

**City of Cosmopolis
Special Meeting Minutes
September 5, 2019**

Mayor Frank Chestnut presiding.

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

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilmember Moran made a motion to accept the agenda. It was seconded by Councilmember Ancich. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

a. HDR Task Order #7: City Administrator Raines brought everyone up to date regarding the leak in dam. The repair is in the process of being fixed. The price tag is for \$15,000.00. Councilmember Moran made a motion to pay for it. Councilmember Ancich seconded the motion. Motion carried.

b. Discussion regarding Fire Department Personnel: Mayor Chestnut called on Councilmember Sperring to report what was discussed in the Fire Committee meeting called after the workshop. It was decided to reinstate Cody Bridges effective the day he made the decision to resign his position as Captain which was on August 21, 2019. Mayor Chestnut then called upon Captain Danny Wilson to give the Mayor a letter from the Volunteer Fire Department's monthly meeting held on August 21, 2019. The Association elected Cody Bridges as their Fire Chief. Mayor Chestnut gave Cody the oath of office making him now Chief Bridges.

c. Fire Rescue Boat: Mayor Chestnut asked for a motion regarding the purchasing of the fire boat. Councilmember Sperring made the motion to purchase the boat. Councilmember Moran seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Pauley congratulated Chief Bridges on his appointment and then asked what the term of office would be for Chief Bridges. Would he be filling the rest of Chief Schreck's term? Mayor Chestnut said the term would begin tonight September 5, 2019.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Steve Davis addressed the issue of the Fire Department not responding to calls. Just because dispatch doesn't get the information doesn't mean they haven't responded. To his knowledge the fire department never not responded to a call, not ever. Mayor Chestnut has also heard the comment on the street that the Fire department had not responded.

Kristina Bridges stated that her husband has spent many hours away from his family working on the fire departments business.

Mark Collett stated that we should feel blessed that we have the volunteers.

Meeting adjourned.

Clerk-Treasurer

Attest:

Mayor