

1 Mayor Vini Samuel presiding.

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3 Mayor Samuel called the meeting of August 28, 2018 to order at 7:00 p.m.

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5 **FLAG CEREMONY:** Pledge of Allegiance

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7 **ROLL CALL:** Councilwoman Cristobal, Councilman Hatley, Councilman Trimble, Councilman Cope, and
8 Councilman Skaramuca were all present. Councilman Wood and Councilman Bryson were present via
9 conference call.

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11 **STAFF PRESENT:** Police Chief Vance, Fire Chief Rux, Public Works Director Olden, Forester Hiner, City
12 Attorney Coker and Deputy Clerk Lillegard were present.

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14 **APPROVAL OF BILLS:** Councilman Trimble presented the bills in the amount of \$104,896.85 for checks
15 #53254 to #53279. Councilman Trimble made a motion to approve the bills as audited which was
16 seconded by Councilman Hatley.

17 *Motion passed 7-0.*

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19 **PAYROLL:** Checks #40576 to #40583 in the amount of \$123,123.07.

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21 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The Mayor advised there was a correction in the minutes at line 56 and 57.
22 Councilman Trimble advised at line 61 it should read the Public Safety Committee not Public Works
23 Committee and Councilman Skaramuca advised at line it 150 should read Scotch Broom not Scotch
24 Bloom.

25 *Motion passed 7-0 for the minutes as corrected.*

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27 **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

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29 **Miles Longenbaugh**, 230 Dekay Road Hoquiam, board member for the Grays Harbor Public Hospital
30 District #2 and chair of the finance committee. Mr. Longenbaugh was concerned about the withdrawal
31 of Montesano from District #2. An email was sent just last week requesting this withdrawal. The board
32 was not aware of this until that email. The financial stability of the hospital is getting better and things
33 are turning around. Having a vote to de-annex Montesano would further hinder their efforts to financial
34 stability. If the district voters voted to remove Montesano, it would definitely jeopardize the ability of
35 the hospital to remain viable.

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37 **Trina Young**, 580 W. Beerbower Road, Elma expressed concern about the negative impact de-
38 annexation would have on the work force of the harbor and the big impact on the hospital both in the
39 aspect of the business they get and the funding. She had tried to find an agenda on line indicating this
40 resolution was being addressed and she could not find one. This is something that certainly deserves
41 more input from the labor community as well as the hospital.

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43 **Maryann Welch**, 1502 North River Road, Cosmopolis, Ms. Welch advised she chairs the board of the
44 Hospital District #2. She is disappointed the board did not have more opportunity to meet regarding
45 this. Advised this was something that took them by surprise and was concerned about the short time
46 frame for decision making on this. Grays Harbor Hospital provides services that Summit Pacific cannot
47 provide.

48 **Brad Wallace**, Montesano. Would not like Montesano to go with the district that Summit is in, he truly
49 believes in having a hospital in Grays Harbor. This type of move would financially impact the hospital
50 but also impact any expansion. Mr. Wallace shared a family experience. He feels the positive
51 experience his family had at Grays Harbor Community Hospital would not have been handled by Summit
52 Pacific. He wants to see the hospital flourish and clinics expand into Montesano.

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54 **PRESENTATION:**

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56 **SWEARING IN OF POLICE OFFICER JAMES WELLS**

57 Chief Vance introduced Officer James Wells and his family. Officer Wells, a nine year veteran out of
58 Hoquiam was then sworn in.

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60 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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62 **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

63 Councilman Trimble reported the committee met tonight at which time they discussed the new officer
64 and the upcoming retirement of Lt. Staten at the police department; the new ambulance should be
65 arriving in September and the new fire engine is anticipated in January; looking at updating the Civil
66 Service list for the fire department and paramedics as there are retirements coming up in the near
67 future.

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69 The Mayor advised the council the retirement get together for Lt. Staten is on September 19th at 2:00.

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71 **FLOOD AUTHORITY**

72 Councilman Wood reported the Flood Authority met and went through the small projects with
73 Montesano still being on the list for the west end flood relief project, they had some questions and
74 advised they would get a hold of Mike Olden; we are still in the running.

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76 **OLD BUSINESS**

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78 **HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN**

79 This was identified to be on the agenda at the last meeting however was omitted. Mayor Samuel asked
80 the council what their pleasure was as to addressing it this meeting or putting it on the agenda for the
81 next meeting. Councilman Trimble asked it be pushed to the next meeting. Fire Chief Rux advised this
82 would be okay.

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84 **NEW BUSINESS**

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86 **Bid rejection for bio-solids removal.**

87 PW Director Mike Olden advised the council we received three bids for the bio-solids removal. Two of
88 the three bids were deemed non-responsive because they did not pick up the latest information prior to
89 submitting their bid forms. The third bid was 95% over the engineer's estimate so we are choosing to
90 reject the bids and rebid it in the spring as part of some of the relocation work we have at the treatment
91 plant.

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93 Councilman Trimble made a motion to reject the bids for the bio-solids removal at the waste water
94 treatment plant. Councilman Skaramuca seconded the motion.

