

City of Cosmopolis  
Regular Council Meeting  
November 07, 2012

Mayor Vickie L. Raines presided

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

Staff Present: Finance Director Kathy Welch, Fire Chief Al Burrows, Attorney Steve Hyde and Police Chief Casey Stratton

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Mayor Raines opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. she noted that Public Works Director Darrin Raines is excused.

Call to order

Mayor Raines introduced Paul Dionne, Manager LeMay Enterprise. Mr. Dionne explained the new costs associated with complying with the storm water laws and the increase in tipping fees. They are asking for an increase of 2.34% to cover these increase costs. A 65 gallon tote that costs \$26.48 a month will see an increase of \$1.40.

It was moved by Councilman Frank Chestnut and seconded by Councilman Carl Sperring the agenda was approved with the addition of item 12. Executive Session to discuss personnel issues.

Approval of agenda

It was moved by Debbi Moran and seconded by Carl Sperring to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the minutes from October 17th, 2012 and vouchers #18399 through 18342 in the amount of \$148,684.364.

Consent agenda

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Public Safety** – Carl Sperring and Karen Cox met with the Police and Fire Departments to discuss budgets. They also discussed the ordinance regulating payment to the Fire Department.

Committee Reports

**Greater Grays Harbor** – They had a meeting the end of October to discuss by-law revisions.

**Legislative** – Carl Sperring said that everyone knows we had a major election an incumbent President elected. We also have some races that are not finalized; the Governor's race has not been called yet. It looks like Wes Cormier and Frank Gordon will be our new County Commissioners.

**Public Works** – Councilmen Jim Ancich and Frank Chestnut met with Public Works Director to discuss the budget. Jim said they anticipated a slight increase over the last year's budget.

**CITY OFFICIALS**

**Attorney** – Attorney Hyde explained draft of amended model B & O Tax Ordinance that mainly affects digital sales and services. There are no rate changes.

City Official Reports

**Police Chief** – Police Chief Stratton had a department meeting to discuss officers ideas/input on improvements for the department. They also discussed equipment needs, training updates and reformatted policies. Gabe Tarnowski will be leading a defensive tactic training for our department.

**Fire Chief** – Chief Al Burrows has been gone and Assistant Schreck has been filling in. Al said that Jerry did a good job. L & I inspector has been going through the department for building and policy inspection. The building is in good shape and department is working on reporting and policy procedures.

**Public Works** – Last meeting we had a workshop and discussed update on water system plan requesting estimated costs. Department of Health doesn't meet until the 2<sup>nd</sup> week in January, so we would not have an estimated cost for a permit review. We still need to address rates at the next meeting. Paul Dionne, LeMay, discussed the issue of the trucks entering our alleys. They cannot generally handle the large trucks and LeMay is working on getting service changed to street front. Sometimes the service lines hang too low and the trucks hit them and some of the alleys are so narrow that the trucks hit brush, and in

one instance an awning that overhung a little too much. They will handle the education of our citizens on this process.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Public Hearing is set for November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. regarding the 2013 Budget

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. - Ordinance 1264** – Attorney Hyde read Ordinance No. 1264 in its entirety and on duly carried motion by Frank Chestnut and seconded by Carl Sperring Ordinance No. 1264 passed.

**B. – Authorize Mayor Raines to sign LeMay Contract**

On duly carried motion by Carl Sperring and seconded by Debbi Moran, Mayor Raines is authorized to sign the LeMay contract.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilman Chestnut said that he has received several positive comments about Officer Nelson and wanted to pass this on.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION 8:45 TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL ISSUES. BACK INTO REGULAR SESSION AT 9:10 NO FURTHER BUSINESS. REGULAR MEETING ADJOURNED.**

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Finance Director

Attest:

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Mayor

**Mayor's Report**

**New Business**

**Council Comments**















