

City of Cosmopolis
Special Meeting
January 14, 2015

Presiding: Mayor Frank Chestnut

Council present: Councilmember Moran, Councilmember Fischer, Councilmember Sperring and Councilmember Ancich

Staff present: Attorney, Steve Hyde and Finance Director, Cheryl Turner

Mayor Chestnut said this meeting was to go over the letters of interest for the vacant Council seat. He said he would be reading each letter of interest and then that person would be asked questions of the Council.

The applicants were as follows:

Kyle Pauley-News Director for KXRO
Dale Andrews-Reverend, retired AT&T
Edwin Van Syckle-retired St. of Washington
Mark Collett-Stafford Creek Corrections Officer
Ann Peery-H&R Block
Cindy Grenier-homemaker and volunteer

Councilmember Sperring asked each person how we could get the money for a new fire truck?

Kyle Pauley answered we would probably have to stay the way we are until more revenue is coming in. He also said maybe we could settle for a 10 year old truck instead of a brand new one. Dale Andrews answered that we should pay off the fire hall first and that the fire truck is not the #1 priority right now. Edwin Van Syckle answered that he could have input with the Council to make a decision. Mark Collett answered first we should look at EMS grants. Cindy Grenier answered we should check into small town grants to see if any are out there. Ann Peery answered we should look into grants. She said the Fire Dept. is a priority.

Councilmember Moran asked each person if they were grant writers?
Each applicant answered “no” but would be willing to try and learn how to do so.

Councilmember Fischer asked Mr. Pauley if he would be writing his own news stories if he takes over the Council position. Mr. Pauley said he would have Daniel Hargrove take over the Council meetings. Mayor Chestnut asked him if there was a controversy at the City how do we know it would be reported impartially and fairly. Mr. Pauley answered that the news is not personal and would be reported as news.

Councilman Fischer asked Mr. Andrews what skills he would bring to the Council. Mr. Andrews said he is good at coordinating people and is not afraid to get involved. Would like to see more businesses.

Councilmember Fischer asked Mr. Van Syckle what he would like to see the City do. Mr. Van Syckle said he would like to see the redevelopment of the lake and the dam get put back in. Possibly go to a University and get a senior that could work on that project and save the City some money. Mr. Van Syckle complimented Public Works Director Raines for doing a good.

Councilman Fischer asked Mr. Collett what he would bring to the table. Mr. Collett said he is good at diffusing situations after 22 years as a Corrections Officer.

Councilmember Fischer asked Ms. Grenier what skills she could bring to the table. Ms. Grenier that she is operating a flood donation center and volunteers with the PTSO. She said she is passionate about children and the elderly.

Councilman Fischer asked Ann Peery what she would bring to the table. Ms. Peery said she has done bookkeeping for the County and believes being a Councilmember would be a great learning lesson.

Mayor Chestnut asked all the candidates if you could look ahead what kind of impact would you like to leave on the City?

Mr. Andrews said he would like to leave it like it is. Mayberry style. He also stated that we would have to keep up with the times as far as infrastructure goes.

Ms. Grenier said she would like to take care of the people who live here and keep them happy.

Mr. Pauley said he would like to see Mill Creek back to the way it used to be. He would like to see something new brought to the City like a marina, docks.

Ms. Peery said cohesiveness. City needs to believe Council will listen to them.

Mr. Collett said the Mill Creek Dam put back in and increase industrial base while maintaining small town flavor.

Mr. Van Syckle said preventative maintenance on the streets, parks and cemetery.

Mayor Chestnut asked to go into executive session from 6:50 p.m to 7:20 p.m.

The Council met back in regular session at 7:20 p.m.

Councilmember Sperring moved to have a secret ballot for the vacant Council position. Councilmember Moran seconded. Motion approved.

There were two votes for Mr. Pauley, one vote for Mr. Van Syckle and one vote for Ms. Peery.

Mr. Pauley was voted in as the new Councilmember.

Meeting was adjourned.

Finance Director

Attest:

Mayor