

**Montesano City Council Meeting Minutes
September 27, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at
Montesano City Hall**

1 **Mayor Vini Samuel, Presiding**
2 **Meeting was called to order by Mayor at 7:00 p.m.**

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4 **FLAG CEREMONY** – Pledge of Allegiance

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6 **COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dave Skaramuca, Chris Hutchings, Ian Cope, Dan Wood, and Tyler
7 Trimble.

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9 **ABSENT:** Nikki King – Motion was made by Cope to excuse King from the meeting and seconded
10 by Wood. **Motion Passed 5-0 Vote.** City Attorney Coker - Excused by Mayor Samuel

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12 **RESIGNATION:** Lori Benedict resigned from city council on 9/18/2016.

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14 **STAFF PRESENT:** Police Chief Brett Vance, Forester Loren Hiner, Public Works Director Rocky Howard,
15 Fire Chief Corey Rux, CFO Doug Streeter , Deputy City Clerk Debbie Wisdom

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17 **AGENDA CHANGES:** Councilman Wood requested that informational only items regarding his
18 proposed amendments to the Municipal Code be added to the agenda under new business. None
19 opposed. Mayor added Hearing Examiner & Campgrounds under new business on the agenda.

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21 **APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

22 Trimble presented bills totaling \$445,080.04 for Check #'s 51849-51886. Trimble made a motion to
23 approve the bills as audited and was seconded by Wood. **Motion Passed 5-0**

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25 Payroll - \$80,142.64 Check #'s 39649-39677

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27 **MEETING MINUTES APPROVED:**

28 Motion to approve minutes as written for September 13, 2016 was made by Trimble and seconded by
29 Cope. **Motion Passed 5-0 Vote**

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31 **PUBLIC COMMENT:** John McCann, 419 S. 3rd, Montesano, WA stated he is hearing impaired and
32 requests that those speaking during the meetings try to face him when possible and speak louder. He
33 also reported that citizens that have purchased hunting and fishing licenses through the state that their
34 information have been compromised due to computer hacking of the system.

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36 **Mayor's proclamation:** The Mayor read her Proclamation to declare October 2016 as Domestic Violence
37 Month in the City of Montesano into record. Representatives of the Domestic Violence Center of Grays
38 Harbor were present and the Mayor stated she appreciates this opportunity recognize domestic
39 violence and the damage it does and thanked them for all the work they do.

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41 **PRESENTATION:** The Washington State Department of Ecology gave a presentation on Chehalis Basin
42 Strategy-Challenges and Opportunities regarding flooding.

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44 **COMMITTEE REPORTS:** NONE

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Beacon Park Status – Irrigation, top soil and seeding projects are complete and plants are ordered. Further work will be done in the spring. The Soccer Club is working on acquiring additional funding.

Wi Fi Roll Out – The system is up and running but there has been issues with rain causing issues with the equipment. Jason Manley of Public Works has been making repairs.

NEW BUSINESS:

Council Seat Vacancy – Councilwoman Benedict resigned from council on 9/19/16 due to change of employment. Discussion held. The vacancy will be advertised in the press and on the City’s Website and Facebook Page. The deadline for applications will be midnight on October 20, 2016. Applications will then be emailed to the council on October 21, 2016 with the council packet.

Police Contract Renewal – Motion to authorize the Mayor to sign a 1 year roll over agreement of the current Police CBA with a 2% wage increase only with no other changes to the current terms was made by Trimble and seconded by Wood. Discussion held. **Motion Passed 5-0**

Fire/EMS Contract Renewal – Motion to authorize the Mayor to sign a 1 year roll over agreement of the current Fire/EMS CBA with a 2% wage increase only with no other changes to the current terms was made by Trimble and seconded by Skaramuca. Discussion held. **Motion Passed 5-0**

2017 Budget Update/Timeline – CFO Doug Streeter gave a 2017 budget timeline and update. It will be ready internally by October 7th and for the public by October 25th. Hearings are scheduled for November 8th and 22nd. Discussion held.

Wood Proposed Amendments to Code – Wood handed out packets regarding proposal to amend the Montesano Municipal Code (MMC) definition and allowable use (length of stay) of campgrounds (RV Parks) in the City of Montesano and proposal to amend the provisions of MMC related to the hearing examiner process. Discussion ensued. These items will be placed on the 10/11/16 council agenda for introduction. Notification will be given to the City Attorney, Planning Commission, Hearing Examiner and those property owners that would be affected because this could lead to significant change.

ORDINANCE: Willis Annexation – Paul Willis in his capacity as managing member of Woods at Sylvia Creek, LLC petitioned for annexation to the City of approximately 19.36 acres with a total assessed value of \$48,000.00. Wood made a motion to approve annexation as proposed by Willis and was seconded by Skaramuca. Discussion held. **Motion Passed 4 Yay-1 Nay Hutchings.** This will now go before the Grays Harbor County Boundary Review Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Angela Chung representing Monte Square Enterprises commented in regards to Campground (RV Park) definition. Discussion ensued.
John McCann commented on how individual residency can be established overnight and thus makes it difficult to remove them from the property.

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MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Hutchings-Thank you to Becky Scott, recently retired president of the youth soccer club, for her years of service and dedication that was and is so beneficial to our youth and community.

Cope- He dittos Hutchings thank you to Becky Scott. Also a thank you to Mr. Pitt for his time on the Parks Board and thank you to the Deputy City Clerk's for their help to him and all customers. He wishes a happy & safe MHS Homecoming to all.

Trimble – Thanks for bringing proposed code amendments discussion forward.

Wood – Thank you to Lori Benedict for stepping up for even a short time as a council person. Realizes his proposed code amendments have deficiencies and discussion is needed but hopes to trigger good discussion and results. He is pleased with the progress being made on demolition and abatement properties.

Mayor – Sale of Mary's River Lumber fell through and they plan to move forward with liquidation process. She will be meeting with Mary's River next week in regards to their lease with the City.

Also, she is in discussion with parks user groups to develop Memo of Understandings regarding use and maintenance of fields (Little League, Soccer, and School District).

Motion to adjourn was made by Trimble and seconded by Wood.

Motion Passed 4 Yay -1 Nay Hutchings

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Debbie Wisdom – Deputy City Clerk

Recording Available