

City of Cosmopolis
Workshop
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, and Public Works Director Darrin Raines

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Mayor Vickie L. Raines.

Mike Olden, Gibbs and Olson Engineering was present to discuss alternate water sources for the City of Cosmopolis.

Darrin said that he would like to see us study our options to see if another route is feasible economically for our citizens. Our cost from Aberdeen keeps going higher . We would ask Gibbs and Olson for a scope of work, budget and report options.

Mike Olden said that we basically have two options for alternate water sources. We can look locally for water to drill for or we can pipe water from Montesano through the Central Water distribution system. The well option would be hit and miss as there is not a lot of data on past efforts to look into this. Staff will review our archives to see if they can come up with any information on past studies. The other option of piping the water across the river from Montesano would probably be the best option, but could cost as between 2 to 4 million dollars. Montesano has plenty of resources available to provide water to the City. Mayor Raines asked what would stop Montesano from doing the same thing to the rates as Aberdeen has done. Mike said that you make sure that you have long-term agreements in place to protect both cities. He said that financing for this type of project can be as low as 1 1/2 % interest for 20 years through DOH. If we can find our own ground source, the cost would be considerably less.

Frank asked if we haven't already done some of this leg work. Darrin said that there are some test wells on Cosi Hill and he will pull the research material we can find. We need to study all of our options and Darrin feels that Gibbs and Olson can help us to this.

Finance Director

Attest:

Mayor

