

1 **Mayor Vini Samuel presiding**  
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3 **CALL TO ORDER:** The Montesano City Council Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Vini  
4 Samuel.

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6 **FLAG CEREMONY:** Pledge of Allegiance.  
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8 **ROLL CALL:** Councilman Wood, Councilwoman Valentine, Councilwoman Cristobal, Councilman Trimble,  
9 Councilman Cope, Councilman Bryson and Councilman Skaramuca were all in attendance.

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11 **STAFF PRESENT:** Fire Chief Rux, Police Chief Vance, Public Works Director Olden, City Attorney Coker  
12 and Deputy City Clerk Lillegard were all in attendance.  
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14 Mayor Samuel requested some agenda item changes; Creative Arts District be added to Old Business;  
15 Zoning Text Change Ordinance, informational, be added to New Business and Public Works Week  
16 Proclamation be added to New Business. There were no objections.  
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18 **APPROVAL OF BILLS:** Councilman Trimble made a motion to approve the bills as audited which totaled  
19 \$442,802.05 for checks #53792-53839 and payroll totaling \$199,311.82 for checks #40905-40936.  
20 Councilman Cope made a second to approve the bills as audited.  
21 *Motion passed 7-0*  
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23 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Councilman Skaramuca made a motion to approve the minutes of April 23,  
24 2019 with Councilman Bryson making a second. There were no corrections or additions.  
25 *Motion passed 7-0*  
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27 **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None  
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29 **COMMITTEE REPORTS: Public Safety-**Councilman Trimble reported the Public Safety committee would  
30 like to move the Volunteer Fire Department's lease discussion from informational to action during New  
31 Business. There were no objections.  
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33 **PRESENTATION:** None  
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35 **OLD BUSINESS:**  
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37 **Creative Arts District Discussion-** Discussion on whether the council would like to move forward on this;  
38 do we wish to commit dollars (\$5,000.00); creative arts and technical arts; issues are it has to be self-  
39 funded, has to have an out. After much discussion, the consensus was the council would like to see the  
40 proposed contract before moving forward.  
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42 **NEW BUSINESS:**  
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44 **Affirm Mayor's re-appointment for Civil Service Commission** for Mr. D. Mandt who advised the Mayor  
45 and Council he enjoys serving and wishes to continue to serve in this capacity. Councilman Skaramuca  
46 thanked Mr. Mandt for his service in this capacity.  
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48 Councilman Trimble made a motion to affirm Mr. Mandt's appointment to the Civil Service Commission  
49 with Councilman Wood making a second.  
50 *Motion passed 7-0*

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52 **Broadway bid results (Conditional Award)**

53 Public Works Director Olden reported the city received one bid for the Broadway Project from Rognlin's  
54 Inc. Director Olden explained there has been an issue on other projects throughout the state regarding a  
55 lack of bidders. The bid was over the estimate and Director Olden advised he has contacted TIB to ask  
56 for additional funding. Director Olden was asking for the council for a conditional award based on  
57 additional funding from TIB, advising he has a verbal commitment from them for help fund the gap at a  
58 10% match, adding we do have this in our budget.

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60 Councilman Wood made a motion to conditionally award the project to Rognlin's Inc. for \$175,000 with  
61 a second made by Councilman Bryson.

62 *Motion passed 7-0*

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64 **Volunteer Firefighter Lease Agreement**

65 Councilman Trimble discussed some history in relation to the volunteer firefighter's lease of the upstairs  
66 at the Montesano Fire Department. The new lease is for 50 years and includes provisions if there are  
67 any major remodels or new buildings in the future. Councilman Trimble made a motion to move this to  
68 an action item and to approve the lease with the Volunteer Fire Department with Councilman Cope  
69 making a second.

70 *Motion passed 7-0*

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72 **Waste Water Treatment Plant Update**

73 Director Olden reported we were supposed to have bids in on May 9th but this was postponed to May  
74 21st due to copper showing up in the bio-solids testing which created a bit of panic on the part of the  
75 bio-solids subcontractors so the bids were postponed as this means you cannot take it to land  
76 application sites but rather to a landfill which changes the cost of the project significantly; he is  
77 cautiously optimistic the Flood Authority money will cover the major aspects of the two primary items  
78 we would like to do in this project; sheet pile wall protection and bio-solids removal and pond  
79 relocation. The ultra violet light disinfection may have to wait but we are not sure at this moment.

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81 **New IT Position**

82 The Mayor presented the argument for needing to have a dedicated IT person at the city. We would  
83 contract out with Grays Harbor 911 and the City of Elma similar to what we do with the forester  
84 position. Councilman Wood asked if we needed to go through a hiring process and Chief Vance advised  
85 we do not, it is a non-union position with the same benefits as other employees using the current  
86 provider. Asking this go to the Finance Committee to see that the numbers are good and then this will  
87 come back to council for action.

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89 **Cell Tower Lease**

90 Councilman Trimble advised the finance committee has discussed this, advising the tower would be out  
91 at the Public Works Shop site, the lease would be in 5 year terms for \$10,000 per year with a 2%  
92 escalator. Councilman Trimble added the tower would be placed in a good spot for providing power for  
93 lights on the soccer field and also for being able to position Wi-Fi and cameras access. This will come  
94 back to council for action once final documents are ready.

95 **Zoning Text Change Ordinance-informational**

96 Public Works Director Olden introduced a draft ordinance addressing a change of language for home  
97 occupations, a change in language concerning conditional use permits and a change in language to  
98 change hospitals and clinics from conditional use to permitted use in C-2 Zoning. No action at this time;  
99 informational only.

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101 **National Public Works Week Proclamation**

102 Mayor Samuel read into record a proclamation stating May 19<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> as National Public Works Week.  
103 She thanked our public works department for their hard work, particularly this time of year during our  
104 construction season adding this includes our clerks, forester, fire and police; all are critically important  
105 to our city.

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107 **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

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109 **Resolution #952 declaring certain City assets as surplus.**

110 Councilman Trimble made a motion to approve Resolution #952 declaring certain city assets to be  
111 surplus and providing for the disposition thereof with a second by Councilman Wood.

112 *Motion passed 7-0*

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114 **Annexation Ordinance-informational**

115 Mayor Samuel introduced an annexation ordinance for a piece of property east of town by the mini  
116 storage for review. No action to be taken tonight.

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118 **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

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120 **COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

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122 **Councilman Wood** thanked public works.

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124 **Councilwoman Valentine** thanked the public works employees.

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126 **Councilwoman Cristobal** offered her congratulations to the GH Lacrosse boys and girls teams who won  
127 more this year than last.

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129 **Councilman Trimble** had no comments.

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131 **Councilman Cope** offered best of luck wishes and congratulations to MHS baseball, softball and golf  
132 teams.

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134 **Councilman Bryson** had no comments.

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136 **Councilman Skaramuca** was glad to see the public works projects off and running; the sidewalks and  
137 water main replacement; thanks to public works for picking up these loose areas and projects.

138 **MAYOR COMMENTS:**

139 **Mayor Samuel** reminded everyone the Montesano Community Center Spring Fling is happening this  
140 weekend; commented on how projects are going well and reminded everyone the Third Street Project  
141 begins on May 20<sup>th</sup>.

- 142 **ADJOURNMENT:**  
143 Councilman Skaramuca made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m. which was seconded by  
144 Councilman Wood.  
145 *Motion passed 7-0*  
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147 Kim Lillegard, Deputy Clerk  
148 Recording available

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