

**Montesano City Council Meeting Minutes  
June 14, 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:** Chris Hutchings, Dave Skaramuca, Dan Wood, Tyler Trimble, Nikki King  
7 and Ian Cope.

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9 **STAFF PRESENT:** Police Chief Brett Vance, Forester Loren Hiner, Public Works Director Rocky Howard,  
10 Fire Chief Corey Rux, Public Works Lead Kevin Hegel, CFO Doug Streeter and City Attorney Chris Coker.

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12 Mayor clarified that the action expected following the executive session regarding the city council  
13 position is a vote to appoint. Hutchings requested to add the Tech Committee under Committee  
14 Reports. No objections.

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16 **APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

17 Trimble presented bills totaling \$54,177.97 for January Check #'s 51642-51675. Trimble made a motion  
18 to approve the bills and was seconded by Wood to accept the bills. Motion Passed 6-0 Vote

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20 Payroll - \$199,023.74

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22 **MEETING MINUTES APPROVED:**

23 Motion to approve minutes for May 24, 2016 was made by Wood and seconded by Trimble with the  
24 correction on the resolution number. Motion Passed 6-0 Vote

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26 **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

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28 Paul Willis – Concerns regarding the proposed Shoreline Master Program Update (SMPU) rezoning  
29 suggested by the Dept. of Ecology (DOE). He would like the City to turn down or modify the proposed  
30 DOE zoning overlay.

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32 Mr. Mark Horton, Consultant for Paul Willis – He has submitted comments/questions in writing. His  
33 main concerns are in regards to the DOE's proposed overlay of existing zoning. He would like the city to  
34 keep their options open.

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36 Doug Iverson – The information he received from the City regarding the City's free Wi-Fi program raised  
37 more questions than give answers and wants a public workshop. The Mayor agreed to meet and discuss  
38 this and his concerns this upcoming Monday.

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40 William Stewart – He has submitted comments/questions in writing. He has concerns that the DOE  
41 proposed zoning overlay will lock up potential future development and jobs and would like the City to  
42 turn down or modify the proposed DOE zoning overlay

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44 Al Smith – Concurs with Willis & Stewart and encourages the City to proceed with caution.

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46 **PRESENTATION:** Tammie Perreault, Chair of Washington Tree Farm Program

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Public Works Committee:** Hegel and Howard were also present at the committee meeting. Skaramuca reported they discussed the City's fluoride levels testing equipment was discussed. Water District Superintendent Sam Martin has concerns our test equipment will not be able to adequately measure the new level requirements. Skaramuca also reported the City is to receive a TIB grant in the amount of \$9,205.00 for LED Street Lights. The new lights will produce a 73.3 percent savings in wattage. The Committee has also presented the 6 Year Street Plan.

**Tech Committee:** Chris Hutchings reported on the Free Wi-Fi project. Looking at terms: use at their own risk with a 90 minute per day per device limit. The city network will be protected; they have a separate Wi-Fi and fire wall.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**General Fund Budget:** Discussion was held. CFO Doug Streeter stated the budget is conservative in nature. Cell tower lease negotiations are in process and an increase in revenue is expected. A percentage of the of police department costs to patrol the city forest is being restored back into the forest budget. Increases in utility taxes from the PUD are expected. The Mayor requests that the Council take a deep look at the general fund now. Any questions should be brought to Streeter before the vote at the next meeting. Budget review for fire, ambulance and water will follow.

**Beacon Park Plan Mitigation:** Funds have been reserved for mitigation purposes. Discussion held. Restoration deadline is October 1, 2016 due to storm water. Motion to give the Mayor permission to sign the revised administrative order with DOE concerning Beacon Park was made by Skaramuca and seconded by Cope. Motion Passed 6-0 Vote

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Beacon Park:** Approval to go to bid for Beacon Park Mitigation Plan was requested. Discussion ensued. Motion to approve the city to go to bid for the Beacon Park Mitigation Plan was made by Trimble and seconded by Cope. Motion Passed 6-0 Vote

**City Council Interviews:** Interviews were held to fill the vacant position left open after Councilman Herrington resigned. There were two applicants, Lori Benedict & Randy Bachtell. Mayor Samuel introduced the applicants and each candidate gave an introduction about themselves and their qualifications. Each current council member asked questions of the applicants. Hutchings made a motion to appoint Benedict and it was seconded by Cope. Discussion ensued. Wood requested an executive session be held before a vote is taken. Cope removed his second causing the motion to die. Hutchings stated he would not be attending the executive session. Council went into **executive session** at 8:23 p.m. for 10 minutes. Council returned at 8:33 p.m. and the meeting was called back to order. Hutchings made a motion to appoint Benedict and it was seconded by Cope. Discussion was held. Motion Passed - 5 Yea and 1 Nay

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95 **ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:**

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97 Proposed Ordinance to adopt the Shoreline Master Program Update (SMPU) as recommended by the  
98 Planning Commission. The Mayor introduced city SMPU consultant Brad Medrud of AHBL. Brad gave an  
99 overview of the SMPU and the process taken. In addition to the city consultant, a Citizen Advisory  
100 Committee and the Planning Commission helped complete the recommended draft. Discussions,  
101 questions and answers followed. The Mayor, Council and public's biggest concern is the DOE's zoning  
102 overlay that would change the City's existing zoning. This would remove much of the Industrial Zone of  
103 which the City has little. It came down to the City Council having three choices - 1) Reject the SMPU  
104 2) Recommend an amended plan including significant justification or 3) Accept the SMPU as  
105 recommended by the Planning Commission. The Mayor & Council chose to recommend choice #2. The  
106 Mayor directed the Council and Public to submit recommendations with justification to herself &/or  
107 Rocky Howard with a firm deadline of 8:00 a.m. on June 22, 2016. If recommendations are received they  
108 will be forwarded to Brad Medrud, if none are received the SMPU will be adopted as recommended by  
109 the Planning Commission at the June 28, 2016 council meeting.

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111 **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

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113 **Loren Hiner** – Reported there was excellent volunteer participation at the Trail Appreciation Day.

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115 **MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

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117 **Wood** – Thanked the Council for the thoughtful discussion of the SMPU.

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119 **King** – Thank you to Paul Willis, Mark Horton & Bill Stewart for their input tonight regarding the SMPU.

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121 **Trimble** – Feels SMPU has issues. Thank you to the Planning Commission and City Consultant Brad  
122 Medrud for all their work on the SMPU. Welcomed and congratulated Lori Benedict for her  
123 appointment to the City Council.

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125 **Cope**- Good discussion on the SMPU and appreciates the input by Willis & Stewart. Welcomes Lori  
126 Benedict to the council. Appreciates the work the Public Works crew is doing on the project at the  
127 tennis courts on Third Street.

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129 **Hutchings**- Thank you to Randy Bachtell and Congratulations to Lori Benedict.

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131 **Skaramuca** - Welcomes Lori Benedict to the Council. Thank you to all for their comments and discussion  
132 regarding the SMPU.

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134 **Mayor** – Thank you to Streeter for his work on the cell tower lease, Brad Medrud for his work on the  
135 SMPU, and Police and Fire Chiefs for their work on the Cascadia Rising Drills.

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137 **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

138 South Bay litigation, council left at 9:50 p.m. and returned at 10:00 p.m.  
139 Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

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141 Debbie Wisdom – Deputy City Clerk

**Recording Available**