

City of Cosmopolis
Regular Council Meeting
May 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

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

Mayor Raines set the date for the Six-year Street Plan for June 13, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Raines acknowledged the attendance of Grays Harbor County Commissioner Herb Welch. As Mayor Raines noted, this is the first time she can remember a County Commissioner attending a regular Council meeting and thanked him for coming.

It was moved by Carl Sperring and seconded by Frank Chestnut to approve the Agenda.

It was moved by Carl Sperring and seconded by Debbi Moran to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of minutes of May 18, 2012 meeting and Claims Vouchers 179 through 17903 in the amount of \$.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Safety – Carl Sperring reported they had a short meeting to discuss the need for an ordinance to address vagrancy in Cosmopolis.

Park and Recreation – Debbi Moran said that the Park Committee met in April and discussed taking over a park at a time to try to upgrade them and maybe raise money for new equipment. The Young Mother's Club said they would like to help in this endeavor. Karl Harris, Aberdeen Park Director, was invited over to give the committee some do's and don'ts for the parks. Debbi said that they decided to have the Festival at the School. They said that the Park is not ready yet. They have five vendors signed up so far. Carl said he recalled that they would have booth at this year's Festival where people can mark their preference for location. Jim Ancich asked about the gazebo that needs to be repaired. Darrin said they are looking into options so we can get it repaired. The Parks committee asked for some money. Mayor Raines said the City budgeted \$1500 to be used to pay for city crew time for moving bleachers, cleaning up the area etc. not for entertainment and blow up toys. Mayor Raines said that she has spoken with several people who would like to see the Festival in the Park where it has been for years. Mayor Raines has received commitment from Cosmo for \$500, \$400 from Stafford Creek, sponsorship from JODESHA. She is still working on other sources of donations.

CITY OFFICIAL REPORTS

Police – Chief Stratton said that during the last three weeks they have removed six people who had set up residency on the dike. Casey would like to establish an ordinance that has some teeth in it that deals with vagrancy. He said that word on the street is that Cosmopolis is a great place to move. We asked that they move along and so far they have complied. We have removed a couple of camps in the past. Equipment requested for cars has been installed. Casey had been doing training solo, The Sheriff's Department joined him and he trained a couple of people so now they are back on track. They have 13 cases pending.

Public Works – Public Works Director Darrin Raines said the compost program is up and running and working good. We haul the material to Stafford Creek for a cheaper cost than LeMay. We have spent about \$2000 of the money we have budgeted, the majority of which went to purchase ecology blocks to contain the material.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Raines said early registration for AWC convention is due by this Friday. She said to let City Hall know if you are interested in attending. The June 20th Council meeting will be rescheduled to allow any Council members to attend the 19th through the 22nd.

Mayor Raines on behalf of City Council and Staff congratulated the City of Hoquiam for the pending sale and restart of Grays Harbor Paper and Hoquiam Plywood. The potential of having these businesses up and running again is a big thing for their community. Last meeting we had a request from Councilman Chestnut to provide a resolution to the Council in opposition of the Wild Olympics. A sample draft resolution has been presented to Council and City Attorney.

Steve will be review it and draft one for the City. Frank asked if we were going to have a workshop on this issue. Mayor Raines said prior to the June 13th meeting. She would like to have it reviewed prior to the meeting.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Carl Sperring asked if we had a report on City Clean Up Day. Darrin said that we had about 250-300 people sign up. Jim Ancich said that he heard we had about 80-100 people showed up. Mayor Raines asked why ours is only one day. Westport has the whole month, Aberdeen has a full week.

Mayor Raines reminded everyone about our Park clean up 9-1 June 9th. Meet at City Hall and you can go to the park of your choice. After we will have a barbeque at the Fire Hall. A sign up sheet will be available at City Hall and a flyer will go to the school for the kids to take home.

Debbi Moran asked about the progress of our web site. Mayor Raines said that she is waiting on the logo. The MY Space, the Facebook and web site is almost ready.

Mayor Raines thanked Harbor City Church came in yesterday for about six hours and cleaned the flowerbeds on First and Second Streets. They did an excellent job and were very much appreciated. Darrin said that about 12 people showed up. Mayor Raines said that they also came over last year.

Jim Ancich asked about surplus vehicles. Darrin said that the bid opening is next week.

AUDIENCE:

Don Beamish brought in a request to haul logs on city streets. He is a private forester and is representing Olympic Land Company. The logs are in the City of Aberdeen. Aberdeen has identified a number of infrastructures at the site that they are concerned about. They would haul out on Farragut to Franklin. Frank asked what the volume is. Mr. Beemish said about ¼ million board feet of Alder. About half of the 50 loads would come through Cosmopolis. The other would go out Holman and Lomax. Mr. Beamish said that they are working on a weather timeline so that they have the most ideal conditions. Councilman Ancich said that since Aberdeen is the one that will benefit from the tax revenue, the logs should be hauled on Aberdeen streets. He said that they have really nice streets up there that were paid for during the LID and does not want to see that jeopardized. Darrin said that we did allow Weyerhaeuser to haul down Stanford and we mitigated possible damage. We walked the roads ahead of time and Weyerhaeuser gave the City a lump sum of money to do this. Frank asked Councilman Ancich if we could take care of the mitigation issues would that be ok. Jim said that he thinks if the property is in Aberdeen then they should be hauled out in Aberdeen. Mayor Raines directed Councilman Ancich and Councilman Chestnut to go with public Works Director Raines to go and walk the property. They then will bring back their recommendation to Council.

Mayor Raines said that we would adjourn to Executive Session for about 30 minutes to discuss Contract Negotiations. No business will be conducted and we will come back to regular session at approximately 8:15p.m. Back in session 8:14 p.m. no further business. Meeting adjourned.

Finance Director

Attest:

Mayor