95 **DISCUSSION:** Councilwoman Cristobal asked the question as to if the two companies that were deemed
96 non-responsive were aware of this. Mike Olden responded to her questions regarding this.
97 *Motion passed 7-0.*
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99 **Bid Award for Waste Water Treatment Plant log jack installation**

100 Mike Olden explained we had received five bids for the log jacks with the low bid being submitted by
101 Sea Level Inc. A check on the qualifications of this company was done with no concerns being found.
102 Councilman Skaramuca made a motion to accept the bid from Sea Level for \$384,376.47 for the log jacks
103 at the treatment plant with a second from Councilman Cope.
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105 **DISCUSSION:** Councilman Wood wished to know where this leaves us with the available funds from the
106 flood authority with the projects left to be done. Mike Olden reported the bid is in the range we had
107 anticipated and is a good start. There will be more information at budget time. Councilman Hatley
108 asked questions about the variations in the bids and concerns they were bidding apples to apples. Mike
109 Olden advised this was somewhat normal depending on how busy businesses might be.
110 *Motion passed 7-0.*
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112 **ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS**

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114 **Resolution #942 Authorizing the City of Montesano to be withdrawn from the Grays Harbor Public**
115 **Hospital District 2 and the Mayor to negotiate annexation of the city into Grays Harbor Public Hospital**
116 **District 1.**
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118 The Mayor made the introduction, gave some background and added the history as to how the council
119 came to making this resolution. Mayor Samuel expressed her hope people could see this was an
120 opportunity to be a win for all of Grays Harbor. It allows her the authority to negotiate with Hospital
121 District # and #2; it is not saying district 1 or 2 has to do anything, it is asking them to do something.
122 There may be quantifiable loss but there will certainly be a quantifiable gain if we are able to bring more
123 medical services to Montesano and Grays Harbor.
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125 Councilman Trimble made a motion to adopt Resolution #942 which was seconded by Councilman
126 Hatley.
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128 **DISCUSSION:** Councilman Trimble added he looked at this as a way of going forward into the future. It
129 is something we as a council have had on our list to address since last October/November. This is not a
130 reactionary decision; it is something that has been in discussion for a while.
131 *Motion passed 7-0.*
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133 **Resolution #943 Honoring Dale Green for his service with the City of Montesano Civil Service**
134 **Commission.**

135 Councilman Trimble made a motion to adopt Resolution #943 with the correction of date from July 2018
136 to August 28, 2018. Councilman Cope made a second to the motion.
137 *Motion passed 7-0.*
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142 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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144 **Maryann Welch** commented that while listening to the discussion on the resolution, Mayor Samuel
145 made comments regarding 18 months of discussion looking at all options. It was apparent there was no
146 discussion with the hospital representatives or the district board over the last 18 months. No options
147 were explored. She advised there are changes that are happening in the way they provide services
148 which will result in better financial stability. Volume is what is needed to survive and thrive to provide
149 all the services.

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151 **Brad Wallace** commented if just one clinic is moved out of Montesano that would be 25% of the critical
152 services the hospital provides. He is not sure where the 18 months of discussion was at and feels this
153 would be a loss to the entire harbor.

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155 **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

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157 **Councilman Hatley** –Thanked Dale Green for his service on the Civil Service Commission; thinks the
158 resolution to move forward with the hospital district change will be a good move no matter which way it
159 goes, this opens it up for conversation and discussion.

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161 **Councilwoman Cristobal**-Thank you to the chamber for the Full Monte Celebration; City wide garage
162 sale the prior weekend was a great benefit to the community.

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164 **Councilman Trimble** –Offered congratulations to Officer Wells and to Dale Green.

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166 **Councilman Wood**- Thank you to Dale Green for all his years of service to the community; thank you to
167 the Church of God who sponsored a portion of the Full Monte program; commented on Resolution #942
168 and what exactly it does; grants authority to the mayor to negotiate. We need a new clinic; it doesn't
169 matter whether it is District 1 or 2. This will be the place people come if a major earthquake or tsunami
170 happens.

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172 **Councilman Cope** –Welcome to Officer Wells, farewell to Dale Green and it looks like we have identified
173 the major topic in the Montesano area and he looks forward to a rigorous discussion in the next couple
174 of months.

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176 **Councilman Bryson** – No comments.

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178 **Councilman Skaramuca**- Welcome to Officer Wells; commented on how this is a tough conversation
179 that will make things better but not cause harm. This resolution allows us to look at which direction we
180 need to go.

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182 **MAYOR'S COMMENTS**- Addressed Councilman Woods comment about the tax revenue versus the total
183 budget revenue; is in negotiations with the Kiwanis to store their booth at one of the city's facilities;
184 addressed the history concerning negotiations with Hospital District 2 for an expanded clinic program in
185 2016. If we partner up, this could be a win win situation. We all have to be at the table with common
186 vision and common purpose.

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189 **ADJOURNMENT:**

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191 Motion was made by Councilman Hatley to adjourn the meeting with a second by Councilman Cristobal.

192 *Motion passed 7-0*

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194 Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

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196 Kim Lillegard, Deputy Clerk

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198 Recording available.

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