

City of Cosmopolis
Regular Council Meeting
October 03, 2012

Mayor Vickie L. Raines presided

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

Staff Present: Finance Director Kathy Welch, Assistant Fire Chief Jerry Schreck, Deputy Police Chief Heath Layman. and Public Works Director Darrin Raines

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Mayor Vickie L. Raines. Mayor Raines noted Chief Stratton is excused.

Call to order

Mayor Raines introduced, Tim Gibbs, Executive Director of Greater Grays Harbor Inc. Tim explained some of the projects they have been working on this past year since they combined the Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Council. He said they are working on an energy efficient program and will have some hi tech tools available next month. Tim announced that Governor Gregoire will be here for the grand opening of Harbor paper. They have been updating their marketing campaign for the Harbor and have worked with local businesses, including Cosmo. Greater Grays Harbor played a significant role in obtaining \$110,000 in training funds that were needed to switch from one type of pulp production to a second, higher value added type of pulp. Tim said he would be glad to come back any time to talk with Council and Mayor.

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

Approval of agenda

It was moved by Debbi Moran and seconded by Carl Sperring to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of minutes of September 19, 2012 meeting and Claims Vouchers 18213 through 18248 in the amount of \$ 115,014.04. Debbi Moran noted for the record that Susie Brenenstahl was also at the City Clean up.

Consent agenda

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Park – Debbi Moran reported that the Park Committee met September 24th to go over their wish list for the parks. They went to the Planning Commission meeting Monday to present them with this list. Mr. and Mrs. Larry Smith attended both the Park Board and Planning Commission meeting to express their interest in getting trails improved at Mill Creek Park. They would like to see the foot bridge put back so they can complete the loop during their walks. Darrin said that the Mayor and him are meeting with HDR regarding the dam. Debbi asked if the City could get a banner that the date could be changed on, to put up advertising the City Clean Ups. The Park board thinks this will help draw more attention to the event and get more volunteers. Mayor Raines explained that the cost for the banner isn't the only consideration, the crew's time in putting up and taking down a banner that spans First Street costs would also have to be considered. Mayor Raines said that after review and speaking with the City Attorney, we have no provisions for removing a member from the Park Advisory Board. They serve until their term is up, or they resign. She reminded Debbi that the Board still is one member short.

Committee Reports

Council of Government – Frank Chestnut reported they met September 20. They received staff reports. The Quinault Indian Nation joined.

Greater Grays Harbor - Mayor Raines said that she and Public Works Director Darrin Raines went on the tour for Showcase Grays Harbor. One of the places they went was Seabrook. Mayor Raines said that a retreat, to include the Planning Commission, might be interesting. Casey Roloff, the developer of Seabrook, is willing to meet with our group and give his insight on how you would implement a theme for an area and how to plan for certain communities. They found the tour very informational and interesting.

Legislative – Carl Sperring said that other than the campaigns and debates, nothing else in happening at this time.

CITY OFFICIAL REPORTS

Fire –Assistant Fire Chief Jerry Schreck reported that they had 13 calls last month; 10 aid, 2 fire and 1 vehicle accident. Jerry asked for permission to surplus one broken ladder and 4 air packs. On duly carried motion by Debbi Moran and seconded by Frank Chestnut, approval for surplus granted .

City official

Public Works – Public Works Director Raines reported that the Planning Commission met Monday. They reviewed the park survey. We received about 10% return on the surveys. Most people would like to see the dam rebuilt. The Planning Commission also discussed the Park Advisory Boards wish list and will be going over it in more detail as they get into the update of

the Park Comp Plan. Darrin said that after the past five years of the Mill closure, the City is working at restoring and strengthening the core services to the pre mill closure level. Darrin said that we had a workshop on alternate water sources. He said that the preliminary reports look good. We could possibly provide 25-30% of our needs. We are looking at drilling test wells in Makarenko Park. Some of the preliminary work, with the Department of Ecology permit, could cost around \$27,000. We need to decide if we want to move forward with this proposal. Debbi Moran said that she likes the idea of proceeding. We will have a workshop November 7th at 6:00 p.m. to discuss water availability and water comp plan update.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Raines noted a letter of thanks from the Cosmopolis School to the Public Works crew, Tom Distler and Jamin Turner for installing two used sign posts on the playground to be used as tetherball posts. Aberdeen sent a budget request increasing the EMS fee by 5% (\$3059). Mayor Raines asked committee members to meet with their department heads on the 2013 prior to the October 17th meeting. Mayor Raines said that the County is still discussing the road levy shift. She said that she is not very happy with the County and that the City has not taken, and will not take the 1% increase in property taxes. We are still trying everything we can to keep costs down for our citizens during these hard economic times.

Mayor’s report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Ordinance No. 1262 – Camping Prohibition

Attorney Hyde read Ordinance No. 1262 in its entirety, and on duly carried motion by Frank Chestnut and seconded by Carl Sperring Ordinance No. 1262 passed.

Unfinished Business

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Resolution No. 2012-06 Declaring property a nuisance.

Attorney Hyde read resolution 2012-06 declaring a certain property a nuisance. On duly carried motion by Frank Chestnut and seconded by Carl Sperring Resolution No. 2012-06 carried.

New Business

B. Ordinance No. 1263 – Repealing CMC 9.112.010 and Amending CMC 9.112.030(b) (1)

Attorney Hyde said that we received a letter from the Second Amendment Association threatening us with legal action if we did not bring our code in line with State Law. The City of Seattle had an ordinance banning guns in city parks and they were sued. This action cost the City of Seattle a lot of money, Attorney Hyde is trying to prevent such an action against our city. Debbi asked about the fact that we allow booths to sell knives etc. at the Festival; are we breaking law? Deputy Chief Layman explained that we cannot ban the sale of this item. On duly carried motion by Frank Chestnut and seconded by Karen Cox Ordinance No. 1263 passed.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Frank Chestnut said that our Police Department deserves kudos. Cosmopolis has the lowest crime stats by about a 9.1 incidents per thousand. Some in the area were up in the 20’s.

Council

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Finance Director

Attest:

Mayor

