

**City of Cosmopolis
Regular Meeting Minutes
November 15, 2017**

Mayor Frank Chestnut presiding.

Councilmembers present: Debbi Moran, Kyle Pauley, Carl Sperring, and Jonathan Fischer. It was moved by Councilmember Moran and seconded by Councilmember Sperring to excuse Councilmember Ancich. Motion carried.

Staff Present: City Administrator Darrin Raines, Attorney Steve Johnson, Police Chief Casey Stratton, Fire Chief David Dutton, and Clerk-Treasurer Julie Pope

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Councilmember Sperring and seconded by Councilmember Moran. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Councilmember Sperring and seconded by Councilmember Moran to approve the consent agenda consisting of the November 1, 2017 workshop and meeting minutes and vouchers #23019 thru #23062 in the amount of \$368,660.54. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Safety: Met last week with Chief Stratton and Chief Dutton and reviewed their budgets.

Council of Governments: Councilmember Sperring stated they discussed the Brownfield study and the Service Transportation Plan policy updates. In 2018 Timberland Library will be celebrating their 50th anniversary.

E-911: Per Mayor Chestnut, they are going through their budget as well. Their director stated that they have been operating in the red and will need to increase everyone's cost. Final numbers will come in at the next meeting on November 21, 2017.

Legislative: Councilmember Sperring stated that the County is not sure how to fund the Ballot boxes that the State has mandated. He will report back when more information is available.

CITY OFFICIAL REPORTS

Finance: Clerk-Treasurer Pope stated the State Auditor's office will be arriving the week of Thanksgiving for our 3-year audit.

City Attorney: The City was served with a summons and complaint regarding on October 24th with an issue regarding the School District. An attorney with the City's insurance company is taking over the case.

Police: Chief Stratton stated the new Explorer is now in service and was assigned to Officer Tarnowski. The department is planning to host a reserve academy the first of the year. We are looking to procure 2 new reserve officers from the academy.

Fire: Chief Dutton stated they are up to 153 calls this year. It was voted to activate John Bramstedt as a member of the Fire Department. Last year we purchased a replacement rescue boat. He would like the City to pay back the Association for the cost of the boat. It was \$9200. Councilmember Moran made a motion to refund the Cosmopolis Fire Association from the Fire Equipment fund for \$9200. It was seconded by Councilmember Sperring. Councilmember Sperring stated that he supported the purchase, but he wished it had been brought up prior to the association purchasing the boat. Motion carried. The 1980's ambulance painted yellow was replaced by a newer ambulance purchased from the City of Raymond. Chief Dutton would like the City to sign over the old ambulance to Engine Co. #1. City Administrator Raines stated that it had not been surplus yet. City Attorney Johnson stated that we would have to surplus it first. Councilmember Sperring moved to surplus Unit 7641 and was seconded by Councilmember Pauley. Motion carried. City Attorney Johnson stated we could loan it to the museum on an indefinite loan. Mayor Chestnut stated we will research this and get back to it during the next Council meeting. Chief Dutton also requested the Council change an ordinance to allow a green strobe or flashing lamp on the front of volunteer's personal vehicle when responding to a call. Mayor Chestnut stated that we would have to research this. City Attorney Johnson stated that there is a State law regarding the green lights.

City Administrator: City Administrator Raines stated that we would hear within the month on the grants. The South wall of the dam is completely done. The water has been released and we are working out of the water now. Quigg Bros. Inc is continuing to work on the North wall. Administrator Raines reminded people to stay out of the construction zone. He would like to keep the area closed until June 30, 2018. Councilmember Pauley moved that we extend the Mill Creek Park closure until June 30, 2018. It was seconded by Councilmember Sperring. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Chestnut stated the Union exercised their option to a Wage opener. We had our first meeting yesterday. Mayor Chestnut set up another Budget workshop at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 15, 2017. Officer Tarnowski did very well with the Real Men Wear Pink breast cancer fundraiser. He raised

\$4,391.34. Mayor Chestnut stated that Kristina Eccles was hired to replace Candice Makos when she retires. Kristina started training today.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Pauley: Councilmember Pauley attended the AWC Regional Meeting in Hoquiam. He stated that they have a lot of information that will help the City. He highly recommends that the Council attend these meeting in the future.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mike Wagenblast, 813 Second Street, asked about E-911. Chief Stratton stated it stands for Enhanced 911. It uses your phone to designate your address. Mr. Wagenblast asked if painting an address on the curb is a good idea. Chief Dutton stated that there are a lot of homes in the area that do not have curbs. With technology being what it is, he feels it isn't necessary. Mr. Wagenblast asked the Council to consider looking into how the organization of AmeriCorp could help our City.

Meeting adjourned.

Clerk-Treasurer

Attest:

Mayor