

City of Cosmopolis
Regular Council Meeting
June 19th, 2013

Mayor Vickie L. Raines presided.

Councilmembers Present: Frank Chestnut, Jonathan Fischer, 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

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

Public Hearing for 6 year Street Plan 2014-2019 and the Comprehensive Park Plan

Attorney Hyde opened the Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m. Public Works Director Raines explained the process for the street plan.

Winnie Moulton, 1000 Stanford Drive, asked if the dip at Corbin would be fixed. Darrin said this is not part of the six year plan and would be fixed out of regular maintenance budget.

Attorney Hyde asked if there were any more questions on 6 year street plan, hearing none, he moved on to the Comprehensive Park Plan update.

The Cosmopolis Planning Commission has been working on the update since 2011. The Planning Commission, staff and the Park Advisory Committee made recommendations. The Planning Commission forwarded the update to Council with recommendation to adopt. Public Hearing closed at 7:08 p.m.

It was moved by Debbi Moran and seconded by Frank Chestnut to approve the agenda with the addition under new Business item E. Update to Comprehensive Park Plan and F. HDR

It was moved by Frank Chestnut and seconded by Carl Sperring to approve the consent agenda consisting of Claims Vouchers #18826 – 18909 in the amount of \$ 62,151.15 and the minutes of the May 15, 2013 meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parks – Debbi Moran said the Park Committee met May 28. The Young Mothers came to look at park equipment. For the National Night Out in August, the Park Committee wants to adopt a park and have a night out at that park with a clean-up scheduled. Debbi asked if there is money in the budget to create a sign that can be put out for our clean-up events. They will meet June 29, July 27 and August 31st.

Public Safety – Carl Sperring and Jonathan Fischer met with both chiefs and defer to their reports.

Coastal Community Action – Mayor Raines reported that they met last night. They have decreased the board down to 12 members. They are doing work on the “Student’s Needs Assistance Program” that will provide supplies to all elementary schools in Grays Harbor and Pacific Counties.

Council of Governments – Frank Chestnut reported that they met May 23rd they had previously discussed amending the by laws relating to voting procedures where member entities who do not pay full dues are still allowed to vote. After discussion, it was decided that there is sufficient rules to address this in the current by laws. The rest of the meeting was a budget amendment and staff reports.

E 9-1-1 – Mayor Raines reported that they did not meet this month. They will meet next month. She said that there has been some discussion and concern regarding the sharp decline this year in the sales tax revenue. E 9-1-1 is heavily funded by the sales tax.

Flood Authority – Mayor Raines said that she sat on a committee to select a consultant that will do a feasibility study on a dam above Pe Ell to control flood waters. Next month’s meeting will be in Lewis County.

Call to order

Approval of agenda

Consent agenda

Committee Reports

Greater Grays Harbor –Mayor Raines said Greater Grays Harbor held a “Business After Hours” meeting at the Quinault Beach Casino. The Flood Authority will be making a presentation to them next Tuesday.

Legislative – Carl Sperring said the legislature is meeting in special session to discuss budget.

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Police – Chief Stratton deferred to his written report. Casey also reported that Officer Tarnowski is out with an injured back. Deputy Chief Layman’s request for training and travel has been cancelled.

Fire Chief – Chief Burrows said they spoke with Sea Western regarding whether to purchase new or upgrade air packs. It is not really worth the money to try to upgrade the air packs as they would only be upgraded to 2007. There have been 62 calls year to date.

Public Works – Public Works Director Raines said that we will start the repairs on the gazebo at Mill Creek Park next week. Les Bodnar volunteered to do the work. We should be done by the middle of August.

Code enforcement has been working on getting something done about one of the houses on the West end of First Street. Bill Sidor sent a total of 125 letters out to homeowners asking for compliance to various overgrowns and nuisances.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Raines thanked the following people for volunteering for our City Clean Up May 28th:

Cheryl Turner, Kathy Welch, Megan Welch-Osbekoff, Madilyn McKay, Charlotte Ramsdell, Thea Lloyd, Pat Malone, Dan Raffelson and his daughter, Val Huestad, Jodie Cinert, Debbi Moran, Kyle Pauley, Linda Springer, Cliff Heckard “Spody”, Al Burrows, Steve Davis, Tom Distler, Darrin Raines, Frank Chestnut, and Candice Makos.

Mayor Raines said that she will be facilitating a small cities roundtable at the AWC Conference next week.

Mayor Raines acknowledged the passing of Edgar Devore. Mr. Devore was named our Honorary Historian. Over the years, Mr. Devore has provided a wealth of information to the City and our citizens. The flags have been lowered to honor Mr. Devore’s service to the community.

NEW BUSINESS

A. – Resolution 2013-01 – Water Rate Increase

On duly carried motion by Frank Chestnut and seconded by Carl Sperring Resolution 2013-01 increasing the water rates passed.

B. – Resolution 2013-02 – Sewer Rate Increase

On duly carried motion by Carl Sperring and seconded by Frank Chestnut Resolution 2013-02 increasing the sewer rates passed.

C. – Ordinance No. 1275 Outdoor Burning

On duly carried motion by Debbi Moran and seconded by Jim Ancich the reading of Ordinance No. 1275 is waived. Attorney Hyde explained the code and the changes that would apply to the definition of outdoor fires and reduce the size of fires allowed. On duly carried motion by Debbi Moran and seconded by Carl Sperring Ordinance No. 1275 passed.

D. - Proposal for networking City Hall

Mayor Raines explained the proposal to install shared drives that would basically send documents such as ordinances and agendas to a center hub that can be accessed by all the computers. The proposal would also include updating Clerk Makos’ computer and the drive up computer to Windows 7. They are currently running on Windows XP.

E. - Comprehensive Park Plan Update

On duly carried motion by Debbi Moran and seconded by Jonathan Fischer the Comprehensive Park Plan Update is adopted. Darrin wanted to thank the Planning Commission, the Park Committee and Staff for their work on updating the plan.

F. - HDR – Mayor Raines said that we have a proposal for \$39,500 from HDR. Mayor Raines recommended that the City approve the proposal by HDR for \$39,500 for Task Order 2 – Initial Regulatory Consultation and Preliminary Design, contingent upon the State Legislature passing the budget that includes the Mill Creek Dam Project, but allowing a \$10,000 front by the City to get started on the work. On duly carried motion

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New Business

by Carl Sperring and seconded by Frank Chestnut approval for Task Order 2 with the above conditions is approved.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Debbi Moran thanked the Park's Committee for the outstanding job helping on Clean-up and giving input on the Park Plan. She also wanted to thank the Planning Commission for all their hard work.

Jonathan Fischer thanked Kenny Gruhn and Hunter Raines for painting the park equipment at the little park on Altenau. They are working on their Senior projects for next year.

Frank Chestnut said that when we get the gazebo at Mill Creek Park done, we should have a party to celebrate.

Jim Ancich said that he would like to make sure our volunteer labor, Les Bodnar, is well taken care of. He does a really good job.

Finance Director

Attest:

Mayor

