

**City of Cosmopolis**  
**Workshop Meeting Minutes**  
**April 18, 2018**

Mayor Frank Chestnut presiding.

Councilmembers present: Debbi Moran, Carl Sperring, Kyle Pauley, Dale Andrews, and Jim Ancich.

Staff Present: City Administrator Darrin Raines, Attorney Steve Johnson, Deputy Police Chief Heath Layman, Fire Chief David Dutton, and Clerk-Treasurer Julie Pope.

Mayor Chestnut called the workshop to order. This workshop is to discuss the WATV ordinance. Deputy Chief Layman provided documentation of the rules and regulations surrounding the area around us. He would like to see the City of Cosmopolis to mirror the surrounding locations so there is consistency. He and City Attorney Johnson stated that our ordinance is almost identical to the City of Aberdeen's current ordinance. They are limited to side by side vehicles the same as Cosmopolis. The City of Hoquiam does not allow any WATV's on their streets. County ordinance covers selected streets that are limited to 35 mph and below and cannot cross State highways.

Councilmember Pauley says it makes sense to have a cross at F Street so that they may access the Maxi Mini Mart to get gas. Per City Attorney Johnson, it would be legal to allow the crossing at F Street. Deputy Chief Layman asked if it is necessary to write an ordinance to allow the crossing even if it already allowed by RCW. Mayor Chestnut asked if it made sense to limit crossing of the State highway. Deputy Chief Layman stated that there are only two intersections in the City that would be allowed by RCW.

Deputy Chief Layman stated that if we change the ordinance to allow quads, they would only be legal within the City of Cosmopolis as the City of Aberdeen does not allow them and now the person would be illegal as soon as they cross the line.

Per City Administrator Raines, we were under the assumption that golf carts were included in the WATV RCW, but they are not. They would need to be added to another ordinance.

Councilmember Ancich's concern is the traffic on the highway. Per Deputy Chief Layman, with the State law the only thing allowable is to they can cross the State highway, but they cannot drive the WATV's on the State highway.

Councilmember Sperring likes that our current ordinance is the same at the City of Aberdeen. He would like to see the City add some signage and help education the public. Councilmember Pauley would like us to update our ordinance to add the quads. Councilmember Ancich disagrees. He states that it would be setting them up for failure since Aberdeen does not allow them. Councilmember Moran would like us to hold off on golf carts until someone requests it.

Mayor Chestnut adjourned the meeting.

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Clerk-Treasurer

Attest:

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