

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

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9 **STAFF PRESENT:** Police Chief Brett Vance, Fire Chief Corey Rux, Public Works Director Rocky Howard,
10 CFO Doug Streeter and Deputy Clerk Kim Lillegard

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12 **APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

13 Councilman Trimble presented the bills totaling \$22,854.55 for checks #51887-51913 and a payroll total
14 of \$170,549.04. Councilman Trimble made a motion to approve the bills as audited with a second to
15 the motion by Councilman Cope. Motion carried 6-0.

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17 **MEETING MINUTES APPROVED:**

18 Motion to approve the minutes of September 27, 2016 was made by Councilman Trimble and seconded
19 by Councilman Wood. Motion carried 6-0.

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21 **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

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23 **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

24 Finance Committee: Councilman Trimble reported discussions reference a possible Operations Levy for
25 Fire/EMS along with a financial analysis for Fire/EMS. Fire Chief Rux added comments. Councilman
26 Trimble advised the finance committee had the discussion about the engagement of a financial
27 consultant for a financial analysis of an emergency services levy for the fire department/EMS.

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29 **PUBLIC WORKS:**

30 The committee met October 3, 2016; present were Rocky Howard, Dan Wood and Ian Cope. The
31 committee discussed the 2017 budget and nuisance properties.

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33 **PARKS BOARD-** No report.

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35 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

36 **FEMA Update:** Councilman Wood stated it was not discussed in the Public Works Committee meeting
37 and would like it to be an agenda item for PW Committee meeting next time. No other questions or
38 comments. Summary of activities on this project was included in council packets.

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40 **Hearings Examiner MMC (INTRODUCTION):** Steps and timelines were discussed at length along with
41 how to publish and what text is needed for the notice. Councilman Wood discussed proposed changes
42 to the MMC regarding Hearings Examiners. Discussion ensued.

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44 **CAMPGROUND DEFINITION MMC (INTRODUCTION):** Discussion on changing the MMC as it concerns
45 campgrounds and the lack of RV language, specifically regarding the amount of time a person can stay in
46 a park. Much discussion on this subject; this was introduction only.

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48 **UPDATE ON VESSEY:** Councilman Trimble reported a user group meeting and all parties are working
49 towards a joint venture addressing safety at Vessey Field.

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51 **NEW BUSINESS**

52 **PARAMETRIX:** Public Works Director Rocky Howard reported the grant application process has begun
53 with no objection to proceeding with this from the council. Discussion ensued.

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55 **CARLSON/GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY:** Mayor Samuel addressed correspondence received regarding paint
56 fumes and air pollution created by the Grays Harbor County Maintenance Yard located on 1st Street.
57 Councilwoman King also addressed this issue as being a very big problem with paint fumes drifting into
58 her yard. Recommendations were given to the Carlsons to contact Grays Harbor County Commissioner
59 Wes Cormier.

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61 **ACCEPT TIMBER 75TH ANNIVERSARY SALE:** Councilman Cope reported Forester Hiner advised him Sierra
62 Pacific made the final payment of \$980,692.00. Councilman Hutchings made a motion to accept the 75th
63 Anniversary Timber Sale to be complete and Councilman Cope seconded it. Motion carried 6-0.

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65 **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

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67 **Wayne Haggan**, attorney for Monte Square: Owners do not want this to be a hostile situation. They
68 have not wanted that all along; they are looking for a peaceful resolution. There was ongoing discussion
69 as to the best resolution to this matter. They are very confident the 56 space issue is not an issue. He
70 believes that issue will sort itself out. The days allowed to stay are the issue. It is economically
71 impossible to operate the park on a 30 day stay basis; people want the option of staying more than 30
72 days and hopes the city recognizes this as an asset to the city. People are being sent to Elma, Westport
73 or other areas while this is getting worked out. Attorney Coker asked Mr. Haggan if the park has a
74 number in mind for the length of stay; this is an ongoing discussion as to what will work the best but
75 flexibility is important.

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77 **BOB BELLAMY**, business owner and non-resident: Mr. Bellamy made comments reference the RV Park
78 and how it was built which was according to the plans and the conditional use permit. Mr. Bellamy
79 advised the city that he had the corrected plans and use permit.

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81 **PAT WADSWORTH**, non-resident: Thanked those involved in Quinn Court and the Fish and Brew Fest.
82 Mr. Wadsworth thanked the city, council and whoever else was involved with Quinn Court; it's a great
83 space. Mr. Wadsworth also thanked the city for the Fish and Brew Fest and how well it went off even
84 though he was unable to attend.

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86 **WILL FOSTER**, business owner and resident: Commented on the hearings examiner issues. Feels it is
87 important to know that those that are most knowledgeable in the area of permissive use and variances,
88 such as the hearings examiner, would be the ones making the decisions. Mr. Foster advised he would
89 like the council to rethink rezones; they should go before the planning commission instead of a hearings
90 examiner.

