

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 Trimble,
7 Councilman Bryson were present. Councilman Skaramuca was present via the phone. Councilman Cope
8 was absent. Councilman Trimble made a motion to excuse Councilman Cope which was seconded by
9 Councilman Wood.

10 *Motion passed 6-0*

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12 **STAFF PRESENT:** Public Works Director Olden, CFO Streeter, Police Chief Vance, Fire Chief Rux, Forester
13 Hiner and Deputy Clerk Kim Lillegard.

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15 **APPROVAL OF BILLS:** Councilman Trimble made a motion to accept the bills totaling \$126,677.56 for
16 checks #52868 to #52890 with the largest bill being to Gibbs and Olson for \$37,095.80. A second was
17 made by Councilman Wood.

18 *Motion passed 6-0*

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20 Payroll totals in the amount of \$123,701.23 for checks #40238-#40331.

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22 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Councilman Trimble made a motion to approve the minutes of the February
23 13, 2018 council meeting with a second by Councilman Wood. There were no corrections or additions.

24 *Motion passed 6-0*

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26 **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

27 **Doug Iverson** of 222 N. Main Street wished to urge the council to delay taking action on giving the
28 mayor authorization to sign the Intersection Control Analysis Agreement. Mr. Iverson reported there
29 was a small group of citizen who met with DOT and Representative Blake regarding this; he feels the
30 council needs to get more information on the process; had concerns about the title of the analysis being
31 Montesano Rest Stop.

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33 **ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS**

34 **Resolution #934, adopting park and recreation plan for 2018-2023**

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36 Councilman Trimble made a motion to adopt the parks and recreation plan for 2018 to 2023; the version
37 in which Councilman Wood had made the corrections and which had been given to council for approval.
38 This was seconded by Councilman Bryson. The mayor explained the resolution needed to be adopted
39 today however we have an extension for the formatting of it which can be adopted later. All the changes
40 presented by Councilman Wood were made with a few exceptions. There was discussion regarding what
41 projects were on the CIP (Capital Improvement Plan) and how that all works. Theresa from C.O.G.
42 advised if there was a project not in the CIP it could be amended into it later. The CIP is a working tool
43 that allows for this. More discussion ensued. A vote was then taken.

44 *Motion passed 6-0.*

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46 **COMMITTEE REPORTS / FOR COUNCIL INTRODUCTION / COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

47 **PUBLIC WORKS-** Did not meet

48 **C.O.G.**

49 The mayor reported there were a wide variety of topics covered at the COG meeting. COG was asked if
50 they would be willing to sign a letter of support for the WWTP funding and they stated yes.

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52 **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE**

53 Have not met yet.

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55 **MTO**

56 Councilman Trimble advised they had met and discussed the Spruce Avenue/Main Street intersection.
57 Chief Vance had advised there have only been 5 accidents at that intersection over the last 10 years.
58 They are proposing better signage and painting of that intersection to see if that might be the solution.
59 A bulb out in the future might be the way to go. Councilman Wood asked about flashing lights on the
60 stop sign and Councilman Trimble advised this was being considered. Chief Vance commented on a
61 couple of issues.

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63 **FLOOD AUTHORITY**

64 Councilman Wood reported they may go down to quarterly meetings as there is still discussion on the
65 functions and responsibilities of the Flood Authority transferring to the Office of Chehalis Basin. The City
66 of Centralia chose to forgo a project in order to send funds back to the Flood Authority which should be
67 appreciated by all.

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69 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

70 There was no unfinished business.

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72 **NEW BUSINESS**

73 **Authorize the Mayor to sign the Wetland Delineation for Beacon Park Trails Agreement.**

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75 Councilman Wood made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the Wetland Delineation for Beacon
76 Park Trails Agreement with SCJ Alliance for the expenditure amount of \$2,000.00. This was seconded by
77 Councilman Bryson. Discussion centered on the purpose was to have a map created so understanding
78 of where boardwalks and trails could be put to minimally impact the wetlands area.

79 *Motion passed 6-0.*

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81 **Authorize the Mayor to sign the Intersection Control Analysis Agreement**

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83 The Mayor reported she had talked last fall to Rep. Blake and asked him to make it crystal clear to the
84 public, press, minority voices, and majority voices as to what exactly this project was intended for. The
85 Mayor advised Rep. Blake notified her last night the senate was approving the language and he has
86 supporting language to make sure this was allocated as "intersection improvement/traffic revision." It is
87 formally in the budget as this. The purpose is to get the best possible outcome in that intersection.

