

City of Cosmopolis  
Regular Council Meeting  
December 19, 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 Captain Steve Davis, Attorney Steve Hyde, and Public Works Director Darrin Raines

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Mayor Raines opened the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

**Public Hearing EMS Surcharge**

Mayor Raines explained that we have been collecting .50 per thousand on property taxes to cover the ambulance availability charge from Aberdeen. This levy expires December 31, 2012. Mayor and Council determined that a surcharge on utilities might be a more equitable way of collecting the money to pay Aberdeen. The EMS levy has been running far short in recent years. Attorney Hyde opened the public hearing on the EMS surcharge at 7:09 asking if there was any public input. Hearing none; public hearing closed at 7:10 p.m.

It was moved by Debbi Moran 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 the minutes from December 19th, 2012 and vouchers #18400 through 18432 in the amount of \$79,965.95.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Public Safety** – Carl reported that Karen Cox, Steve Davis the Mayor and himself met to discuss the agreement for the Fire Department

**Council of Government** – Frank Chestnut reported that they held their annual dinner meeting at the Quinault Beach Casino. The Tribe picked up the tab. Everything was great.

**Greater Grays Harbor** – Mayor Raines said that as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, Mayor Simpson, Aberdeen, will be the new Chairperson for 2013

**Legislative** – Carl Sperring said the County passed a tax increase onto the cities through the levy shift, after Mayor's met protesting this. State is looking at contentious budget session.

**CITY OFFICIALS**

**Fire Chief** – Fire Captain Steve Davis reported that they have had 150 calls to date. This included mutual aid on structure fires to Aberdeen.

**Public Works – Making history**, Public Works Director Raines said he had no report.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Raines announced that we will have our annual open house after the Council meeting December 19, 2012. Everyone is invited to attend and enjoy some refreshments.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. - Ordinance No. 1269- surcharge on water and sewer rates to provide ambulance availability.** Attorney Hyde read Ordinance No. 1269 in its entirety. Mayor Raines explained that this surcharge replaces the EMS Levy on the property taxes. This fee will go to pay the City of Aberdeen for ambulance availability which is going to cost the City \$64,234 for 2013

**B. – Ordinance No. 1270 – Interfund Loan from Makarenko Reserve to Street to pay emergency repair on C Street culvert**

Attorney Hyde read Ordinance No. 1270 authorizing an interfund loan from Makarenko Park reserve to Street to pay for the C Street culvert repair that was necessary after the collapse of the street during a recent storm. On duly carried motion by Frank Chestnut and seconded by Debbi Moran, Ordinance No. 1270 passed.

Call to order

Approval of agenda

Consent agenda

Committee Reports

City Official Reports

Mayor's Report

New Business

**C. - Authorize Mayor to sign Municipal Services Agreement w/Greater Grays Harbor**

On duly carried motion by Karen Cox and seconded by Debbi Moran, Mayor Raines is authorized to sign the annual contract agreement with Greater Grays Harbor.

**D. Authorize Mayor to sign Emergency Medical Services Agreement with Aberdeen**

On duly carried motion by Frank Chestnut and seconded by Karen Cox Mayor Raines is authorized to sign the Emergency Medical Services Agreement w/Aberdeen

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Mayor Simpson, City of Aberdeen, was present. He introduced their new Public Works Director Malcom Bowie, and their Police Chief Bob Torgeson. He said that Mr., Bowie was looking forward to working with Cosmopolis. Mayor Raines thanked Mayor Simpson and invited them to stick around for refreshments after the meeting and to meet everyone.

Mayor Raines said that she has had the opportunity to work with Bob Torgeson the past few months along with other chiefs and mayors to come up with a new jail contract. She said that they relied on Chief Torgeson's expertise along with Chief Myers from the City of Hoquiam to guide them through the process. They have done a fabulous job and they are pretty darn close to getting it done.

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**Finance Director**

**Attest:**

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**Mayor**



















