

1 Mayor Vini Samuel, Presiding
2 The meeting was called to order by Mayor Samuel at 7:00 p.m.

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4 **FLAG CEREMONY** – Pledge of Allegiance

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6 **ROLL CALL:** Councilman Wood, Councilman Hatley, Councilwoman Cristobal, Councilman Cope,
7 Councilman Bryson and Councilman Skaramuca were all present. Absent was Councilman Trimble.
8 The Mayor advised Councilman Trimble had been in contact with her advising he might not make the
9 meeting due to travel from Portland.

10 Councilman Cope made a motion to excuse Councilman Trimble with a second by Councilman Wood.
11 *Motion passed 6-0.*

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13 **STAFF PRESENT:** Public Works Director Mike Olden and Deputy Clerk Kim Lillegard were present.

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15 **APPROVAL OF BILLS:** Councilman Hatley presented the bills totaling \$67,897.37 for checks #52831-
16 52867. Councilman Wood made a motion to approve the bills with a second by Councilman Skaramuca.
17 *Motion passed 6-0*

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19 Payroll totals were \$211,112.42 for checks #40291-40327.

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21 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Councilman Skaramuca made a motion to approve the minutes of January 23,
22 2018 with no changes or corrections. This was seconded by Councilman Cope.
23 *Motion passed 6-0*

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25 **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

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27 **Brian Kjesbu** , 705 W. Cedar Avenue, Umpire in Chief of the Montesano Little League, urged the city
28 council to pass Councilman Hatley’s proposal reference user group fees. He felt it was ironic that on a
29 night when the city announced 1.2 million dollars in timber sales they also discussed charging a user fee
30 for fields; quoted some language reference the deed to Nelson Field.

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32 **John & Pam Lansing**, 130 N. Main Street. New residents who have witnessed just in the last week one
33 property damage accident and two near misses at the intersection of N. Main Street and Spruce Avenue.
34 Mr. Lansing asked the council to consider putting in a four way stop or at the minimum, signage warning
35 drivers cross traffic did not stop. Concerned a more serious accident involving children on the sidewalk
36 was going to occur.

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38 **Ron Malizia**, 151 S. 9th Street advised he feels that public land getting public assistance should allow the
39 public on it; the fields should be available to all. Asked Mr. Kjesbu if the Little League has thought about
40 leasing the field from the city, that way they could lock it if they want. Also commented on the speed
41 signs on either end of town and how he thought they were a good idea. He would like to see more in
42 town.

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44 **COMMITTEE REPORTS/FOR COUNCIL INTRODUCTION/COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:**
45 **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**

46 The mayor presented some history behind the city’s involvement with Cascadia Rising and other
47 emergency management forums. The mayor was requesting a committee be formed to address what

48 our roles in an emergency will be. Are we going to be prepared as a city? All department heads have a
49 piece in this preparedness as does the city council. Do we need an ad hoc committee or should this
50 stand alone.

51 Motion was made by Councilman Wood to form an Emergency Preparedness Committee which was
52 seconded by Councilman Skaramuca.

53 *Motion passed 6-0*

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55 The mayor asked who would like to be on the committee. Councilman Wood, Councilman Hatley and
56 Councilwoman Cristobal all volunteered. Motion was made by Councilman Wood to approve the
57 volunteers for the Emergency Preparedness Committee which was seconded by Councilman Cope.

58 *Motion passed 6-0*

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60 **PARKS**

61 Councilman Cope advised he and Mike Olden met to discuss the parks plan and the direction of the
62 parks board. Thanked Councilman Wood for his tireless work in going over the parks plan. They
63 discussed upcoming projects; thanked Grays Harbor PUD for the help on the Vessey Field light
64 installation last weekend; reported they found damage to the announcer's booth which the city would
65 have to repair. Also discussed was the planning of trails around Beacon Park. Mike Olden advised the
66 city will need to have an evaluation of the wet area to the north of the field prior to putting trails in. The
67 Fleet Park restrooms have been ordered, the STEP System will be in by the end of February with a
68 tentative install date of March 20th.

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70 **PUBLIC WORKS**

71 Councilman Skaramuca advised they met and discussed the WWTP which Mike Olden would be
72 presenting later; referenced the Marcy Street Design contract which will be discussed later in the
73 agenda; updates on nuisance properties, one commercial and two residential and where we stand with
74 these reference enforcement; Fleet Park restrooms should be open for business in June.

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76 Public Works Director Mike Olden gave an overview of the WWTP status, the reasons why we need to fix
77 things, what the fix entails, what the costs are and where the funding is coming from. Questions,
78 answers and comments followed.

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80 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

81 **PARKS USE AGREEMENT**

82 Councilman Hatley made a motion to include the following language in our user agreements:
83 *"The City will waive the user fee for not-for-profit youth sports organizations if the organization*
84 *demonstrates cash expenditures greater than twice the value of the user fee for the same calendar year.*
85 *The mayor also has the discretion to credit volunteer time toward the user fee in lieu of a cash transfer."*
86 Councilman Wood made a second to the motion.

87 **DISCUSSION:** Much discussion ensued. Councilman Hatley then amended his motion to strike the last
88 line which was OK'd with Councilman Wood who had made the second to the original motion. More
89 discussion ensued. Councilman Wood amended the motion to insert *"toward city park improvements"*
90 between *"expenditures"* and *"greater"*. Councilman Hatley OK'd this change. There was more
91 discussion then a vote was taken.

