Mayor Trimble Presiding

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Trimble called the meeting of November 12, 2024 to order at 7:00 P.M.

FLAG CEREMONY - Pledge of Allegiance

AMENDED AGENDA – The Mayor would like to amend the agenda and add Ordinance #1669 – First Reading – General Obligation Bond Ordinance. Councilman Bryson made a motion to approve the amended agenda with a second made by Councilman Cope.

Motion passed 7-0

ROLL CALL - Councilman Skaramuca, Councilman Bryson, Councilman Cope, Councilwoman Jester, Councilman Caryl, Councilman Roth, and Councilwoman Thomas were all present.

STAFF PRESENT – Deputy Clerk Cielo Sanchez, CFO Gretchen Sagen, Chief of Police Bob Wilson, Fire Chief Dave Busz, Public Works Director Mike Olden, Forester John Bull and City Attorney Chris Coker (via cell phone).

APPROVAL OF BILLS – There was a motion made by Councilman Roth to approve the bills as audited with a second made by Councilwoman Jester.

Total amount of approved bills as audited for the time period of 10/23/2024 to 11/12/2024 is $417,793.73.

Motion passed 7-0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - There was a motion made by Councilwoman Thomas to approve the minutes from the previous meeting with a second made by Councilman Skaramuca.

Motion passed 7-0 with no corrections

INTRODUCTION – Chief Busz introduced two new additions to the Montesano Fire Department. Henry Patterson who is a Fire Fighter/ Paramedic and a provisional hire, Spencer Coleman who is an EMT/ Fire Fighter.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Pat (Zeigler) Bossard – Wynoochee Valley – She wanted to thank Mayor Trimble for being a part of the Zoom meeting between the County Commissioners and the Board of Trustee's for the Timberland Regional Library. She was informed that the actual refresh of the Montesano TRL is not supposed to start until the beginning of 2025 so she is not sure why they have already started removing shelves and books. She also wished everyone Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas.

PUBLIC HEARING – Ad Valorem Tax Levy – Mayor Trimble opening the Public Hearing at 7:10 P.M. Mayor Trimble closed the Public Hearing at 7:10 P.M. with no comments.

PUBLIC HEARING - Preliminary 2025 budget - Mayor Trimble opening the Public Hearing at 7:11 P.M. Mayor Trimble closed the Public Hearing at 7:11 P.M. with no comments.

APPROVED

COMMITTEE REPORTS –

Councilman Cope – The Forestry Committee met today and went over the 2025 Activity Report from Forester John Bull.

Councilman Skaramuca – The Public Works Committee met and went over several items. They discussed different options for obtaining income for the general fund and they seem to keep circling back to a sales tax increase.

OLD BUSINESS – There is none.

NEW BUSINESS –

2025 Greater Grays Harbor Services Agreement – There was a motion made by Councilman Cope for the Mayor to sign the 2025 Greater Grays Harbor Services Agreement with a second made by Councilwoman Jester.

Discussion was held.
Motion passed 7-0

Interlocal Agreement for Fire Marshal Services - There was a motion made by Councilman Bryson for the Mayor to sign the Interlocal Agreement for Fire Marshal Services with a second made by Councilwoman Thomas.

Motion passed 7-0

WSDOT Mutual Aid Agreement – Emergency Declarations - There was a motion made by Councilman Bryson for the Mayor to sign the WSDOT Mutual Aid Agreement – Emergency Declarations with a second made by Councilwoman Jester.

Motion passed 7-0

WSDOT Mutual Aid Agreement – Non Emergency Declarations - There was a motion made by Councilman Bryson for the Mayor to sign the WSDOT Mutual Aid Agreement – Non Emergency Declarations with a second made by Councilman Roth.

Motion passed 7-0

Easement for Waterline – There was a motion made by Councilwoman Thomas for the Mayor to sign the Easement for Waterline with Junior Razon with a second made by Councilman Skaramuca.

Discussion was held.
Motion passed 7-0

APPROVED

ORDINANCE –

Ordinance #1666 - 2025 Ad Valorem Tax Levy - First Reading

Ordinance #1667 – 2025 Budget. - First Reading

Ordinance #1668 – Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance - First Reading

Ordinance #1669 – General Obligation Bond Ordinance – New Medic Unit - First Reading

RESOLUTIONS –

Resolution #1017 – **2025 LeMay Sanitation Rate Increase** - There was a motion made by Councilman Bryson for the Mayor to sign Resolution #1017 – 2025 LeMay Sanitation Rate Increase with a second made by Councilman Skaramuca.

Discussion was held.
Motion passed 7-0

Resolution #1018 – Public Records Act – Procedures & Policy - There was a motion made by Councilman Roth for the Mayor to sign Resolution #1018 – Public Records Act – Procedures and Policy with a second made by Councilman Caryl.

Motion passed 7-0

PUBLIC COMMENT – There is none.

COUNCIL COMMENT –

Councilman Skaramuca – Reminder to everyone one to batten down the hatches because the wind is going to blow tonight.

Councilman Bryson – Thank you Chief Busz for bringing in the new Fire Fighters. It is really nice to see who is joining our community. There is a lot of progress happening at Lake Sylvia aside from the share of bad weather. The bridge looks great. He thinks we will all be very happy with the outcome of the new sidewalks.

Councilman Cope – Congrats to our new Cross Country State Champion, Hailey Schweppe. Monte soccer is at home tomorrow. Monte Football will be at home on Saturday. He encourages everyone to get out and support our young athletes. Alec Pugh's service will be held this Sunday at the Montesano High School Gym.

Councilwoman Jester – No Comment

Councilman Caryl – He is very excited for the football game this weekend against Omak. He was born and raised in Omak.

APPROVED

Councilman Roth – Thank you to CFO Sagen and all of the department heads for the work on the budgets. The five year plans are fantastic and great information to help the council make decisions moving forward.

Councilwoman Thomas – No Comment

Mayor Trimble- When Alec Pugh came to Montesano he did not know a soul in this town. Being that he was a part of the Montesano School Family, he was also a part of the Trimble Family. Alec was the person that would say yes to anything. He was the type of person who would not shy away from telling someone when they were wrong but also would tell someone when they were right. There are a lot of great things that have happened at the school because of him and the school is forever grateful to him. Alec embraced Montesano like it was his own hometown and that is a true testament of what this community really does to bring people together. Mayor Trimble spent many hours, days and months with Alec. He was with the Trimble Family for many vacations. This loss has been very difficult for Mayor Trimble and especially for his father who worked with Alec for 20 years and they were very close friends. He did attend the County Commissioners meeting today and listened to the Timberland Regional Library update from Mr. Loop. Mayor Trimble did make a public comment in the meeting expressing his excitement for Mr. Loop to be attending one of our meetings in 2025.

ADJOURNMENT – There was a motion made by Councilman Cope to adjourn the meeting with a second made by Councilman Bryson.

Motion passed 7-0

Mayor Trimble closed the meeting at 7:50 P.M.

Cielo Sanchez, Deputy Clerk
Recording available.

APPROVED