

**Montesano City Council Meeting Minutes
April 26, 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 Pat Herrington, Councilman Chris Hutchings, Councilman
7 David Skaramuca, Councilwoman Nikki King, Councilman Dan Wood, Councilman Trimble and
8 Councilman Cope.

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10 **STAFF PRESENT:** Police Chief Brett Vance, Fire Chief Corey Rux, Public Works Lead Kevin Hegel, Public
11 Works Director Rocky Howard, Chief Financial Officer Doug Streeter and City Attorney Chris Coker.

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13 **APPROVAL OF BILLS:** Councilman Trimble presented bills totaling \$85,620.97. Motion was made by
14 Councilman Trimble to approve the bills and seconded by Councilman Herrington. *Motion passed 7-0*
15 vote.
16 Payroll \$232,432.38 for checks #'s 39435-39472.

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18 **MEETING MINUTES APPROVED:** Motion to approve the April 12, 2016 council meeting minutes as
19 corrected was made by Councilman Trimble and seconded by Councilman Wood. *Motion passed 7-0*
20 vote.

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22 **PUBLIC COMMENT: Peggy Schultz** of Montesano addressed the Council regarding the recent
23 announcement eliminating a position and laying off another. Discussion ensued

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25 **JoAnn Yost** from the Chehalis Valley Historical Society addressed the Council regarding the upcoming
26 Clemons Tree Farm Anniversary and voiced her support for Community Wi-Fi. She would also like to see
27 the signal expanded to include the museum.

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29 **Eddie Jarvis** of McCleary addressed the Council regarding the recent announcement eliminating a
30 position and laying off another. Discussion ensued. He also felt the City should do something to
31 recognize the man portrayed in the book "Boys in the Boat" as he was from Montesano.

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33 **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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35 **Public Works**-No meeting

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37 **Forestry** – No meeting

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39 **Finance** – No meeting

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41 **Parks/Rec.** –No meeting

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43 **Public Safety** – No meeting

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45 **Personnel** – No meeting

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47 **MTO** – No meeting

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49 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Department of Ecology Administrative Order for Beacon Park was discussed.
50 There was a motion by Councilman Cope, seconded by Councilman Trimble to authorize the Mayor to
51 sign; discussion ensued around the action plan. It was determined more information was needed so the
52 motion and the second were withdrawn. Public Works Director Rocky Howard was directed to get more
53 information on the issue from Gibbs and Olson and the Department of Ecology.

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55 A contract for Information Technology (IT) services was introduced, discussion ensued. Councilman
56 Herrington moved to authorize Mayor Samuel to sign the contract, Councilman Cope seconded the
57 motion, *Motion passed 7-0 vote.*

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59 The school zone light on Third Street near Simpson School was discussed. Chief Vance report the sight
60 distance was adequate, discussion ensued.

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62 **NEW BUSINESS:** Council Vacancy, Councilman Wood distributed a proposed timeline to fill the seat
63 vacated with Councilman Herrington's resignation. Discussion ensued

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65 Public Works Director Howard introduced the possibility of the City receiving STP funds for the East
66 Pioneer project and discussed process and timelines. Councilman Wood requested more specific
67 financial information for the next Council meeting.

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69 A memorandum of understanding between the City and Five Star dealerships was discussed by Mayor
70 Samuel regarding Wi-Fi sponsorship. Discussion ensued. Councilman Herrington moved to authorize the
71 Mayor to draft a memorandum of understanding, the motion was seconded by Councilman Cope,
72 *Motion passed 7-0 vote.*

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74 Mayor Samuel began a discussion around the status of the 2016 budget. CFO Doug Streeter gave a high
75 level review of the current state of the General Fund, discussion ensued. Councilman Trimble moved to
76 have a supplemental budget hearing at the May 24th meeting, seconded by Councilman Wood, *Motion*
77 *passed 7-0 Vote.*

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79 **PUBLIC COMMENT: Pam McElliott** of Montesano thanked Councilman Pat Herrington for his service on
80 Council.

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82 **Ken Estes** of Montesano thanked Councilman Pat Herrington for his service on Council.

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84 **Peggy Schultz** of Montesano had further questions around funding for the eliminated Clerks

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86 **Jon McCann** of Montesano voiced his support for the Wi-Fi initiative

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88 **Mayor Samuel** presented Councilman Herrington with a certificate of appreciation

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90 **COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

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92 **Councilman Wood** – Thanked Pat Herrington for his service and his dedication to the City.

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94 **Councilwoman King** – Thanked Pat Herrington for his service on Council, thanked Public Works and
95 Kevin Hegel for their work on the cross-walk. Thanked the Mayor for her work.

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97 **Councilman Skaramuca** – Wished Pat Herrington well.

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99 **Councilman Trimble** – No comment.

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101 **Councilman Cope**-Thanked Pat Herrington for his work and wished him well. Thanked Mayor Samuel for
102 her work, also discussed the current budget situation. Looking forward to working through the Council
103 opening.

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105 **Councilman Hutchings** –Thanked Pat Herrington for his service, always appreciated the conversations
106 over the years.

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108 **Councilman Herrington** – Thank the citizens of Montesano for their confidence over the years. Thanked
109 the Department Heads for all the work they have done. Thanked City Staff, a lot of good people at the
110 City, highlighted Police and Fire for their efforts. Talked about the current staffing and lay-offs at the
111 City, thoughts are with those losing their jobs. Talked to Council about their duty to represent all
112 citizens of Montesano not just the vocal few. He also had comments for the Vidette.

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114 **MAYORS COMMENTS:** No comment

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116 Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Cope and seconded by Councilman Trimble.

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118 Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

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120 Doug Streeter, CFO/City Clerk
121 Recording Available.