

City of Cosmopolis
Workshop
June 17, 2015

Mayor Frank Chestnut presided

Councilmembers present: Debbi Moran, Jonathan Fischer, Jim Ancich and Kyle Pauley.

Staff Present: Attorney Steve Hyde, Public Works Director Darrin Raines, Finance Director Cheryl Turner, Fire Chief Jerry Schreck and Police Chief Casey Stratton

Mayor Chestnut said the proposed M&O Levy would only be for one year so he, the Finance Director and the Public Works Director had talked about alternative options for increasing revenue.

The thought was to put a \$5 fee on each water bill per month and have that money go to an equipment utilization fund.

Finance Director Turner called MRSC and was told we could not put a fee on the water and sewer bill but, could increase the tax on the water and sewer bill to fund the equipment utilization fund.

Chief Stratton said he had gotten a quote for the cost of 40 radios that the Fire Dept., Police Dept. and Public Works need. To purchase would cost \$45,299.99. To lease there are 3 options they are as follows:

3 years would be \$1,300 per mo.
5 years would be \$844 per mo.
Quarterly would be \$4,059

Chief Stratton said at the end of the lease we can pay \$1 per radio (\$40) and own them.

He also said if we agreed to lease or purchase 10 more radios we would receive a repeater worth \$10,000.

The Finance Director said a letter went out to Willis Enterprises in regards to B&O tax that needs to be paid to the City. She also asked the Council to lower the B&O floor for the City in order to bring in revenue.

Councilmember Ancich asked to have a Public Hearing at the July 15 meeting in regards to the proposed lowering of the B&O floor.

Finance Director

Attest

Mayor