

CITY OF COSMOPOLIS
SPECIAL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 24, 2015

Presiding: Mayor Frank Chestnut

Council present: Debbi Moran, Carl Sperring and Kyle Pauley

Staff present: Police Chief Casey Stratton, Attorney Steve Hyde and Finance Director Cheryl Turner

Mayor Chestnut asked for a motion to excuse Councilman Ancich and Councilman Fischer. Motion was made by Councilmember Moran and seconded by Councilmember Pauley to excuse Councilmembers Ancich and Fischer. Motion was approved.

Mayor Chestnut ask for authorization from Council to sign the lease/purchase agreement with Motorola for new radios.
It was moved by Councilmember Sperring and seconded by Councilmember Moran to authorize the Mayor to sign the lease/purchase agreement for the radios.

Mayor Chestnut ask for authorization from Council to sign the Union contract extension which includes a 7.2% wage increase.
Motion was made to authorize Mayor to sign the Union contract extension with the 7.2% wage increase. It was seconded by Councilmember Moran. Motion was approved.

Meeting adjourned.

Finance Director

Attest:

Mayor

City of Cosmopolis
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 16, 2015

Mayor Frank Chestnut presiding

Councilmembers present: Jim Ancich, Debbi Moran, Carl Sperring, Kyle Pauley and Jonathan Fischer
Staff Present: Public Works Director Darrin Raines, Fire Chief Jerry Schreck, Attorney Steve Hyde,
Officer Gabe Tarnowski and Deputy Clerk Candice Makos

Mayor Chestnut informed everyone that Police Chief Casey Stratton and Finance Director Cheryl Turner would not be there.

Mayor Chestnut opened the Public Hearing on a possible tax for equipment purposes. Attorney Hyde read a couple of options of the possible ordinances that would address this issue. There was no response from the audience. The Public Hearing was closed.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

A motion was made to approve the agenda by Councilmember Moran and seconded by Councilmember Pauley. Councilmember Ancich questioned the approval of the agenda since there were several options regarding Ord. 1296. Mayor Chestnut stated that his suggestion would be they do not take action tonight on Ord. 1296 and have a round table discussion regarding this ordinance.

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Councilmember Sperring and seconded by Councilmember Ancich to approve the consent agenda consisting of the September 2, 2015 regular meeting minutes and vouchers #21206 through #21241 in the amount of \$29615.58.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

E911 - Mayor Chestnut reported that E911 is working on their budget and working on stepping up and purchasing equipment for moving onto the next generation of E911 and also repairing a cabinet the Mc Cleary water tank cabinet needed to hold gear.

CITY OFFICIAL REPORTS

Fire - Fire Chief Jerry Schreck reported they purchased 2 AEDs that are compatible with Aberdeen's. They were able to purchase these through a Grays Harbor Transit and an EMS grant and a few dollars from the fire department.

Public Works – Public Works Director Raines was approached by Tamar Yakovich of the Aberdeen High School Booster Club requesting permission to paint a bobcat paw on the sidewalks of citizen's that donated money to the Booster Club. Mayor Chestnut and the Council thought it was a great idea for supporting the club. He also talked about closing the composting program for the year. Director Raines said he would like to keep it open until the end of October. Mayor Chestnut asked Director Raines to get together with the Financial Director Turner to see what the budget will allow. Director Raines said that our funding agreement for the Mill Creek Dam project finally came through. We should have our funding agreement by tomorrow morning. The permitting process is the next item on the list to move forward with the project.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Chestnut challenged the City Council to come up with some ideas about what we need to do to put forth some economic development ideas. He would like to set a date and time at the next council meeting for a workshop on this subject. Also our 125th anniversary will be next year and he would like to suggest we have a large celebration. Mayor Chestnut asked Councilmember Moran to please get her parks committee together and start working on this. Mayor Chestnut pointed out the lists submitted to the council for purchases the department heads will need in the future. These items which could be purchased with the monies collected from a tax designated to fund equipment purchases only. A flat tax seems to be more equitable for the citizens of Cosmopolis. We will also need to take a look at the actual construction of the ordinance 1296.

Mayor Chestnut adjourned the meeting.

Finance Director

Attest:

Mayor