

City of Cosmopolis
Regular Council Meeting
November 6th, 2013

Mayor Vickie L Raines presided.

Councilmembers Present: Frank Chestnut, Jonathan Fischer, Jim Ancich, Carl Sperring and Debbi Moran

Staff Present: Finance Director Kathy Welch, Fire Captain Steve Davis, Police Chief Casey Stratton, Attorney Steve Hyde, and Public Works Director Darrin Raines

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

Paul Dionne from Harbor Disposal presented the addendum to our contract that will increase the rates in 2014. He explained that the cost of living that is built in was calculated on the cpi of 1.14%. He also explained that the County raised the tipping fee by 75 cents a ton. This amounts to about a 1.3% increase. Mayor Raines asked what an access fee is. Paul explained that if a gate is locked and the company has to make special provisions to get inside to get a container. This is mostly a commercial application. Jonathan Fischer asked if there were any increases the previous year. Paul said that we had a large increase last year due to capital improvements. They do not anticipate a lot of these expenditures this year. Jim Ancich asked if the access fee applied to going into the alleys to get the cans. Paul said no that the company has the walk the can policy to alleviate some stress on the alleys. There have been a couple of issues with this change that the company has addressed.

It was moved by Carl Sperring and seconded by Frank Chestnut to approve the agenda with the addition of item E. under New Business – Relevy refunded or cancelled taxes. Motion carried.

It was moved by Carl Sperring and seconded by Debbi Moran the consent agenda consisting of Claims Vouchers #19209-19262 in the amount of \$95,818.64 and the minutes of the October 16, 2013 meeting. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Works – Jim reported that they met with Public Works Director Raines briefly before the meeting to discuss the budget. They did not have any issue with the budget as presented.

Council of Governments – Frank Chestnut said they met on the 24th to discuss the County’s possible withdrawal from COG. They currently only pay partial dues. They would like to keep County participation. They also reviewed third quarter reports. Frank said they got a chance to meet the new Director of the Timberland Library. He said that she is quite the sales person for the Library and Frank had a packet of information for anybody that is interested.

Legislative – Carl Sperring said that the Governor called a special session to address a special tax package for Boeing.

CITY OFFICIALS

Finance Director - Finance Director Welch said the new computer had most of the documents loaded on it that will be stored there. We are looking at other departments using it too.

Police – Chief Stratton said that Officer Tarnowski will be going for an independent medical evaluation on the 18th with the hopes of being released to full-time duty.

Fire - Chief Burrows is working out of town.

Public Works – Public Works Director Raines said that Bill Sidor’s last day was Monday. He has been hired for a full-time position as code enforcement officer for the City of Aberdeen. We are looking at our options for filling his position. The old Okey Dokey Café has been demolished and the lot is being cleaned up. The house across the street should be demolished by the end of the month. We also have a house on G Street that will be demolished this next Friday. Darrin thanked Bill for his hard work. Mayor Raines said that we will miss him, especially his being the target of many practical jokes.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Raines said that we have packets to distribute to employees who might be interested in payroll deductions to United Way. City Hall will see that these are distributed to the various departments.

Call to order

Approval of agenda

Consent agenda

Committee Reports

City Officials

MAYOR’S REPORT

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Multiple Project Agreement with HDR-Mill Creek Park Planning

At the workshop earlier this evening Council discussed planning for Mill Creek Park that could run concurrent with the Mill Creek Dam project. We need to do some planning and review our Park Plan so that we will be ready to submit for funding. Darrin said the opportunity to do some improvements at the same time as the dam construction would be beneficial. On duly carried motion by Frank Chestnut and seconded by Debbi Moran Mayor is authorized to sign agreement with HDR.

UNFINISHED
BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Resolution 2013-04 Self Insured Health Care Program AWC

On duly carried motion by Debbi Moran and seconded by Jim Ancich Resolution 2013-04 approving Self Insured Health Care Program by AWC for City Employees in approved.

NEW
BUSINESS

B. Authorize Mayor to sign Interlocal Agreement with AWC for Self Insured Health Care Program

On duly carried motion by Jim Ancich and seconded by Frank Chestnut Mayor Raines is authorized to sign the Interlocal Agreement with AWC to provide Health Insurance for City employees.

C. Authorize Mayor to sign Addendum to Garbage Contract

On duly carried motion by Frank Chestnut and seconded by Carl Sperring Mayor Raines is authorized to sign Addendum to Garbage Contract with LeMay for 2014 services. Councilman Ancich opposed.

D. Ordinance No. 1277 – Amending ordinance 1244 (stolen property) Attorney Hyde explained that this is an ordinance to correct a wrong RCW number relating to stolen property. Attorney Hyde read ordinance in its entirety and on duly carried motion by Frank Chestnut and seconded by Carl Sperring Ordinance No. 1277 passed.

E. Relevy refunded or cancelled property taxes

Finance Director Welch explained that the Legislature in 2013 changed the law affecting taxes that are either refunded or cancelled after the previous levy was set. The city can relevy taxes in the following amounts \$9,882.69 for the Fire Bond, \$106.75 for the EMS levy, and \$34,753.59 for the General fund. County wide we can relevy about \$500,000. County Treasurer Strabbing said that the City of Cosmopolis and Cosmopolis School both will benefit because of the Cosmo Mill reassessment.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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Chris Ricketts said that he wants to open a non-profit collective to dispense medical marijuana in the City. Mayor Raines asked if he had a location picked out and referred Mr. Ricketts to Attorney Hyde and Police Chief Stratton.

Attest:

Finance Director

Mayor

