

City of Cosmopolis
Workshop Meeting Minutes
May 16, 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, Police Chief Casey Stratton, Fire Chief David Dutton, and Clerk-Treasurer Julie Pope.

Mayor Chestnut called the workshop to order. The workshop was called to discuss a possible new Municipal Facility. We posted a poll on Facebook. Results were inconclusive due to out of town people responding to the poll. We have no way of knowing what the percentage of out of town responders were. With citizens talking to Mayor Chestnut and to the staff, there has been a mostly positive response. Per Clerk-Treasurer Pope there was been a lot of people wanting to be on the committee. Per City Administrator Raines, the feedback is mostly positive. He has had a lot of questions regarding how it is going to be paid for and how we would design it. Mayor Chestnut stated that it appears we have sufficient support to scratch the surface more deeply.

Councilmember Pauley stated that throwing it out on the table is a good idea. He has questions regarding how much is really needed. He believes a study is needed. City Administrator Raines stated that the first time the Fire Hall was brought to the table it failed. We then went through what was proposed and pared it down to what was needed and then it was passed.

Councilmember Sperring stated he had received a 50/50 for or against the new facility. People are afraid of a Taj Mahal type building. People are somewhat hesitant since there are a lot of unknowns.

Councilmember Moran stated that people have asked her about adding a jail to a new Police facility. Mayor Chestnut stated he had received the same comment.

City Administrator Raines stated that we are going to be doing some area wide planning that is paid for by a grant. This project would fit within this realm. This could help us come up with some rough numbers and financing ideas. When we receive numbers and come up with some ideas, we could then get some true opinions on the project.

Councilmember Andrews stated we need to determine what our needs are City wide and then we should be able to determine where to go from there.

Mayor Chestnut would like to set up a workshop on an off night when there is not a Council Meeting.

Mayor Chestnut adjourned the meeting.

Clerk-Treasurer

Attest:

Mayor