additions.
29 *Motion passed 6-0.*
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31 **PRESENTATION:** Donna Albert made a presentation on renewable energy. She advised she was not
32 asking anything of the council today however may come back to ask the city to state they are in favor of
33 green energy, green jobs and that they would like the legislatures to pursue this type of energy.
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35 **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None
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37 **COMMITTEE REPORTS/FOR COUNCIL INTRODUCTION**

38 **Forestry:** Councilman Cope advised the Forestry committee had met tonight to discuss two bid awards
39 and the fact they did not get any bids on the cut to length commercial thinning leaving the city free to go
40 out and pursue a contract. Councilman Cope reported there will be a tree x-ray specialist here to
41 examine the Sequoias in Fleet Park; it has been six years since they have been examined at which time
42 they did find some signs of rot in one of them; next week, Forester Hiner will be attending training which
43 will make him an urban tree risk assessor.
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45 **Public Works:** Councilman Skaramuca advised the committee had met last Wednesday. The main topic
46 was a clinic cost viability assessment regarding the intention to build a 10,000 square foot clinic building

47 on city owned property, improve streets and utilities, and improve S. Main Street, E. Wynooche and S.
48 Sylvia.

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50 **Flood Authority:** Councilman Wood reported an update on the Waste Water Treatment Plant and the
51 log jacks; photos were provided. Public Works Director Olden reported three log jacks have launched or
52 fallen into the river which is what was intended; next month will be a bigger update on the entire
53 project. Councilman Wood advised there is still work ongoing with opening up the relic channel.

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55 **Finance:** Nothing to report.

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57 **Council of Governments:** Councilman Wood reported on behalf of Mayor Samuel. He reported the City
58 of Westport is going after a portion of a landing tax on fish and County Commissioner Ross had reported
59 to COG on the needle exchange program; the State Climatologist issued a report on 20-50 years from
60 now and how climate changes will be affecting our water supplies with colder wetter winters and hotter
61 dryer summers. Councilman Wood thought it would be worth our time to look into what these changes
62 will mean to our aquifer. Mike Olden spoke a little bit about this.

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64 **ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:** None

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66 **PUBLIC COMMENT:**
67 Mayor pro tem Trimble advised we would be moving the second public comment to after old business.

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69 **NEW BUSINESS:**
70 **Award of the Forest pre- commercial thinning contract:**
71 Councilman Cope made a motion to allow the mayor to sign an agreement awarding the 2019 pre-
72 commercial thinning contract to D & D Forestry LLC in the amount of \$12,988.00. A second to the
73 motion was made by Councilman Bryson. Councilman Cope advised there were four bids submitted for
74 this project on a 10 year stand of timber.

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76 *Motion passed 6-0*

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78 **Award the 2019 tree planting services contract:**
79 Councilman Cope made a motion to allow the mayor to sign an agreement awarding the 2019 tree
80 planting contract to D & D Forestry LLC. A second to the motion was made by Councilman Bryson.
81 Councilman Cope added this was for approximately 45,000 seedlings on roughly 138 acres which was
82 harvested in 2018 with a total bid cost amount of \$9,900.00.

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84 *Motion passed 6-0.*

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86 **2019 Council Committee Assignments:**

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88 Councilman Wood suggested we keep the committees the same for another year as there are significant
89 projects on-going. Councilman Cope advised he was interested in stepping away from the parks board
90 and moving onto public works. Councilman Hatley proposed he would step down as the alternate
91 position on public works allowing Councilman Cope to take that position and Councilman Hatley would
92 move to the parks board with Councilman Cope as the alternate. All other committees stayed the same.
93 Councilman Bryson asked no changes be made to the ad hoc shoreline planning committee.

94 **OLD BUSINESS:** Mayor Pro Tem Trimble advised we would be moving this down on the agenda as we
95 wait for Mayor Samuel to arrive.

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97 **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Forester Hiner shared with everyone that at eight tonight on PBS there will be a
98 presentation on the 1910 wildfire which burned in Northern Idaho, Montana, Eastern Washington and
99 British Columbia.

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101 **COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

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103 **Councilman Skaramuca** advised the planning commission is preparing a presentation concerning an arts
104 district in the city stating more information will be coming soon.

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106 **Councilman Bryson** thanked Mrs. Albert for her presentation tonight.

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108 **Councilman Cope** thanked Forester Hiner for his reports to the forestry committee.

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110 **Councilman Cristobal** had no comments

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112 **Councilman Hatley** stated he appreciated the presentation tonight.

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114 **Councilman Wood** commented the audit was good adding that CFO Streeter has been doing a
115 remarkable job for us with no issues.

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117 **Councilman Trimble** wanted to take this time to let everyone know the exit interview for our audit is
118 tomorrow; thanked CFO Streeter for the hard work on the audit; thanked the department heads for
119 their hard work; special thanks to the job the police chief is doing and asked him to thank his officers for
120 their hard work in solving a significant crime against the city.

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122 **OLD BUSINESS:** Mayor Samuel arrived at approximately 7:53 p.m. however did not wish to replace
123 Mayor Pro Tem Trimble. She remained in the audience.

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125 **Council Retreat Dates:** Councilman Trimble reminded everyone that Mayor Samuel needed input
126 reference the council retreat and options for dates. Suggestions were made and discussed amongst the
127 council with Mayor Pro Tem Trimble advising he would pass along all the thoughts and suggestions to
128 Mayor Samuel.

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130 **Clinic Discussion:** Mayor Samuel discussed the basic theory of the clinic and how it has shifted, stating
131 her goal has been two fold; economic development and add to the availability of health care
132 professionals on the harbor. Mayor Samuel added this new plan has added to the cost of a 3-5 clinic
133 facility to roughly \$10 million dollars. Some of those funds would be in kind from the city, .09 funds and
134 lease leverage funds. She advised we will need to request some funding from the legislature. Mayor
135 Samuel stated she is asking the council to authorize her to ask the legislature for funding of up to \$5
136 million. Discussion, questions and answers ensued.

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138 Councilman Wood made a motion to authorize the mayor to seek funding from the legislature for up to
139 \$5 million dollars for the construction of a health clinic in Montesano. Councilman Cope seconded the
140 motion.

141 Further discussion ensued prior to a vote.

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143 **Councilman Wood:** This does not require us to change hospital districts which have become
144 problematic. Sooner or later, there is going to be a major earthquake and most likely tsunami. Those
145 people will migrate inland and we will be the first city those people will come to. There needs to be
146 medical facilities for those people to come to. This is our responsibility. We have our risk minimized in
147 the path the Mayor has chosen now.

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149 **Councilman Cope:** This property has sat vacant for a very long time and has the potential to serve both
150 purposes; economic development and health care opportunities. It seems like this would be a win win
151 for our community and for the harbor.

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153 **Councilman Skaramuca:** He has been for this from the beginning and the change in approach just
154 makes this better.

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156 The discussion ended and a vote was taken.

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158 *Motion passed 6-0.*

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160 **ADJOURNMENT:**

161 A motion was made by Councilman Wood to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by
162 Councilwoman Cristobal.

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164 *Motion passed 6-0*

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166 Meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

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168 Kim Lillegard, Deputy Clerk
169 Recording available