

City of Cosmopolis
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 19, 2015

Mayor Frank Chestnut presiding

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

Staff present: Public Works Director Darrin Raines, Police Chief Casey Stratton, Asst. Fire Chief Dave Dutton, Attorney Steve Hyde and Finance Director Cheryl Turner

Mayor Chestnut opened the meeting and informed everyone that Fire Chief Jerry Schreck would not be at the meeting and that Assistant Chief Dave Dutton would be taking his place.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was moved by Councilmember Sperring and seconded by Councilmember Moran to approve the agenda with the addition of setting a public hearing. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Councilmember Sperring and seconded by Councilmember Pauley to approve the consent agenda consisting of the July 15, 2015 regular meeting minutes and vouchers #21098 through #21170 in the amount of \$77,501.76. Motion approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Safety-Councilmember Sperring asked for a moment of silence to honor the 3 firefighters that lost their lives in the Twisp fire.

Finance Sub-Committee – Councilmember Fischer read the committee report pertaining to the City finances.

Legislative – Councilmember Sperring reported that the legislators failed to satisfy funding for the schools. Will probably have to go back into session.

CITY OFFICIAL

Finance Director – Finance Director Turner reported that Public Works, Police and Fire have done a great job holding the spending to a minimum.

Police – Chief Stratton said the candidate for Police Officer Jackie Mitchell was doing well. He thanked the Public Works dept. for helping take down illegal transient camps. Thanks to Officer Byron the Court has been full.

Fire – Assistant Chief Dutton said only 4 aid calls since last month.

Mayor introduced Commissioner Frank Gordon.

Commissioner Gordon said he thinks we are going about the Mill Creek Dam project the wrong way. He thinks we should replace culverts before the dam goes in.

Commissioner Raines disputed the information that Commissioner Gordon was reading from and said the only reason he has an issue with the dam was because her name was on it.

Public Works Director Raines said we don't have the funding for a culvert project. He also said the dam was never intended to stop all the flooding.

Audience comments were all in favor of putting in the new dam.

Mayor Chestnut said he thinks Commissioner Gordon's only against the Mill Creek Dam because of political retribution.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Chestnut read the Breastfeeding Proclamation. He also said the 3/10 of one percent group got together. The group consists of Mayors, Commissioners and Police. The 3/10 of one percent tax money would be used for criminal justice. Mayor Chestnut met with citizens on Glencoe about

the ATV use. He will speak with the Aberdeen School District supervisor about posting no trespassing signs. Mayor Chestnut said next year is the City's 125 year anniversary and he would like to see the City have some kind of celebration.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Approve purchase of a new police car.

Councilmember Moran moved to approve the purchase of a new police vehicle. Seconded by Councilmember Sperring. Motion approved.

B. Set Public Hearing for September 16, 2015.

C. Authorize Mayor to sign the jail agreement with Hoquiam

Councilmember Pauley moved and Councilmember Sperring to authorize the Mayor to sign the jail agreement with Hoquiam. Motion approved.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Fischer announced that he and his wife are expecting a new baby.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Alan Somerville, 1103 Stanford, asked what was happening in the pits. Mayor Chestnut said that there is too much dust and noise. He said people can't enjoy being outside because of it.

Finance Director

Attest:

Mayor