

**City of Cosmopolis
Workshop Minutes
April 6, 2016**

Mayor Frank Chestnut presided

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

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

Mayor Chestnut called for a Joint Workshop for City Council and Planning Commission to be held on Tuesday, April 26th at the Cosmopolis Fire Hall at 6:00 PM. Three councilmembers will be unable to attend the meeting so it will have to be rescheduled.

The workshop was called to discuss the fire truck, police car and fire hall usage by the court. We need to look ahead about replacing some aged fire trucks. Mayor Chestnut asked Councilman Sperring to speak about getting a new fire truck or trucks. He asked about how we would fund the fire trucks as well as other apparatus needed for the running of the fire hall. Councilman Sperring said we are looking at approximately \$600,000. He asked the Finance Director to could get the costs together for a levy for these items. Chief Schreck asked if we might run a bond issue that would fund two pump trucks at the same time but not purchase them at the same time. Mayor Chestnut stated that you could construct the bond however you wanted but it would affect the cost. Public Works Director Raines said it could be funded under the same bond but could have them delivered whatever date you choose.

Mayor Chestnut called on Chief Stratton to discuss a new police car. Chief Stratton said that leasing seems to be the best way to go on acquire a new car. It will not be a lease to own but a lease that will run for only three to five years and then turn the car in for another new one. He thought there would also be a chance for leasing a fire truck. Chief Stratton will look into the actual cost of leasing.

There was a brief discussion regarding the equipment reserve fund. Councilman Fischer asked if we have monies being put in the fund now. Mayor Chestnut said that we added a 5% raise in the utility tax each month and that money goes into the fund. But it will take time to build this amount up.

Mayor Chestnut passed out a letter written by Court Clerk Shelley Willett regarding the moving of the location of the court to the fire hall. After much discussion on security as well as capacity of the fire hall it was determined that we look elsewhere for a new meeting room for the court but not rule out the fire hall altogether. Attorney Stephen Hyde will be contacting the City of Hoquiam regarding using their facilities once a month well as Councilman Pauley looking into using District Court 2 in Aberdeen.

Councilman Ancich asked if Darrin was going to find architectural design of the city hall and police building remodel from a few years ago. Public Works Director Raines said he would locate the plans and give them to the Mayor but he remembered the cost was way too high at the time for us moving ahead with them.

Meeting adjourned.

Deputy Clerk

ATTEST:

Mayor