

1 Mayor Vini Samuel presiding
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3 **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Samuel called the June 9, 2020 city council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
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5 **FLAG CEREMONY:** Pledge of Allegiance
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7 Mayor Samuel advised the councilmembers that she appreciated them all wearing masks however per
8 the request of one councilmember who asks the masks be removed due to hearing loss issues and the
9 ability to be able to see lips.
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11 **ROLL CALL:** Councilman Trimble, Councilman Cope, Councilman Skaramuca, Councilman Wood,
12 Councilman Bryson, Councilwoman Cristobal and Councilwoman Valentine were all present. Attorney
13 Coker was present via phone.
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15 Mayor Samuel announced for the record, the tape recorder was started late; all members of council are
16 present.
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18 **APPROVAL OF BILLS:** Councilman Trimble made a motion to approve the bills as audited with a second
19 by Councilman Cope. Bills totaled \$188,861.46 for checks #54638-#54660 and payroll totaled
20 \$228,124.25 for checks #41368-#41390.
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22 *Motion passed 7-0*

23 Councilman Wood asked if we were too early to have projections on our revenue for this year with
24 everything that is going on. Mayor Samuel and Councilman Trimble indicated it would be in the second
25 half of the collection period that we would see what is happening. Sales taxes for businesses were
26 deferred so we are looking at July, August, and September for taxes in April, May and June. Councilman
27 Trimble advised that as of June 1st, we were at 41.8% of all tax revenue budgeted. Mayor Samuel
28 included discussion on building a budget based off of projections of -10%, - 15% and -20%. We will not
29 know where we are at until at least August but probably not solid until November.
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31 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Councilman Wood made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 26,
32 2020 meeting as written with a second by Councilman Bryson. Minutes were approved with no
33 corrections or additions.
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35 *Motion passed 7-0*

36 **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

37 **Public Works-** Councilman Skaramuca advised the Public Works Committee met and discussed 1) Spruce
38 Street Construction has started and should finish the middle of July 2) Marcy Avenue & 1st Street
39 Support Contract Amendment, the committee strongly endorses the amendment so that construction
40 can begin as soon as possible 3) working on a 10 year capital improvement program for all of public
41 works; this lays out an improvement plan that goes out 10 years; each utility would need to see an
42 increase to achieve this; water and sewer would increase \$6.00 on the base fee and \$4.50 on the base
43 fee of storm water; this would bring the utility bills up over \$100 a year and then a 3% elevation each
44 year after that; this would need to be activated prior to 2021 as it will just cost more and more as time
45 goes on; we are falling behind on our city maintenance.
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47 Mayor Samuel advised the estimated amounts earlier this year was for \$250-\$300 annual increases in all
48 rates; fire, water, sewer, stormwater; \$25-\$30 a month; we will need to talk about this. Unemployment
49 data is available for the zip code of 98563 and we have those numbers for April.

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51 **OLD BUSINESS:**

52 **Six year Transportation Improvement Plan-** A public hearing will need to be set for the second meeting
53 in June; notice will be sent out to allow folks to have comment and submit questions. DOT is not
54 extending the deadline to have this completed.

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56 Councilman Wood asked if we could do a zoom meeting, Facebook Live etc. to allow folks to get their
57 comments in. Discussion on this ensued.

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59 **NEW BUSINESS:**

60 **West Marcy Avenue and S. 1st Street Improvements-** authorizing the mayor to accept the bid from
61 **Rognlins for the amount \$478,187.00-**Councilman Bryson made a motion to authorize the mayor to sign
62 with a second by Councilman Wood.

63 *Motion passed 7-0*

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65 **Marcy and 1st Street Construction Support Contract Amendment-** Councilman Wood made a motion to
66 authorize the mayor to sign the contract with Gibbs and Olson for \$16,600.00 with a second by
67 Councilman Skaramuca.

68 *Motion passed 7-0*

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70 **Electrical Power Easement for Beacon Park Lighting-** Mayor Samuel advised this is an easement for the
71 PUD to run electrical for Beacon Park and is informational only at this time.

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73 **City Update-Informational**

74 Mayor Samuel advised she and the Department Heads have been gathering information for the past 2-3
75 weeks as to funding and creating a list, answering the questions and vetting options internally before
76 this goes to council as for the \$125,000.00 granted for COVID-19; this is reimbursement.

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78 Councilman Cope brought up the question as to why we are meeting face to face and not via Zoom;
79 Mayor Samuel advised she had asked the council and no one responded they wanted to do that.
80 Discussion was had as to whether we wanted to start doing Zoom or continue the way we are going;
81 Phase 3 should be occurring at which time city hall will open again; discussion on how that will look; we
82 will be allowing public access of up to 50 once Phase 3 hits; Saturday market is still a go for July and
83 August with physical distancing and hand sanitizing being the plan; the car show has been cancelled;
84 Beautification Committee felt they should not proceed as they did not have sufficient community
85 support to expand out to a creative arts district; Officer Scott Shope will be retiring at the end of this
86 month; we will be promoting NNO in the neighborhoods not in Fleet Park; police and fire will visit the
87 neighborhoods.

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89 **ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS: A Resolution of the Montesano City Council continuing its support for**
90 **a basin-wide solution to flooding and aquatic species restoration-** Councilman Wood made a motion to
91 approve Resolution 959 with a second by Councilman Skaramuca.

92 *Motion passed 7-0*

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95 **COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

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97 Councilman Wood reported he had signed up for the AWC Convention online and encouraged others to
98 do this also.

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100 Councilwoman Valentine advised in light of current events in the nation, she will continue to work to
101 support inclusiveness and diversity in our community.

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103 Councilwoman Cristobal had no comments.

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105 Councilman Trimble had no comments.

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107 Councilman Skaramuca advised he had recently participated in National Trails Day at Lake Sylvia; it was a
108 great day and a huge turnout.

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110 Councilman Bryson Trails Day was a large turnout and the work that happened was great; Loren did a
111 great job organizer it, putting folks to work in a meaningful and efficient way.

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113 Councilman Cope advised he had not participated in National Trails Day however he had been out
114 walking the trail and appreciates all the work that was put in; from the city government to first
115 responders to the city crew to the business owners, he has heard nightmare stories about people
116 running into attitude and folks getting into others faces during this response and he has not seen any of
117 that here, everyone has pulled together during this time.

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119 **MAYOR'S COMMENTS:**

120 Mayor Samuel addressed the posting of the Chief's position and whether the council had to review the
121 job description; the city attorney said it was not necessary however she will send it out to the council;
122 she thanked everyone for their contributions to the Montesano Senior Class ad, she has extra copies, it
123 was a kind gesture and the contribution also helped pay for maroon and gray masks that had 2020 on
124 them and were made by Chief Vance's mother; she spoke on a panel for resilience dealing with George
125 Floyd's death which was from the state of India where she was born, talking about his death and the
126 police response; we should aggressively take this opportunity to talk about the issues that are large
127 concerns; she encourages all to start these conversations.

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129 **ADJOURNMENT:** Councilman Skaramuca made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded
130 by Councilman Bryson.

131 *Motion passed 7-0*

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133 Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:47 p.m.

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135 These minutes were transcribed by Clerk Lillegard from the tape recording of the council meeting. Clerk
136 Lillegard was not present at the meeting due to corona virus meeting parameters set forth by the
137 governor.

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139 Kim Lillegard, Deputy Clerk

140 Recording available.