

CITY OF COSMOPOLIS
Workshop Minutes
September 5, 2019

Mayor Frank Chestnut presiding.

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

Staff Present: City Administrator Darrin Raines, Attorney Steve Johnson, and Clerk-Treasurer Julie Pope.

Mayor Frank Chestnut called the workshop to order.

This workshop is to discuss the fire boat. Mayor Chestnut asked Cody Bridges to go through the operating procedure for the Council. The Mayor then asked the council for any questions they may have. Councilmember Moran stated that anyone operating a boat must have a valid Washington State Boaters card on his person. She asked if this was from the NFPA. Mr. Bridges responded, "No. There is no NFPA card for operating a boat." Cody stated he talked with the Coast Guard and County Sheriff's office and they said the only requirements for operating a boat was for them to have a Washington State Safety Boaters card. A person can get this card by taking courses thru the State of Washington on the computer. Councilmember Moran asked if the City will receive a copy of these cards. Mr. Bridges stated that they have the cards on file at the fire station and will also have a copy of the cards on the boat so why do we need a copy at the City.

Councilmember Andrews asked since there is a weight requirement for three volunteer firemen on the 14' vessel with 900 pounds weight capacity for the three volunteers and with a total 1335 pounds with their gear, with 50 horsepower 4 stroke Honda engine will they be only transporting one patient at a time. Cody Bridges responded yes. Councilmember Andrews asked if there was any requirement for a swimming certification. Cody Bridges says the State of Washington does not require it. Councilmember Moran asked if this boat will be big enough. Mr. Bridges said yes, the Grays Harbor County Sheriff's office just purchased a new boat which is only 2 feet longer. Mr. Bridges said he does not want a longer boat because it was harder to navigate between pilings and waterways on the Chehalis river.

Councilmember Pauley thanked Cody Bridges for the work he has done. He stated said he has a bunch of housekeeping stuff to address. According to the SOP the boat can be launched with any Fireman's personal vehicle. Mayor Chestnut stated he and Darrin have been discussing that possibility and since the City has a surplus vehicle then maybe the City can turn it over to the Fire Department to use just for the purpose of launching the boat. Councilman Pauley asked what the numbers in the SOP are for - R26 or A25. Cody Bridges stated that the numbers that are assigned by Grays Harbor dispatch regarding the vehicles the Firemen use. He also stated that some things redundant and could they be addressed.

Councilmember Ancich said that everything has been ass backwards regarding the boat. He is not pointing nor blaming anybody. It's just sad that all the information it is just now coming to the Council. Cody Bridges stated the it was not his fault and it was very frustrating. Councilmember Ancich repeated that he had not blamed Mr. Bridges nor anyone specifically. Mayor Chestnut stated it was his fault he dropped that ball. Steve Davis and Cody Bridges gave a brief history of what had gone on with the boat issue.

Councilman Andrews stated that the Volunteer Fire Association has the right to purchase the boat and the City Council has the right to either buy the boat from the Volunteer Fire Association or not. Councilmember Andrews still does not understand the timeline procedures were not met.

Councilmember Andrews asked if there a was a breakdown of the calls that the Chief presents to the Council at each meeting and if the Council is allocating money for a project then shouldn't the Council be aware of the number of calls that pertain to the project. Steve Davis said they need to a do a better job at reporting to the Council and they need to do a better job also at marketing the Department.

Cody Bridges said there is a need to have a rescue boat. Councilmember Sperring stated he uses the river 6 to 8 weeks out of the year and he would like to see a rescue boat on the river. Steve Davis said we use the boat for mutual aid to the Cities of Aberdeen and Hoquiam as they in turn come to our aid whenever we need them. The rescue boat is one of the tools that we have no one else has.

Councilmember Moran asked if the Volunteer Firemen have gone to the water rescue training. Cody Bridges said they are not required to do any specialized training. They do train several times a year within their SOP.

Mayor Chestnut adjourned the meeting.

Clerk-Treasurer

Attest:

Mayor