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92 **CATHY OLSON**, non-resident, RV park owner and business owner in Elma: She believes the average
93 park resident spends more than \$500-\$600 dollars during a stay. Ms. Olson encourages the council to

94 work with Monte Square to come up with a solution. She appreciates that we are trying to work this
95 out.

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97 **STORMY GLICK**, business owner, non-resident: Mr. Glick feels like his business has benefited from
98 people who stay at the park; his employees are supported by business from the park.

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100 **BRENT DENNIS**, business owner, non-resident: Mr. Dennis feels that the RV Park brings a lot of business
101 to his store and to the other businesses in Montesano; it has a positive impact on the community.

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103 **LAURA PUCKETT**, non-resident, RV park customer: Commented in support of the RV Park and allowing
104 people to stay for longer periods. Her job in the past has been to travel around to different parks. Ms.
105 Puckett states she fell in love with Montesano after spending time in the park. She advised she
106 personally has spent \$1200 in the last three weeks in Montesano. Ms. Puckett advised there are more
107 RVs being sold per year than parks can handle. People want safe nice places to stay.

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109 **CARL FORTMAN**, resident: Mr. Fortman states he has seen a huge increase in people wanting to rent or
110 buy in Montesano and these people are coming from the park; it is a positive business.

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112 **NICHOLAS VALENTINE**, park supervisor/hotel manager: This is an opportunity to present pro-business
113 and put forth the language that we are open for business. Make sure as you move forward you make an
114 impression of wanting to accommodate business; we don't want to appear careless in our support of
115 business. This is an opportunity to support our town.

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117 **TONY CHUNG**, business owner, resident: Mr. Chung feels the ordinance as it stands is flawed. Mr.
118 Chung states his RV Park is the nicest in Grays Harbor. He loves Montesano and wants to protect the
119 city. Mr. Chung states his space is an RV Park not a campground. Everything is first class. Everything
120 they do they try to do in the image of the city. The council needs to understand the owners and what
121 they have invested in the city.

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123 **DON SANDIFERD** (spelling), business owner: Mr. Sandiferd supports the RV Park and feels the council
124 has something against the Chungs and the council is missing the point. Mr. Sandiferd emphasized that
125 the council should not penalize the first in a business. It sounds like the council, when they say they
126 don't want to change an ordinance for one person, has something against the Chungs. Through the
127 years, they have seen many people come in through their store who area staying in the RV Park;
128 Montesano is a hub.

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130 **COUNCIL COMMENT:**

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132 **DAVE SKARAMUCA**: Thanked the public for their comments and encouraged them to be patient, a
133 change was going to happen; a lot of information has come in just in the last 48 hours, some of it maybe
134 not truthful but by and large it is a bit confusing and public comments help. We never wanted to shut
135 down Monte Square, we knew that. The big issue was the length of stay and there seems to be a lot of
136 confusion about what it meant and if you go back to the original Hearings Examiners report, in line 13, it
137 is very clear, it says exactly what it is so that is the issue we need to work out, the 30 days. Whether it
138 goes to 60 to 180 or whatever it is, it's going to be raised but we don't know where that is going right
139 now. Councilman Skaramuca encouraged patience and advised he believes we are going to get to a
140 resolution.

141 **CHRIS HUTCHINGS:** Commented on the RV Park and extending the time allowed to stay. Commented
142 on the open council position and how it was being advertised. Advised Mayor he would be gone on the
143 25th.
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145 **IAN COPE:** Commented on RV Park and thanked the audience for their comments adding that more
146 information is being gathered. Great job on Quinn Court to those involved.
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148 **TYLER TRIMBLE:** Echoed the comments of the three councilmen before him. Councilman Trimble also
149 reiterated we are here for a positive outcome concerning the length of stay at Mr. Chung's campground
150 and he appreciates the comments presented tonight.
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152 **NIKKI KING:** Thanked Chief Rux for the Fish and Brew Fest, Forester Hiner for the timber sale. Thank
153 you to Councilman Trimble for taking on the field issues. Thank you to Bob Bellamy for bringing other
154 information regarding the conditional use permit to the council's attention.
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156 **DAN WOOD:** Echoed thanks to Chief Rux, the Mayor and Chamber for the Fish and Brew Fest. Thank
157 you to council for discussion on the two MMC introductions adding the council is going to be on a
158 constant treadmill with ordinances. Made comments regarding the Finance Committee getting first look
159 at the budget and how it has a new structure allowing for more transparency.
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161 **MAYOR COMMENTS:** Thanked everyone for comments and opinions, adding the goal has always been
162 for a successful resolution. Mayor Samuel reminded everyone it is the City Administrations job to
163 enforce the codes however the council has the ability to change them.
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165 **MEETING TO ADJOURN:** Motion was made by Councilman Trimble to adjourn with Councilman Cope
166 making a second to the motion. Motion passed 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:18 p.m.
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168 Kim Lillegard-Deputy Clerk

Recording Available