

**Montesano City Council Meeting Minutes**  
**March 8th, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. at Montesano City Hall**

Mayor Vini Samuel, Presiding  
Meeting was called to order by Mayor at 7 pm

**FLAG CEREMONY** – Pledge of Allegiance

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councilman Pat Herrington, Councilman Chris Hutchings, Councilman David Skaramuca, Councilwoman Nikki King and Councilman Dan Wood. Motion made to excuse Councilman Trimble and Councilman Cope made by Councilman Dan Wood and Councilman Chris Hutchings. Motion Carried

**STAFF PRESENT:** Police Chief Brett Vance, Forester Loren Hiner, Community Development Director Mike Wincewicz, Fire Chief Corey Rux, Acting Public Works Lead Kevin Hegel, Public Works Director Rocky Howard, Deputy Clerk Chelsea Anthony and City Attorney Chris Coker.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:** Councilman Wood presented bills totaling \$46,407.82 for check #'s 51483-51515. Motion was made by Councilman Wood to approve the bills and seconded by Councilman Hutchings. *Motion passed 7-0 vote.*

**MEETING MINUTES APPROVED:** Motion to approve the February 23, 2016 council meeting minutes as corrected was made by Councilman Herrington and seconded by Councilman Skaramuca. *Motion passed 7-0 vote.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** *Karen Miltenburger* Nicholson Insurance City Representative, came to introduce herself to new Mayor, Council and City Attorney. Requested a meeting with the Key contacts for the city to go over insurance needs. *Councilwomen King* and *City Attorney Chris Coker* would like to be included in the meeting as well.

*Patrick Wadsworth*- update on Chautaugua, stated they were not able to get enough people and were not able to sign the contract in time. Will try again next year.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Public Works**- Not met, need for a meeting for lights sidewalks and general perspective of workshop. March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m. Rocky Howard has a power point ready for the committee meeting.

**Forestry**- Did not need to meet.

**Finance – Budget Status** – Councilman Wood states that the budget is running in the red in the General Fund. Expenses are running higher than expected. Known expenses that were incurred in 2015 that were not paid until 2016. Councilman Wood states it is early in the year to get a good look at it, discussion as a committee was to give Doug Streeter time to do work to figure out finances.

**Parks/Rec. – Beacon Development (Parks Board)** – Councilwoman King states they are working hard at the Beacon Park, will be about 6 months to get it ready. Doing some excavating and looking for volunteers for help. Future plans to possibly make board walks for a more user friendly park. Will be ready summer of 2017. Vessey Field will get 10 more lights.

**Public Safety** – Not met.

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**Personnel** – Not Met.

**MTO** - Not met but needs to due to handicapped parking issues.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Mr. Pringle's Marijuana Zoning/Ordinance: Councilman Wood stated that the statute does not identify marijuana growing as agricultural. Chief Brett Vance discussed issues and concerns including the smell of the growth, no taxes for the city etc. The Con's out weight the Pro's discussion ensued. Mr. Pringle stated his stand point and concerns. Discussion ensued between Councilmembers.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Contract to accept bid on cemetery mowing- Community Development Director Mike Wincewicz stated that on February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016 the City advertised for the Cemetery Mowing contract. 2 Bids were received. Castaneda Landscaping came in with the lowest bid at \$15600.00 for a 6 month contract starting April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 through the end of September 2016. Mr. Wincewicz asked council to enter into the contract. Discussion ensued. Motion to enter into Cemetery Mowing contract made by Councilman Herrington and seconded by Councilman Hutchings. *Motion passed 5-0 vote.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

**Councilman Wood** – Would like more budget options, and would like previous comments to stand.

**Councilwoman King** – Thanked Kevin Hegel for clarifying concerns about signs on the P.U.D. Poles.

**Councilman Skaramuca** – No Comment.

**Councilman Hutchings** – No Comment.

**Councilman Herrington** – No Comment.

**MAYORS COMMENTS:** Handed out a generalized organizational chart with the City's current structure, stated that the chart will have significant changes and current one will not last past April. Discussed various issues and announced the Community Development Director's retirement party will be held in the Banquet room of City Hall on April 1<sup>st</sup>.

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS:**

**Executive Session- Entered at 8:45 p.m. Litigation status South Bay Excavating RCW 42.30.110 (1)(I)  
Wynooche Meats Location Sale RCW 42.30.110 (1)(I)**

Extended Executive Session for additional 10 minutes at 9:15 pm.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Skaramuca and seconded by Councilman Wood.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Chelsea Anthony, Deputy Clerk  
Recording Available.