

CITY OF COSMOPOLIS
SPECIAL MEETING
JUNE 03, 2015

Presiding: Mayor Frank Chestnut

Council present: Debbi Moran, Jonathan Fischer, Carl Sperring, Kyle Pauley, and Jim Ancich.

Staff present: Attorney Steve Hyde, Public Works Director Darrin Raines, Police Chief Casey Stratton, Capt. Steve Davis of the Fire Department, and Deputy Clerk Candice Makos.

Mayor Chestnut said this special meeting was called to review again the notion of possibly putting a M&O levy on the ballot. He called on the department heads to discuss again in rough terms what we are looking at as far as equipment each department would like to see in the M&O Levy.

Chief Stratton stated that nothing new had appeared on his wish list. He is still working on grants for radios. Mayor Chestnut asked what the Chief's list of priorities would be. He listed personnel as his first priority, cars and equipment that definitely needs to be replaced. Councilman Sperring asked about upgrading the computers in the office. The Chief stated that computers were not on his wish list.

Mayor Chestnut then called on Captain Steve Davis to review the items that the Fire Department would like to see on the M&O Levy. Captain Davis asked if the Fire Department could ask for a generalized plea for equipment. They have applied for a grant for some of the equipment. Councilmember Moran asked Captain Davis if the Fire Department got the grants for the SCBAS, couldn't we use the M&O money for a new fire truck. Captain Davis said the priority is for the SBCAS over a fire truck. Mayor Chestnut's response was that we need to be specific and be able to tell the public exactly what this M&O Levy is for.

Mayor Chestnut had a list of how much it would cost each household per year on a \$500,000 dollar levy which was extended out from a 5 year repayment which would cost .77 per \$1,000.00 to a 10 year repayment of .385 per \$1,000.00. We are now paying .836 per \$1,000.00 for the fire hall which will be paid off in December 2016.

Councilmember Ancich asked Chief Stratton about leasing cars. Chief Stratton stated that the leasing companies do not want to mess with our small entity. If we wanted to lease 50 vehicles then they would talk to us.

Public Works Director Darrin Raines was asked by Mayor Chestnut if his list had changed. Director Raines spoke briefly on the leasing of a Bobcat but he hasn't heard anything from the Bobcat Company. He was looking for a government lease but found out that they would only lease to a state agency. He went over the list of 5 items he had turned in to the Council at the May 20th, 2015 meeting and nothing had really changed.

Councilmember Moran asked the Mayor if we needed a Town Hall Meeting. Councilmember Pauley suggested that we also do a mailing as well as the Town Meeting. It was decided to have a workshop starting at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, June 17th prior to our regular Council meeting, a Town Meeting at 6:00 PM Wednesday, July 8th, 2015 at the school and then making a decision regarding putting a M&O Levy on the November ballot at meeting on Wednesday July 15th, 2015.

Deputy Clerk

Attest:

Mayor Frank Chestnut

