

City of Cosmopolis
Regular Meeting Minutes
July 15, 2015

Mayor Frank Chestnut presiding

Councilmembers present: Jim Ancich, Kyle Pauley, Carl Sperring and Jonathan Fischer

Staff present: Public Works Director Darrin Raines, Police Chief Casey Stratton, Fire Chief Jerry Schreck, Attorney Steve Hyde and Deputy Clerk Candice Makos

Mayor Chestnut said Councilmember Moran would be absent for the meeting. It was moved by Councilmember Sperring and seconded by Councilmember Pauley to excuse Councilmember Moran from the meeting. Motion approved.

- **Public Hearing on lowering of the B&O tax floor**

Attorney Hyde opened the Public Hearing on the proposed lowering of the B & O tax floor. Attorney Hyde asked for any comments from the public and hearing none the Public Hearing was closed at 7:10 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Councilmember Sperring and seconded by Councilmember Ancich to approve the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Councilmember Sperring and seconded by Councilmember Pauley to approve the consent agenda consisting of the June 17, 2015 workshop and regular meeting minutes and special meeting minutes of June 2, 2015 and vouchers #20969 through #21033 in the amount of \$134,082.22. Motion approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Safety- Councilmember Sperring thanked Public Works, the Fire and Police departments for making of the 4th of July celebration such a success.

Finance Subcommittee - Councilmember Fischer reported that the subcommittee had met earlier in the month and went over some ideas and comments that they will be asking of the city to review. He would like to verify some things before he brings it formally to the Council.

Legislative – Councilmember Sperring said the legislature has adjourned.

CITY OFFICIAL REPORTS

Police – Police Chief Stratton reported on the status of the conditional hire Jackie Mitchell. He is in the process of doing the background and the polygraph check. The Chief also thanked all the departments and Officer Jeff Seeman for their help in making the 4th of July a safe and sane holiday. Chief Stratton gave a brief update on the leasing of radios. He will need a couple of more weeks to put the leasing information together. He also reported on the repair of two vehicles.

Fire – Fire Chief Schreck reported that the Survey and Rating Bureau rate stayed the same. The Mayor thanked Chief Schreck for all of his work.

Public Works – Public Works Director Raines reported that there is a chance to acquire a 1996 Ford F450 truck for approximately \$500.00 or \$600.00. The Mayor encouraged the Public Works Director and the Finance Director to pursue the purchase of the truck.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Chestnut said the Council is deliberating over a number of items and we have some serious equipment deficiencies in the City. A workshop will be scheduled for August 19th at 6:00 pm to address some of these deficiencies. He would like to thank everyone for their help with the 4th of July celebration, especially Mike Entz of Cosmo Specialty Fibers for offering the use of the boat launch. The Public Works crew, Chief Schreck, the firemen and firewoman and Reserve Officer Jeff Seeman who came from Tumwater and the residents of Cosmopolis.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Authorize the Mayor to sign with G.H. County-All Hazard Mitigation Plan

It was moved by Councilmember Sperring and seconded by Councilmember Fischer to authorize the Mayor to sign the G.H. County- All Hazard Mitigation Plan. Motion carried.

B. Authorize the Mayor to sign the cost reimbursement with of the Dept. of Ecology.

It was moved by Councilmember Fischer and seconded by Councilmember Sperring to authorize the Mayor to sign the cost reimbursement with of the Dept. of Ecology. Motion carried.

C. Ordinance #1294 – Reducing the Floor the B&O Floor

It was moved by Councilmember Sperring and seconded by Councilmember Ancich to lower the B&O tax floor from \$500,000.00 to \$20,000.00 dollars. Motion carried.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Pauley commented on the well run 4th of July celebration at the Cosmo boat launch. He wanted to thank everyone involved. Councilmember Ancich asked if there was anything going on regarding the feasibility study for the consolidation of services between Hoquiam, Aberdeen and Cosmopolis. Mayor Chestnut said to his knowledge there was not.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Cody Bridges asked the City on behalf of the Fire Dept. to close off “ B” Street by the Fire Museum on Saturday, July 16, 2015 for a car show, dance and beer garden. Mayor Chestnut suggested Mr. Bridges meet with Public Works Director Raines and Police Chief Stratton regarding this request. Chief Schreck stated that they do have insurance.

Deputy Clerk

Attest:

Mayor