

1 **CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Dan Wood

2 **FLAG CEREMONY:** Pledge of Allegiance

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4 Councilman Cope previously sworn in at GHC Auditor's Office.

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6 **Swearing in of Councilman Tyler Trimble and Councilman Clint Bryson by Grays Harbor County Auditor**  
7 **Chris Thomas.**

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9 **COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councilman Wood, Councilwoman Cristobal, Councilman Trimble,  
10 Councilman Cope, Councilman Bryson and Councilman Skaramuca

11 **STAFF PRESENT:** Fire Chief Corey Rux, CFO/City Clerk Doug Streeter, Public Works Director/Community  
12 Development Director Mike Olden, Forester Loren Hiner, City Attorney Coker, Deputy City Clerk Debbie  
13 Wisdom.

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15 **MAYOR PRO TEM DISCUSSION** – RCW calls for election of Mayor Pro Tem at the first meeting of a new  
16 year. Councilman Skaramuca nominated Councilman Wood. Councilman Wood declined the  
17 nomination. Councilman Cope made a motion to nominate Councilman Trimble and was seconded by  
18 Councilman Bryson. Councilman Trimble accepted the nomination. Oral roll call vote taken.  
19 Councilwoman Cristobal – Yes, Councilman Trimble – Yes, Councilman Cope – Yes, Councilman Bryson –  
20 Yes, Councilman Skaramuca – Yes, and Councilman Wood – Yes. Motion Passed 6-0 Vote

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22 **New Mayor Pro Tem Trimble now presiding over the meeting.**

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24 **APPROVAL OF BILLS:** Councilman Trimble presented the bills for period 12-27-17 to 1-9-18 totaling  
25 \$39,775.26 for checks 52779 -52797 and for period 12-13-17 to 12-26-17 in the amount of \$379,259.74  
26 for checks 52752 to 52777. Motion to approve the bills as audited was made by Councilman Wood and  
27 seconded by Councilman Bryson. Motion Passed 6-0 Vote

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29 **PAYROLL:** \$182,598.13 for checks 40245-40278 for period 12-27-17 to 1-9-18.

30 \$121,543.73 for checks 40239-40244 for period 12-13-17 to 12-26-17

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32 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Councilman Cope made a motion to approve the December 12, 2017 minutes  
33 as written and was seconded by Councilman Bryson. Motion Passed 6-0 Vote

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35 **COUNCIL VACANCY** – Candidates Robert Hatley and Sarah Glorian were introduced. Candidate Eric S.  
36 Nelson had removed himself as a candidate. Candidates were interviewed by the council. **Council went**  
37 **into Executive Session (RCW 42.30.110(h)) at 7:26 p.m. not to exceed 10 minutes. Council returned at**  
38 **7:36 p.m.** Councilwoman Cristobal made a motion to appoint Robert Hatley to council and was  
39 seconded by Councilman Cope. Oral roll call vote taken. Councilwoman Cristobal – Yes,  
40 Councilman Trimble – Yes, Councilman Cope – Yes, Councilman Bryson – Yes,  
41 Councilman Skaramuca – Yes and Councilman Wood – Yes. Motion Passed 6-0 Vote

42 **Councilman Robert Hatley was sworn in by Grays Harbor County Auditor Chris Thomas. Councilman**  
43 **Hatley then took his seat on the council.**

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45 **PRESENTATION BY GRAYS HARBOR COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS OF 2018-2023 PARK & RECREATION**

46 **PLAN DRAFT:** Theresa Julius, Planner/GIS Coordinator for GHCOG presented an overview of the plan.  
47 Zana Dennis, Office Coordinator for GHCOG was also in attendance. Theresa stated the plan is

48 necessary to be eligible for RCO grants which are given out on even years. The plan is currently out for  
49 public review. The deadline for the adoption of the plan is February 28, 2018. She acknowledged the  
50 Parks Board is a dedicated group and provided great assistance.

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52 **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

53 Steve Bove, Montesano Little League President and parent. He stated his concerns over the city  
54 requiring user agreements with a fee adds additional financial burden of the families of the 400 players.  
55 He believes no user group should be required to pay a fee. The Little League takes on most of the  
56 expenses, work and upkeep of Nelson Field and its facilities. They pay for insurance, garbage and  
57 electricity year round. The volunteers take great pride in the field and its facilities. Brian Kjesbu, 717  
58 W. Cedar, also spoke regarding the Original Title Deed from the Nelsons and a Vidette article dated  
59 October 3, 1957. He read these to the council. The warranty deed states the Little League is to be  
60 respected and doesn't feel the wishes of the Nelson family are being met/respected.

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62 Council discussion ensued. Councilman Wood states a decision cannot be made now but he wants to  
63 review user agreement history, warranty deed and Vidette article. He appreciates the Little League  
64 comments.

