

City of Cosmopolis  
Regular Council Meeting  
April 17th, 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.

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 March 6, 2013 and vouchers #18715 through 18743 in the amount of \$25,117.60.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Rick Lovely, former Manager of Grays Harbor PUD, has been attending local Council meetings to thank people in the community who have made a real difference. Mr. Lovely wanted to extend his compliments to Mayor Vickie Raines. He said that Mayor Raines is a bonafide asset to Cosmopolis and the Harbor. Mr. Lovely feels that without Vickie's diligence, the Cosmo Mill deal probably would have never happened. She worked very hard trying to keep the prospect of someone buying the Mill moving forward, including working with the Governor's office, Evergreen Pulp, Richard Bassett and others to help bring the reopening to fruition. Mr. Lovely said that he admires Mayor Raines' for the amazing job she is doing for Cosmopolis and the whole community and is proud to have had the opportunity of working with her.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Parks** – The Park Committee will meet next Tuesday

**Public Safety** – Carl reported they met with Chief Stratton March 13 to discuss the purchase of the new vests and the mobile video recorder. Chief Burrows reported that the updates from the audit are 90% complete.

**Coastal Community Action** – Mayor Raines said they met last night and discussed the makeover of the Elma Senior Center. The Administrative Board will reduce its size from 18 members to 12.

**Flood Authority** – Mayor Raines reported that the 28 million for Flood Authority has been included in the Senate, the House and the Governor's budget. As they go into negotiations on the budget, they are hoping that this funding stays intact.

**Greater Grays Harbor** – Frank Chestnut said that the State of Grays Harbor breakfast will be next Tuesday, April 30th at 7:30 am. Governor Insley is the guest speaker.

**RTPO** – Darrin reported that the remaining STP funds will be distributed. Elma, Aberdeen, Montesano and Ocean Shores will receive a share.

**Legislative** – Carl Sperring said that SE5688, The B & O bill, has been referred to a special committee that will report back at the end of the year. SB 5656 has died; however, the language has just been added to HB 1568. Mayor Raines explained that by 2016 (for cities collecting B & O) and 2019 for all other cities, we will be required to enroll in a portal where **all business** will go to get their business licenses regardless of where in the State they are doing business. We currently charge \$25 for business license with a \$5 renewal. We will have to increase these fees to pay for administrative fee to State and upgrade in equipment.

### **CITY OFFICIALS**

**Police** – Chief Stratton said that the officers have been measured for new vests. They have a 4-5 year longevity. Blumenthal Uniforms will be providing the new vests and they should be delivered late May or early June. Chief Stratton commended Officer Tarnowski and Deputy Chief Layman for their assistance to the Hoquiam Police department during a recent standoff incident where an officer was shot. Chief Stratton

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helped cover South Aberdeen during this event and Layman and Tarnowski assisted with containment.

**Fire Chief** – Chief Burrows said that the recent audit recommendations should be completed by June. The majority of the items listed have been completed and Mr. Speck, Department of Labor and Industry, has already signed off (04-10-13) on the report. Chief Burrows asked permission to purchase two sets of bunker gear at a cost of \$3500. On duly carried motion by Debbi Moran and seconded by Frank Chestnut Chief Burrows is authorized to purchase the bunker gear for \$3500.

**Public Works** – Public Works Director Raines announced that Spring Clean-up will be May 4<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The crew has made some improvements to the parks with updated swings. Friday they will be putting new wood chips in. We will have a City-wide Volunteer spruce up the City on May 18<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00p.m. with a barbeque after.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Raines read proclamation declaring April 14-20, 2013 National Public Safety Telecommunications Week. Mayor Raines expressed deep sympathy for the victims of the Boston Marathon bombing and has asked that City flags fly at half mast through next week. Mayor Raines brought attention to a recent Daily World article announcing that Kevin Vick, a Cosmopolis resident) won a 1967 Harley Davidson DKG, in a sweepstakes from the TV show “Fast N Loud”. The Gas Monkey Garage won second place in the 2012 Biker Build-off restoring the bike. Congratulations to Mr. Vick. Mayor Raines said that she received and E-Mail from Hoquiam Police Chief Jeff Myers expressing his gratitude to Chief Stratton and Officers Layman and Tarnowski for their assistance in the recent standoff and shooting.

