

City of Cosmopolis  
Regular Council Meeting  
March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013

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, Police Chief Casey Stratton, Attorney Steve Hyde, and Public Works Director Darrin Raines

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

**Presentation by the Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority**

Mayor Raines introduced Scott Boettcher and Edna Fund from The Chehalis Basin Flood Authority. Wes Cormier, Grays Harbor County Commissioner, was also in attendance.

Edna Fund wanted to give a heartfelt thanks to Mayor Raines who came to the Flood Authority as a member representing the City of Montesano. She then became the representative for the City of Cosmopolis. Edna said that Mayor Raines single handedly brought the group together. Mayor Raines came along at a time when the group was having some troubles. Edna said that Vickie knows how to run a meeting and pull people together to get things done. Mayor Raines was elected Chairman for the Flood Authority and guided the group through to this state where they are able to submit a basin wide study. The Chehalis Tribe and others have also come back into the meeting process under Vickie's leadership.

Scott Boettcher said that for the first time there is broad agreement across the basin on the next steps to reduce flood damage and enhance salmon runs in the basin. We are working on a basin-wide strategy, not just in certain areas. Scott reviewed the amount of damage that basin-wide flooding cost the area in lost economic activity. We are better able to track the high flow events to help come up with a comprehensive basin-wide solution.

There are five main focus areas

- Major capital projects
- Localized projects
- Land use management
- Fish and habitat enhancements
- Flood warning and emergency response

As of right now, \$28 million has been allocated in the 2013 *proposed* budget, of which \$10.7 million is for local projects.

Frank asked how the fish study predictions are made. Scott explained that they are getting a lot more scientific in their calculations by being able to obtain equipment that helps collect and collate the data.

The work that has been done to date was helpful in securing a doplar radar system for the area.

Anyone that is interested in obtaining more information can go to [www.ezview.wa.gov](http://www.ezview.wa.gov) and click on the item that they are interested in.

Mayor Raines thanked Scott, Edna and her husband for coming.

It was moved by Carl Sperring 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 February 6, 2013 and vouchers #18512 through 18598 in the amount of \$98,158.52.

Call to  
order

Approval  
of agenda

Consent  
agenda

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Public Safety** – Carl reported that the committee met February 13<sup>th</sup> with the Fire Department to discuss the status of the audit list from L & I. They are making good progress. They will meet with police next Wednesday at 5:00 p.m.

**Public Works** – Jim Ancich said they met to discuss the sewer contract with Aberdeen and the test wells for water.

**Legislative** – Carl Sperring said they are working on 9,000 bills. We are still protesting the proposed senate bills that would regulate City B & O and City Business Licenses.

## **CITY OFFICIALS**

**Finance Director** – Finance Director Welch asked that Council take some action protesting SB 5656 and SB 5688 that would mandate that all City business licenses be issued through the State of Washington instead of locally. This of course, would come with an administrative fee for the State and loss of local control. On duly carried motion by Carl Sperring and seconded by Frank Chestnut, Mayor Raines will send a letter to our State Representatives protesting the proposed business license bills.

**Police** – Chief Stratton presented his annual report with special recognition to Clerk Shelley Willet whose profile is on the back side of the report. Shelley was the modifying force to buy the new copy machine that they used to produce the report. Shelley took over the Police Clerk position from her twin sister Kelley. In May she will have been with the Department for 31 years. The Department could not run without her. Chief Stratton attended, along with other Chiefs, the Initiative 502 meeting in Olympia sponsored by the Patrol Board. It was an open forum attended by the chief law enforcement agencies throughout the State as well as prosecutors and other legal advisors for local entities. They were discussing the law as it pertains to the Liquor Control Board's responsibility on drafting and implementing rules on the distribution and manufacturing of marijuana. They were asking for input from the attendees.

**Fire Chief** – Chief Burrows presented their annual report. He also reported that they are making progress on the L & I recommendations from the audit. The Fire Department applied for the \$1400 EMS grant. We will hear in a couple of months. They need to update turnouts that cost \$1600 a set. Al said they have money in the budget for two sets only. Mayor Raines said that she had a grant option for them, but has not received an answer yet. She will get back to Fire Department on this issue.

**Public Works** – Public Works Director Raines said that the Planning Commission has been working on the update to the Comprehensive Park Plan and will soon have a draft recommendation for Council. We have posted on the Web site that anyone interested in commenting on this may submit their comments to City Hall or on the web site. Darrin said that we have some new requirements from the State for grant applications but feels that our plan more than addresses these additions. Darrin asked what they wanted to do about the trees on First Street. Mayor Raines asked if they were causing problems with the sidewalks. Darrin said they were in some instances. Frank asked about the vision at the corners. They discussed possibly replacing trees with shrubs. We do not have money in the budget for this. Mayor Raines said that the trees on Paisley Hill need trimming. She suggested we could send a letter to homeowners reminding them that this is their responsibility. Darrin said that if we start trimming trees in one area of town, we will be expected to do so all over town. Do we need to look at the development standards that *require* that developers plant trees? Darrin also reported that the City would take care of the trees around the retention pond.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Raines said that the City Council retreat has been postponed. Sea Brook is having an open house this weekend for anyone who is interested. The Mayors will be meeting March 28 to discuss marine special planning. They also are going to talk about the new FEMA maps and how they think the Federal Government should provide someone who can interpret them for the entities. Mayor Raines reported that she attended the Columbia Pacific RC & EDD meeting. One of the topics of discussion was about the free grant writing class. Mayor Raines thought that maybe our department heads could attend. They also do meeting facilitations or assist with open houses etc.

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Mayor Raines recognized Joanna Brulot, Elma High School, who is attending our Council meeting as part of a Senior Job Shadow program. She is planning on majoring in Political Science.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. – Authorize Mayor to sign Water services contract with Gibbs and Olson**

On duly carried motion by Frank Chestnut and seconded by Jim Ancich, Mayor Raines is authorized to sign the Water services contract with Gibbs and Olson

**B. – Authorize Mayor to sign Sewer contract with Aberdeen**

On duly carried motion by Jim Ancich and seconded by Carl Sperring, Mayor Raines is authorized to sign the sewer contract with Aberdeen.

**C. – Authorize Mayor to sign Field Use Agreement with Harbor Youth Soccer**

On duly carried motion by Carl Sperring and seconded by Debbi Moran, Mayor Raines is authorized to sign the Field Use agreement with Harbor Youth Soccer.

**D. - Authorize Mayor to sign Field Use Agreement with Aberdeen Little League**

On duly carried motion by Carl Sperring and seconded by Frank Chestnut, Mayor Raines is authorized to sign the Field Use agreement with Aberdeen Little League,

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Debbi Moran said that she is totally disgusted with LeMays. Garbage is left all over the streets. Debbi wanted to know whose responsibility it is to clean it up. Mayor Raines said that we are looking into this. Public Works Director Raines will contact LeMays.

Jim Ancich said that Hoquiam Sanitation is reviewing the garbage situation in Cosi and might be interested in submitting a proposal for garbage service in Cosmopolis.

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**Finance Director**

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**Mayor**

**New  
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