88 More language clarification highlighted from the scope of work. More discussion ensued.

89 Councilman Bryson pointed out also in the scope of work was language addressing additional meetings
90 will be tasked out. Councilman Hatley asked the question as to what would happen if we didn't like
91 what DOT has decided and the Mayor commented this would send the money back to the state which
92 would not be a good option. More discussion ensued with the Mayor pointing out the final decision is
93 not ours to make.

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95 Councilman Trimble made a motion to authorize the mayor to sign the Intersection Control Agreement
96 with SCJ with a second by Councilman Bryson.
97 *Motion passed with a 4-2 vote. Councilman Bryson, Councilman Skaramuca, Councilman Trimble and*
98 *Councilwoman Cristobal all voted yea with Councilman Hatley and Councilman Wood voting nay.*
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100 **AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN AND AWARD THE EAST PIONEER PHASE II CONTRACT**

101 Councilman Trimble made a motion to award the East Pioneer Phase II contract to Rognlins for
102 \$412,520.00. This was seconded by Councilman Wood.
103 *Motion passed 6-0*
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105 **UPDATE PERSONNEL POLICY FOR REIMBURSEMENT RATES-INFORMATIONAL**

106 This is language regarding policy for reimbursement rates for the council to review, ask questions and
107 take action on at the next council meeting.
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109 **FIRE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT UPDATE-CHIEF RUX**

110 Chief Rux addressed the council with equipment procurement status regarding the levy lid lift funds.
111 The new fire engine has been ordered and should be in service February 2019; new ambulance has been
112 delivered, is currently being equipped and training has started. It will be in service fully within a week or
113 two; the ambulance which needed a remount will be going back to North Carolina and should be back in
114 service by the end of summer; new bunker gear being sized and ordered; gathering specs on radios and
115 pagers with replacement about a month away.
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117 **PROPOSAL BY COUNCILMAN WOOD REGARDING INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS**

118 There has been quite a bit of discussion on the traffic revision. Councilman Wood expressed his wish
119 that the council keep in mind some language which should be considered and taken as a collective
120 position. A list of these minimum requirements was provided to council members in their council
121 packets. Discussion ensued regarding these requirements and council was asked to forward any other
122 ideas or questions to Councilman Wood and/or the public works committee.
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124 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

125 **Ken Estes** of 409 Wilder Hill commented on being glad Rep. Blake had made contact with the Mayor
126 regarding language and wording of the intent of the intersection control analysis; advised he was part of
127 a small group who went to speak with Rep. Blake and the DOT who were all insistent the money was put
128 into the budget for the purpose of a roundabout and not a traffic revision.
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130 **Doug Iverson**-encouraged the council to get educated on how this process works now that they have
131 decided to move forward.
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133 **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

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135 **Hatley**

136 No comment
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138 **Cristobal**

139 Thanks Mike Olden for his efforts on acquiring grants for our many different projects. Wanted to inform
140 the public there is a Grays Harbor LaCross team in town now. It is comprised of high school boys, 9-12

141 grades from Monte, Abredeem, Elma and Raymond with a home field of Stewart Field. Their first game
142 with be March 17th.

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144 **Trimble**

145 Commended the Mayor and the city for bringing the Supreme Court Justices here and what a great
146 experience this was for the community.

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148 **Skaramuca**

149 Commented on how much traffic there was in Yosemite Valley and how every intersection had an armed
150 law enforcement officer directing traffic except the intersection that was a traffic circle which handled
151 roughly 100 cars in the five minutes he was watching it. Traffic circles work but are they right for us; this
152 is something we will have to think about.

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154 **Bryson**

155 Thanked everyone for their work on the parks plan and it is a document that will continue to be
156 updated.

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158 **Wood**

159 No comments

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161 **Mayor Comments**

162 Reminded everyone how proud we should be with our boys basketball team playing in the state
163 tournament tomorrow; what a great accomplishment; she appreciates the discussions and commitment
164 from the council on the projects before them; thanked Rep. Blake for his efforts to do something
165 positive for the City of Montesano.

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167 Councilman Wood made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Councilman Bryson.

168 *Motion passed 6-0*

169 Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

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171 Kim Lillegard, Deputy Clerk

172 Recording available.