

**Montesano City Council Meeting Minutes
August 23, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. at Montesano City Hall**

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

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4 **FLAG CEREMONY** – Pledge of Allegiance

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6 **COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councilman Chris Hutchings, Councilman David Skaramuca, Councilman
7 Dan Wood, Councilman Tyler Trimble, Councilwoman Nikki King, Councilwoman Lori Benedict, and
8 Councilman Ian Cope.

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10 **STAFF PRESENT:** Police Chief Brett Vance, Public Works Director Rocky Howard, Fire Chief Corey Rux,
11 Chief Financial Officer Doug Streeter, Senior Deputy Clerk Kim Morey and City Attorney Chris Coker.

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13 **APPROVAL OF BILLS:** Councilman Trimble presented bills totaling \$91,809.38 for Checks 51789-51812.
14 Motion was made by Councilman Trimble to approve the bills and seconded by Councilman Wood.
15 *Motion passed 7-0 vote.*

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17 Payroll \$108,902.96

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19 **MEETING MINUTES APPROVED:** Motion to approve the August 9, 2016 council meeting minutes was
20 made by Councilman Trimble and seconded by Councilwoman King. *Motion passed 7-0 vote.*

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22 **MEMORIAL AT FLEET PARK:** VFW Representative Ken Estes discussed the possibility of moving the
23 Johnny Chambers Memorial from Bryant Park to Fleet Park with an additional veteran David Harner.

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25 **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

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27 **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

28 **Forestry** – No report, next meeting is set for September 6, 2016 at 7:00 PM

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30 **MAYOR'S REPORT:**

31 Work on Beacon Park started Monday for irrigation and dirt work, streetlights will be changed out to
32 LED in the next couple weeks, the Cemetery Paving is complete, step two of the teamster's grievance
33 procedure has been completed with the Mayor's response and the downtown Wi Fi will be tested within
34 the next couple of weeks.

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36 Assessment of City staffing/Expectations levels of service – Discussion ensued.

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38 Will Foster proposal downtown entrance/rest stop estimate – a motion was made by Councilman Wood
39 to allow up to \$2000.00 for a drawing concept from Foster and seconded by Councilman Trimble.
40 Discussion. *Motion passed 7-0 vote.*

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48 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

49 **Forest Purchase-**

50 At 7:48 pm, the meeting was recessed to an Executive Session to discuss the purchase of Forest land.
51 The session was expected to last five minutes with action to be taken following the Executive Session.

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53 At 7:53 p.m. the meeting was reconvened in regular session.

54 Motion was made by Councilman Trimble to purchase 320 acres in the amount of 1.35 mil. and
55 seconded by Councilman Cope. *Motion passed 7-0 vote.*

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57 **Willis Annexation** – Motion was made by Councilman Wood to set a public hearing for September 13,
58 2016 and seconded by Councilwoman King. *Motion was passed 7-0 vote.*

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60 **NEW BUSINESS:**

61 Lease for Police Radios Motion was made by Councilman Trimble to allow Mayor Samuel to sign lease or
62 an interfund loan whichever one is cheaper and seconded by Councilman Cope.

63 *Motion was passed with a 6-1 vote, with Councilman Wood voting “nay”.*

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65 **Committee Assignments:** Councilman Wood will be Primary for Flood Authority, alternate for Council of
66 Government and responsible for the City’s Face Book page, with Mayor Samuel as the alternate for
67 Flood Authority and primary for the Council of Government.

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69 **FEMA Flood Plain Management Correspondence** – reviewed by Mayor and Council. Informational only.

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71 **Variance by Hearing Examiner** - Discussion ensued.

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73 **COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

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75 **Councilman Wood** – Would like to work on the City Municipal codes, Show case Grays Harbor is
76 September 16th annual tour, get your tickets through Greater Grays Harbor and thanked Ken Estes for
77 coming to Council on the memorial relocation.

78 **Councilwoman King** –Thanked Dan and Ken for the work on the memorial relocation, thanked all the
79 people on the City wide garage sale, great job and encouraged everyone with a business to google maps
80 and claim your business, brings new people into our town.

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82 **Councilwoman Benedict** – Appreciated the valuable discussion on Variance.

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84 **Councilman Trimble** – Thanked Loren for the work for the purchase of the forest property. We are
85 always looking out for the future, helps sustain our general fund abilities, disagreed with Wood on
86 purchase of Police Radios, we need to act on things based on funding and September 13th the Finance
87 Committee will meet at 5:30 PM.

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89 **Councilman Cope-** Agreed with Tyler on valuable, needed equipment for the Police Department and
90 thanked Loren and Doug on the work for the timber purchase.

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92 **Councilman Hutchings** – Appreciates Dan Wood’s effort on trying to clean up the municipal codes, he
93 has previously worked on cleaning them up, thanked Loren on the forest purchase, likes that it is going
94 toward the general fund. If the City benefits from it the whole community does.

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Councilman Skaramuca – Thanked Loren and Doug on the land purchase.

MAYORS COMMENTS-

Appreciates all the Council Members calls, keeps me alert, thinking about how to move the City forward.
Find your passion, where you want the City to go and feel free to start calling.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Trimble and seconded by Councilwoman King,
Motion passed 7-0 vote.

Meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

Kim Morey, Senior Deputy Clerk
Recording Available.

Approved