

**City of Cosmopolis**  
Workshop  
November 21, 2012

Mayor Vickie L Raines presided

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

Staff Present: Finance Director Kathy Welch, Police Chief Casey Stratton, Fire Chief Al Burrows and Public Works Director Darrin Raines

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Mayor Raines opened the workshop 5:00 p.m.

Public Works Director Raines discussed the Mill Street Culvert disaster. He said that they expect Roglins to have the road open in a week or so. Darrin asked Council if they would give permission to Mayor Raines to declare an emergency. This will go on regular agenda.

Mayor Raines said that the EMS levy did not go on the ballot for collection in 2013. This money goes towards paying Aberdeen the 64,243 for ambulance availability. We are only able to collect 52,480 maximum if everyone pays. Revenue has been coming in between 43,000 and 49,000. Not nearly enough to pay Aberdeen and their increases. We can add a utility tax to water and sewer to collect the money to keep providing ambulance service to Cosmopolis residents. Mayor Raines said that we would need an additional 9% to cover the cost. People who have a \$100,000 home will save about \$60 on their property taxes.

Mayor Raines said that our fee for E 9-1-1 for 2012 will go from 8,154 to 13,589. They have been using reserves for the past few years to keep cost for the entities down. They feel that they can no longer do this.

Council discussed equipment and Carl said that upon meeting with Chief Stratton they prioritized the most important as follows: 4 vests, 1 Taser and 2 mobile video devices. A copier and guns will come out of his operating budget that increased \$5,000.

Darrin said that we have an increase in wages in street. Darrin put \$25,000 in for repairs. We have a few projects in storm drains and we need to look at the drainage around D4 Sports.

We have an additional 16 ADA ramps need in our plan. Darrin will try to do as many next year as budget will allow.

Frank asked about our plan for snow removal in the cul de sacs. Darrin said that we will push the snow away from the cul de sac and use the new dump truck to haul it away.

Darrin and Finance Director reviewed Capital Improvement Plan and would like to see the \$27,000 for water improvements/planning be budgeted in 109.

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Finance Director

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Mayor











