

City of Cosmopolis
Regular Council Meeting
November 21, 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, Public Works Director Darrin Raines and Police Chief Casey Stratton

Mayor Raines opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2013 BUDGET

Attorney Hyde opened the Public Hearing on the 2013 budget. He asked if there was any public comment. Hearing none. Public Hearing closed at 7:03 p.m.

It was moved by Debbi Moran and seconded by Karen Cox the agenda was approved with the addition of item 9. Declaration of emergency for Mill Creek culvert.

It was moved by Carl Sperring and seconded by Debbi Moran to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the minutes from November 7th, 2012 and vouchers #18343 through 18365 in the amount of \$157,106.64.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Safety – Carl said that he and Karen met with the police department last week. They are waiting on a report from the Fire Department.

Greater Grays Harbor – Frank reported that they toured the Aberdeen High School Culinary class. They have a very interesting and exciting program.

Legislative – Brian Blake came and toured the mill creek culvert sight. Mayor Raines appreciates his interest and response in our issues. Carl said that it was great that Representative Blake came down. He said that it is always nice when our elected officials show an interest in local issues.

E 9-1-1- Mayor Raines reported that our share of the fees for 2013 are up from \$8154 to \$13,589. The past few years they have kept rates low by dipping into reserves. The administrative board does not feel they can continue doing this. Cosi has about 1% of the calls, while the Sheriff's Department has 25% and Aberdeen has 30%. Sales tax revenue is down.

Council of Government – Frank said they will be going to Ocean Shores for a dinner meeting December 6th.

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.

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 2nd 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.

Call to order

Approval of agenda

Consent agenda

Committee Reports

City Official Reports

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Raines said that with the Thanksgiving Holiday upon us we have a lot to be thankful for. She is especially thankful that the Fischer Family was not seriously hurt when the road gave way. She expressed her thanks to Chief Stratton for his prompt response, being the first on the scene. She also thanked Jamin Turner and the rest of Public Works for their work. Jamin was very helpful with his expert handling of the piece of equipment used to stabilize the car. Mayor Raines expressed her gratitude to our Fire Department for their professional response. She also sends thanks to NoNo’s Tows, Rognlin’s, HCR, and Fish and Wildlife. They all have been very supportive and are working with the City. Frank said that Chief Stratton’s ability to keep the family calm was remarkable. Mayor Raines wished everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving.

Mayor’s Report

NEW BUSINESS

A. - Ordinance No. 1265 Model B & O – Carl Sperring made a motion to waive the reading of Ordinance No. 1265. Frank Chestnut seconded. Motion to waive reading carried. Debbi Moran made a motion to adopt Ordinance 1265 amending the Model B & O Ordinance, Frank Chestnut seconded. Motion carried.

B. – Ordinance No. 1266 – Repealing the prohibition of possession of marijuana

Attorney Hyde explained that he felt we needed to repeal our law so that we would not be in conflict with the new State law. Attorney Hyde read Ordinance No. 1266 in its entirety and on duly carried motion by Carl Sperring and seconded by Jim Ancich Ordinance No. 1266 passed.

C. - Ordinance No. 1267 – 2013 Tax Levy

Attorney Hyde read Ordinance No. 1267 setting the 2013 Tax levy in its entirety and on duly carried motion by Debbi Moran and seconded by Frank Chestnut. Motion carried.

D. Resolution 2012-06 – Water Rate Increase

Attorney Hyde read resolution 2012-06 in its entirety. On duly carried motion by Carl Sperring and seconded by Debbi Moran Resolution 2012-06 passed.

E. Resolution 2016-07 – Sewer Rate Increase

Attorney Hyde read resolution 2012-07 in its entirety and on duly carried motion by Karen Cox and seconded by Debi Moran resolution 2012-07 passed.

F. Emergency Declared

On duly carried motion by Jim Ancich and seconded by Debbi Moran, Council approves Mayor Raines’ Declaration of Emergency for the Mill Creek Drive culvert collapse.

New Business

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Sperring commented on the response on the Mill Creek incident. He said all parties involved in the response were very professional.

Council Comments

Finance Director

Attest:

Mayor