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66 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

67 **PUBLIC WORKS** – Met on January 3, 2018 and discussed the following:

- 68 1) City desires to supplement agreement with Gibbs & Olson on the E. Pioneer project in the  
69 amount of \$5,000; due to late start of the project added costs occurred in closing for the winter  
70 and restaging in the spring.  
71 2) Fleet park restroom project – The city must initially pay upfront but will be reimbursed thru the  
72 G.H. County .09 grant. GHCOG and Kelsey Foundation are also contributing funds.  
73 3) Beacon Park Wetland Covenant with DOE – During the building of the city shop the wetlands  
74 were inadvertently filled; this covenant is a declaration from DOE restricting the city from  
75 touching this wetland in the future.

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77 Public Works Director Olden requested the East Pioneer Water Project-Phase Two be on the next  
78 agenda for approval to start the first of February.

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80 **FORESTRY COMMITTEE** – Will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 23, 2018 regarding Timber Sale  
81 and Tree Planting Bid results.

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83 **COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

84 Committee assignments will be reviewed at the next meeting. Council should give thought in advance of  
85 what assignments they are interested in. CFO/Clerk Streeter will e-mail the current list. Councilman  
86 Wood would like someone to take over as Chair of the Personnel Committee.

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88 **APPOINTMENTS:** Request council confirmation of Mayor Samuel's reappointment of Chris Bates as  
89 Municipal Court Judge and Neil Aaland as Hearings Examiner.

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91 -A motion to confirm Mayor Samuel's reappointment of Neil Aaland as Hearings Examiner for a term  
92 ending December 31, 2019 was made by Councilman Wood and seconded by Councilman Bryson.

93 Motion Passed 7-0 Vote

94 -A motion to confirm Mayor Samuel's reappointment of Chris Bates as Municipal Court Judge for a 4  
95 year term ending December 31, 2021 was made by Councilman Wood and seconded by Councilman  
96 Cope. Motion Passed 7-0 Vote

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98 **NEW BUSINESS:**

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100 **Authorize Mayor to sign .09 Grant Agreement with Grays Harbor County** – Motion to authorize the  
101 Mayor to accept and sign the .09 Agreement with Grays Harbor County to provide an \$86,500 grant to  
102 the City of Montesano to construct restrooms at Fleet Park was made by Councilman Wood and  
103 seconded by Councilman Bryson. Discussion ensued. Motion Passed 7-0 Vote

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105 **Authorize Mayor to sign Gibbs & Olson Amendment for East Pioneer Project** – Motion to authorize the  
106 Mayor to accept and sign the East Pioneer Project WSDOT Supplemental Agreement #3 with Gibbs &  
107 Olson in the amount of \$5,000 was made by Councilman Wood and seconded by Councilman  
108 Skaramuca. Discussion ensued. Motion Passed 7-0 Vote

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110 **Authorize Mayor to sign Beacon Park Wetland Covenant with DOE** – Motion to authorize the mayor to  
111 accept and sign the Beacon Park Wetland Covenant with Department of Ecology was made by  
112 Councilman Wood and seconded by Councilman Cope. Discussion ensued. Motion Passed 7-0 Vote

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114 **ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS-Informational Only:**

115 Ordinances providing for Bagnell and Heiner annexations were introduced. Grays Harbor County  
116 Boundary Review Board requires ordinances from the City in order to approve annexations. This will be  
117 on the next council agenda for action.

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119 **PUBLIC COMMENT: None**

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121 **COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

122 **Councilman Wood**

123 -Thank you to the sport leagues for all they do. It is good to be reminded of the intent of the donation  
124 of Nelson Field from the Nelsons.

125 -Congressman Kilmer will be touring the City's Treatment Plant on Friday, January 12, 2018 to see  
126 firsthand what the issues are before he returns to Washington DC. All invited to join the tour.

127 -Council retreat was fantastic. At the retreat they discussed having one every six months.

128 -Welcomed Councilman Hatley.

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130 **Councilman Hatley**

131 -Thanked the Little League for their comments.

132 -Thanked the council for selecting him for the vacant position.

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134 **Councilwoman Cristobal**

135 -Welcomed Councilman Hatley and she looks forward to working with him.

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137 **Councilman Cope**

138 -Enjoyed the retreat; great participation.

139 -Welcomed Councilman Hatley and looks forward to working with him.

140 -Thank you to Little League for their comments and dedication.

141 **Councilman Bryson**

- 142 -Thank you to GHCOG and Parks Board for their work on the Park Plan.  
143 -Thank you to the council candidates Robert & Sarah for putting themselves out there.  
144 -Thank you to the Little League for their comments; the information is appreciated.

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146 **Councilman Skaramuca**

- 147 -Thank you to the Little League for their comments; we hear you.  
148 -Reminder of MLK day on Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup>. Please remember what it is about.

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150 **Councilman Trimble**

- 151 -Great retreat; very important.  
152 -Great Parks Plan  
153 -Thank you to candidates Robert & Sarah. Welcomed Councilman Hatley.  
154 -Police Chief Vance is absent so he could attend vigil honoring fallen Officer McCartney. He was a class  
155 act and saying prayers for his family.

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157 **ADJOURNMENT:**

- 158 Councilman Wood made a motion to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Councilman Cope.  
159 Motion passed 7-0.  
160 Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

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- 162 Debbie Wisdom, Deputy City Clerk  
163 Recorder Malfunction - Partial Recording Available.

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