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93 *Motion was put to a vote with it appearing to be a tie, 3-3. The mayor then attempted to vote nay to*
94 *break the tie however it was pointed out by the City Attorney the motion failed due to lack of majority so*
95 *her tie breaking vote was unnecessary.*

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97 Councilman Wood then asked for a roll call vote which went as follows:

98 Councilman Wood –Aye, Councilman Hatley- Aye, Councilwoman Cristobal- Nay, Councilman Cope- Nay,

99 Councilman Bryson-Aye, Councilman Skaramuca-Nay.

100 *Motion failed.*

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102 **NEW BUSINESS**

103 **RCO FUNDING WWTP-AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO SIGN**

104 Councilman Wood made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the Interagency Agreement between
105 the State of Washington Recreation and Conservation Office and the City of Montesano. Councilman
106 Hatley made a second.

107 *Motion passed 6-0*

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109 **DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY FLOODPLAIN GRANT-AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO SIGN.**

110 Councilman Wood made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the funding application to the
111 Department of Ecology for additional funding for the Wastewater Treatment Plant project. Councilman
112 Bryson made a second.

113 *Motion passed 6-0*

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115 **PARAMETRIX WWTP DESIGN CONTRACT-AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN.**

116 Councilman Wood made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the design contract with Parametrix
117 for the WWTP. Councilman Bryson made a second.

118 *Motion passed 6-0*

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120 **MARCY DESIGN CONTRACT GIBBS AND OLSEN-AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN.**

121 Councilman Skaramuca made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the Marcy Design Consulting
122 Agreement with Gibbs and Olsen. Councilman Cope made a second.

123 *Motion passes 6-0*

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125 **INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT UPDATE-INFORMATIONAL**

126 PW Director Olden addressed the status of the State Route 12 and Main Street intersection, advising
127 there should be a proposal contract to present to the council at the next meeting.

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129 **ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS**

130 **RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO OFFSHORE OIL/GAS DRILLING**

131 Councilman Cope made a motion to adopt Resolution 933; A resolution in opposition to offshore oil and
132 gas drilling and exploration activities, including seismic airgun blasting. Councilman Skaramuca made a
133 second. Discussion centered on this being a positional resolution. Councilman Wood had concerns that
134 it was too nebulous. The mayor reiterated this is merely a position statement.

135 *Motion passed 6-0*

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137 **RESOLUTION ADOPTING PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN FOR 2018-2023**

138 Councilman Cope asked this be moved from tonight's agenda to the next meeting due to editing issues
139 which need to be addressed. The Mayor reminded all council members this had to be approved and

140 passed by the end of the month or else we would not qualify for another year. There needs to be some
141 editing done both for grammar and for content. Councilman Cope advised C.O.G. told him they could
142 have the editing done in time for the next meeting. Councilman Wood went over the edits for content
143 that concerned him. The mayor encouraged everyone to send any correction to Councilman Wood so
144 these correction could be made. This is set to be on the agenda next meeting.

145 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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147 Brian Kjesbu updated the council as to the status of the Montesano Girls' Softball Association; they have
148 disbanded. Girls in that age bracket will be playing under the supervision of the Montesano Little
149 League.

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151 **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

152 **Wood**

153 Expressed his feelings that it is the council's responsibility to watch out for the city's money and it is
154 important for everyone to raise questions regardless of their education or experience. It is appropriate
155 for everyone in committee to ask questions and should expect that responsibility be honored,
156 appreciated and not be mocked.

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158 **Hatley**

159 Thanked Mike Olden for the WWTP presentation; welcomed the Lansings to Montesano and expressed
160 his concerns over the intersection of Main and Spruce; Thanked Brian Kjesbu for his input.

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162 **Cristobal**

163 No comments

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165 **Cope**

166 Reminded members of the public that the timber sales are dedicated for use on the infrastructure and
167 the most recent one is actually for next year; we just took advantage of timber prices this year in
168 anticipation of cutting next year. Councilman Cope has hopes the user fee conversations will continue
169 and a solution will be found. Advised the mayor he will be out of town on the 27th; asked if anyone
170 wanted to take his place on the radio on the 28th.

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172 **Bryson**

173 Thanked the citizens who brought concerns to the council; thanked Mike Olden for the WWTP update;
174 reiterated the timber sales are for infrastructure and the money from this last sale cannot but used until
175 next year.

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177 **Skaramuca**

178 Thanked Mike Olden for the update; welcomed the Lansings into town; asked Brian Kjesbu to hang tight
179 as he believes we will have a solution to the user fee issue; asked to be excused from the meeting on the
180 27th as he would be out of town but could possibly call in if necessary.

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182 **Mayor Comments**

183 Advised we would put the parks and recreation resolution at the top of the agenda at the next meeting
184 so those who are out of town could phone in, noting that Councilman Cope will be on the east coast.

185 Mayor Samuel advised the user agreement that we have used most recently was vetted pretty well with
186 the parks board in 2016; she would like to send it back to the parks board to see if it needs tweaking;

187 advised the Lansings their concerns about Main and Spruce intersection would be brought to the MTO
188 board; thanked the council and advised them she appreciated their votes on the off shore drilling
189 resolution.
190 Motion by Councilman Wood to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Councilman Cope.
191 *Motion passed 6-0*
192 Meeting was adjourned at 8:38 pm.
193 Kim Lillegard, Deputy Clerk
194 Recording available.

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