

**City of Cosmopolis**  
Regular Council Meeting  
April 18, 2012

Mayor Vickie L Raines presided

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

Staff Present: Finance Director Kathy Welch, Attorney Stephen Hyde, Police Chief, Casey Stratton, Fire Chief Al Burrows and Public Works Director Darrin Raines

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Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Mayor Vickie L. Raines.

It was moved by Debbi Moran and seconded by Carl Sperring to approve the Agenda with the removal of item "A" under new business.

It was moved by Frank Chestnut and seconded by Carl Sperring to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of minutes of March 21, 2012 meeting and Claims Vouchers 17766 through 17868 in the amount of \$34,315.62.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Legislative** – Carl Sperring reported that legislators passed a budget. Everybody took a hit with this budget.

**Public Safety** – Councilman Sperring reported they met for contract discussions for the Police Department. Mayor Raines said the contract has been modified and sent back to union. The committee also discussed an ordinance for a contract with the Fire Department they are working on to meet the Auditor's requirements.

**Public Works** – Councilman Ancich reported that they met and discussed surplus items. The compost program has also been restarted on Saturday's and Sunday's. Darrin discussed chip sealing with the committee.

**Park and Recreation** – Councilman Chestnut discussed Volunteer Clean-up Day. He thought we could send out a flyer asking volunteers to meet, Mayor recommends Fire Hall. After clean-up we can have a barbeque like we did last year. This would be a nice once a year community event. Frank said that the Park Advisory Board has expressed interest in doing some fund raisers to purchase equipment for Franklin Park. They want to have Festival if City will fund the entire event.

**Council of Government** – Frank said that they had a quiet meeting with just the normal staff reports.

### **CITY OFFICIAL REPORTS**

**Attorney** – Attorney Hyde thanked Mayor and Council for the security at the Court house.

**Police** – Chief Stratton thanked public works crew for the good job on the security door they installed separating Court and Police. Security cameras have also been installed. Mayor Raines said that the City is going to use a bailiff for security during court. We will hire a reserve officer by the hour for Court. She said that she appreciates Attorney Hyde's suggestion to do this. Chief Stratton thanked his daughter Page Stratton, and Loren Martin and Jestin Peterson hand scrubbed the head stones at the cemetery. It took them most of the day. He is really proud of all three of them. Chief Stratton said the old forensic software did not meet the minimum requirement for the new equipment. Chief Stratton is requesting \$2500 from drug seizure money to purchase new software. Casey explained that 78% of the equipment use can be tied to drug arrests and investigations. On duly carried motion by Debbi Moran and seconded by Frank Chestnut Chief Stratton has permission to spend \$2500 for new software, 78% of which will come from drug seizure money and the other 22% will be absorbed in his budget.

**Fire** – Fire Chief Burrows said the department did not receive a FEMA grant for a new truck. We have two more fire recruits that graduated, Brandon Burrows and Joe Kalisch. Al thanked Corey Daniels for donating the old Misitano house on First Street for practice for the firemen.

**Public Works** – Darrin said that they opened the compost program last weekend. It runs 9-1 on Saturday and Sunday. We budgeted \$5500 for the program. We will review it later in the season to see if we can possibly expand it. Spring clean-up will be May 5 8-4 at LeMay's. Vouchers can be obtained at City Hall. Darrin said that after discussing research for water source, he said that Gibbs and Olson can do preliminary research and report for \$7500. On duly carried motion by Frank Chestnut and seconded by Carl Sperring Council approved expenditure. Darrin requests permission to surplus the Nissan Pathfinder, the John Deere mower and the road grader with minimum bid of \$350, \$150 and \$2500 respectively. On duly carried motion by Debbi Moran and seconded by Frank Chestnut surplus items and minimum bid approved. They will be advertised and sealed bids received until May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Raines showed samples of City logo and asked Council to put their preference in numerical order. She also told public present to mark their preferences. Mayor said that Festival would be at the School this year. Debbi said they intended to do a survey at the Festival asking attendees and vendors their preference for next year. Mayor Raines said that we need to rename it if we have it at the school. Frank said that it will cost \$4000 to \$4200. We budgeted \$1500 and Mayor Raines said that she will try to get \$3500 in donations. We need to set a new date for city wide clean up. June 9<sup>th</sup> from 8-1. Flyers will be sent out. Mayor Raines said that the City purchased new chairs for the Council and staff (old ones were over 40 years old and falling apart.) She said they retail for \$150 and we were able to get them for \$90 apiece. They are the same type that the Port of Grays Harbor just purchased. Mayor Raines said that the AWC Conference is in Vancouver June 19-22. Anyone interested in attending can contact City Hall. The Mayors held a Wild Olympics meeting March 30<sup>th</sup>. Councilmen Sperring and Chestnut attended. The Mayors will set up a meeting for the public to come and listen to proponents and opponents Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at the Bishop Center, Grays Harbor College.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Ordinance No. 1258 – Amending budget – Police Department**

Attorney Hyde read Ordinance #1258 amending police budget in its entirety and on duly carried motion by Carl Sperring and seconded by Debbi Moran ordinance No. 1258 passed.

**B. Final Plat approval – Mill Creek Estates**

Bruce Emery, Green Crow planner, said that the paving is not done, but they hope to have Lakeside here as soon as possible. The appropriate bond will be posted if the paving cannot be done in time. We still have not received certified letters from GH PUD, Comcast and Century Link. On duly carried motion by Carl Sperring and seconded by Debbi Moran final approval is granted on contingency of receipt of letters from utilities. Upon request from Attorney motion amended to add with receipt of clear title within 30 days of time of approval.

Bruce thanked City for approval of final plat.

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Finance Director

Attest:

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Mayor