Mayor Raines read a letter of resignation from Councilmember Karen Cox. She accepted the resignation and thanked Karen for her three plus years of hard work and service.

Mayor Raines said that she would like permission to transfer \$17,500 from the Administration line item in the Fire Department budget to Equipment Reserve to allow Chief Burrows to purchase an additional 10 sets of turnouts. On duly carried motion by Frank Chestnut and seconded by Debbi Moran, the transfer of funds to purchase equipment is approved.

Mayor Raines said that we have the final agreement with Cosmo to use their fitness center. She would like full-time employees to be covered by the City, as part of our Wellness Program, The Council is also eligible to use the facility but they will need to pay the \$20 monthly fee. On duly carried motion by Debbi Moran and seconded by Frank Chestnut the agreement with Cosmo and the reimbursement is approved.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

#### **A. – Authorize Mayor to sign fitness center agreement**

On duly carried motion by Debbi Moran and seconded by Carl Sperring, Mayor Raines is authorized to sign the Facility Use Agreement with Cosmo for the use of the fitness center.

#### **B. - Authorize Mayor to reimburse for deductible for culvert failure**

On duly carried motion by Jim Ancich and seconded by Frank Chestnut Mayor Raines is authorized to reimburse for deductible for culvert failure.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**A. – Ordinance #1272 Amending CMC 9.84.045 (Removing firearms from prohibition in city parks)** Attorney Hyde said that we had received a letter from a Second Ammendment group stating that we were in violation of the Second Amendment with our ordinance. On duly carried motion by Debbi Moran and seconded by Carl Sperring Ordinance #1272 passed.

**B. – Ordinance #1273 Adopting Current Uniform Building Codes, repealing CMC 14.04.007** Attorney Hyde explained that this is just a housekeeping issue to update the codes. On duly carried motion by Carl Sperring and seconded by Frank Chestnut ordinance #1273 is adopted.

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**C. – City Council Appointments – Position 5**

Mayor Raines explained that we advertised for people interested in filling the position left vacant by Karen Cox’s resignation. They would serve for seven months. If they are interested in continuing to serve on the Council, they would need to file next month to run for the seat in November’s election. Both position 4 and 5 are open this year. Mayor Raines said that we had seven people submit letters of interest for the temporary position, one person has since dropped out. Mayor Raines explained that she will ask the applicants to step outside and will call them one by one to answer a list of questions. They all will be asked the same question. Jonathan Fischer, who is out of town on business, will be interviewed via conference call. The following people applied to fill the vacant seat:

- Christian Bramstedt
- Stanna Cummings
- Jonathan Fischer
- Dave Ireland
- Kyle Pauley
- Deedan Vick

After everyone was interviewed, the Council retired to Executive Session to discuss the general qualifications of applicants and the process on how they will pick the applicant. No action taken.

Back in regular session Mayor Raines had Attorney Hyde explain to the public and the applicants the general process. On duly carried motion by Frank Chestnut and seconded by Debbi Moran the Council voted to use a straw ballot to choose who will fill the vacant seat. The Council wrote the name of their choice on a slip of paper and Attorney Hyde tallied the following

2 votes for Jonathan Fischer, 1 vote for Christian Bramstedt and 1 vote for Kyle Pauley. We did not have a majority. Frank Chestnut made a motion to appoint Jonathan Fischer to fill the vacant position, Debbi Moran seconded. Motion passed. Jim Ancich opposed. Jonathan Fischer will fill the vacant council seat. Mayor Raines thanked all the applicants for their interest and their heartfelt responses to the questions. She was very encouraged to see the interest by the young people who applied and encouraged them to continue to get involved.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Frank Chestnut thanked all the people who applied to fill the vacant Council position. He was especially heartened to see the number of young people who were willing to step up and serve their community. As of January Frank said that he has re-retired and will again be available to attend the COG meetings.

Councilmember Debbi Moran encouraged some of the young people to join the Parks Board.

Mayor Raines explained that we still are dealing with the staff cutbacks we made when Weyerhaeuser closed. The Parks are a big issue on maintenance. Mayor Raines said that she appreciates the comments from all the candidates on recruiting new businesses to our City and thought all candidates did well.

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**Finance Director**

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