

1 Mayor Vini Samuel presiding  
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3 **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Samuel called the meeting of October 9, 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, Councilman Hatley, Councilwoman Cristobal, Councilman Trimble,  
8 Councilman Bryson and Councilman Skaramuca were all present. Councilman Cope was absent.  
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10 Councilman Trimble made a motion to excuse Councilman Cope which was seconded by Councilman  
11 Skaramuca.

12 *Motion passed 6-0.*  
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14 **STAFF PRESENT:** Fire Chief Rux, Police Chief Vance, Public Works Director Olden, Forester Hiner and City  
15 Clerk Kim Lillegard were all present.  
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17 **APPROVAL OF BILLS:** Councilman Trimble presented the bills in the amount of \$379,474.18 for checks  
18 #53340-#53366. Councilman Trimble made a motion to approve the bills as audited which was seconded  
19 by Councilman Hatley.

20 *Motion passed 6-0.*  
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22 **PAYROLL:** Checks #40620-#40649 in the amount of \$212,441.24.  
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24 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion to approve the minutes of the September 25, 2018 council meeting  
25 was made by Councilman Skaramuca and seconded by Councilman Bryson. There were no corrections  
26 or additions.

27 *Motion passed 6-0*  
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29 **PRESENTATION:**

30 Dru Garson from Greater Grays Harbor Inc. (GGHI) gave a power point presentation outlining the good  
31 things that have been happening through GGHI; what they have been working on this past year and  
32 what is ahead for next year.  
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34 **PUBLIC COMMENT:**  
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36 **Bruce Skaramuca** who lives at 422 E. Marcy Avenue thanked the mayor and council on behalf of the  
37 dozen or so property owners on this stretch of E. Marcy Avenue between Church and Chehalis for the  
38 improvements adding this has been a long time in coming and it is greatly appreciated.  
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40 **Ann Becker** who lives at 722 W. Spruce Avenue shared her concerns about parking in the downtown  
41 area since the street improvements and how there are several areas that are not in compliance with  
42 RCW 46.61.570 regarding distances from fire hydrants, cross walks and stop signs. Mrs. Becker advised  
43 she has reached out to at least 4 different people connected to the city regarding this, has been told by  
44 a couple they would get back to her which they did not and at least one advised this was way down on  
45 the projects list. She would like to see the city address this issue and be in compliance with the RCWs.  
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47 **COMMITTEE REPORTS/FOR COUNCIL INTRODUCTION:**

48 **MTO:** The Mayor advised the MTO committee members on the council she had sent an email regarding  
49 a citizen complaint reference the Talbot dip. She asked they look into the Talbot Street concern and the  
50 concerns raised by Mrs. Becker at tonight's meeting.

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52 **PUBLIC WORKS:** Councilman Skaramuca advised the Public Works Committee met on October 3<sup>rd</sup> and in  
53 attendance were Councilman Wood, Councilwoman Cristobal, Public Works Director Olden and himself.  
54 The topics which were discussed were the proposed 2019 budget which included a new Maintenance I  
55 position, two heavy equipment purchases; a skid steer and 10 yd. dump truck and water line upgrades.  
56 Councilman Skaramuca also advised he believed we were on target with the October 29<sup>th</sup> abatement  
57 cleanup.

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59 **FINANCE:** Councilman Trimble reminded everyone the rough draft of the 2019 budget documents  
60 would be in their emails within the week. The mayor added, starting the next meeting, we would be  
61 working on the budget in depth.

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63 **NEW BUSINESS:**

64 **Parks Board Appointment:** Mayor Samuel reported they have been trying to balance the parks board  
65 with someone involved in youth sports/recreation and someone involved in unorganized  
66 sports/recreation. Mayor Samuel presented Dr. Ki Shin as a nominee to the board, adding he is an avid  
67 hiker, biker and runner; someone who is out daily in our community using our resources for recreation.  
68 Councilman Wood made a motion to approve Dr. Shin as the new parks board committee member with  
69 Councilman Bryson making a second to the motion. There was no discussion.  
70 Motion passed 6-0.

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72 Dr. Shin wanted to point out he is a former kids soccer coach and wished to comment on the north side  
73 of Lake Sylvia where there is a lot of trail that cannot be accessed due to beaver dams; he would like to  
74 see the city and the state parks join together to find a way to get this more accessible.

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76 **OLD BUSINESS:**

77 **Fire Science Contract:** Councilman Wood made a motion to approve The Agreement Between the  
78 Montesano School District and the City of Montesano for the Montesano Fire Cadet Program with  
79 Councilman Hatley making a second. During discussion, Fire Chief Rux updated the council on the status  
80 of several cadets who had completed the program last year and are now applying to be volunteers. He  
81 added this has been a very successful program.  
82 *Motion passed 6-0*

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84 **ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:** There were none.

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86 **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

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88 **COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

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90 **Councilman Wood** thanked the mayor for the time spent on the clinic possibility; appreciates the  
91 demeanor and energy with which she is pursuing this as it is a benefit to all of the county; thoughts and  
92 prayers with Port Commissioner Jack Thompson's family.

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94 **Councilman Hatley** thanked Mrs. Becker for her concerns regarding parking compliance issues; thanked  
95 Mr. Skaramuca for his appreciation of the improvements to Marcy Avenue and thanked Dru Garson of  
96 Greater Grays Harbor Inc., for his presentation and updates on what they are doing.  
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98 **Councilwoman Cristobal** echoed Councilman Wood's comments to mayor in regards to the moving  
99 forward with the hospital district issues; thanked Dru Garson for his presentation.  
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101 **Councilman Trimble** echoed previous comments made by the council members regarding keeping Port  
102 Commissioner Thompson's family in our thoughts, this is a tragic loss.  
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104 **Councilman Bryson** thanked Dr. Shin for volunteering his time to be on the parks board; thanked Dru  
105 Garson for his presentation and work with GGHI; stated he appreciated the positive and professional  
106 tone that has been kept in regards to the hospital district/clinic talks.  
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108 **Councilman Skaramuca** welcomed Dr. Shin to the parks board; thanked Dru Garson for his presentation;  
109 advised Mrs. Becker the city wants to be in compliance with the parking situation; thanked Mr. Bruce  
110 Skaramuca for his comments regarding the Marcy Avenue improvements and encouraged everyone to  
111 get outdoors and enjoy the weekend.  
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113 **MAYOR COMMENTS:**

114 Mayor Samuel echoed everyone's thanks to those present; gave a kudos to the Montesano Chamber of  
115 Commerce for a phenomenal Fish and Brew Fest event adding it brought up to 500 people who  
116 wandered around downtown from 4 pm to 10 pm and that is actually very valuable; expressed her  
117 appreciation to how hard the chamber is working for our town; thanked Public Works Director Olden  
118 and the public works crew for all their hard work and non-stop efforts over the last six months;  
119 reminded everyone of the Business Development Forum happening Monday, October 15<sup>th</sup>; please RSVP  
120 if you want to have dinner. Councilman Hatley advised the RSVP email link might not be working.  
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122 **ADJOURNMENT:**

123 A motion was made by Councilman Bryson to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by  
124 Councilwoman Cristobal.

125 *Motion passed 6-0*  
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127 Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.  
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129 Kim Lillegard, Deputy Clerk  
130 Recording available.