

# City of Cosmopolis

Workshop Minutes  
April 20, 2011

Mayor Vickie L Raines presided

Councilmembers Present: Jim Ancich, Carl Sperring, Debbi Moran and Karen Cox

Staff Present: Finance Director Kathy Welch, Attorney Stephen Hyde, and Public Works Director Raines

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Mayor Raines called the workshop to order.

## **Water Contract**

Public Works Director said that the City of Aberdeen water contract will be sent to us as soon as Aberdeen Public Works Director Larry Bledsoe gets back. Darrin said that Bledsoe has proposed a \$750 tap fee that would go to Aberdeen for every new connection in Cosmopolis. We do not think we should have to pay for this as Aberdeen only provides water to the City limits. They do not do anything for our infrastructure. Darrin said that he is going to ask the Department of Health about this.

Darrin also said that when the water tower was built, Cosmopolis, got a grant for \$100,000 to help build it. We were the only ones on meter at the time and therefore; Aberdeen was not eligible to apply. We also provided the land that the tower is built on. The land is in the City of Cosmopolis.

Aberdeen would like a 24 month opt out agreement on our new contract. Darrin thinks this is a little excessive and would like to see this opt out at 12 months or less. Mayor Raines said that she would like to see a reasonable time frame for Aberdeen to notify us about rate increases. The Public Works Committee will meet on this proposed contract.

Jim Ancich asked if it was legal to charge the tap fee.

Debbi Moran said she feels that this extra fee may inhibit growth in Cosmopolis. Mayor Raines said it is a matter of principal that Aberdeen feels they can charge us whatever they want.

## **Downtown Corridor**

Darrin said the estimate is pushed back a week from Friday, we are waiting on final plans with ramp details.

We also have an issue at F Street on the back side of the sidewalk the old police facility encroaches in the right-of-way. We need to do some sort of deed of right of way. Steve Hyde said we would grant a permanent easement.

Darrin said they are looking at a new type of blind crossing device that is voice activated.

Darrin reported that the existing light standards can be retrofitted so we can have outlets in them. We also are looking at not putting trees on the other side of First Street to protect the sidewalks. We can save about \$10,400 by not putting in the trees.

At E Street, the Cosmo truck entrance will have the center island taken out to allow cleaner ingress and egress for the truck traffic. There will probably be a stop sign on the mill side on private property for their outgoing trucks and a stop bar.

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Finance Director

Attest:

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Mayor





