

CITY OF COSMOPOLIS
Regular Meeting Minutes
November 20, 2019

Mayor Frank Chestnut presiding

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

Staff present: City Administrator Darrin Raines, Clerk-Treasurer Julie Pope, Attorney Steve Johnson, Chief Casey Stratton, Chief Cody Bridges

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion was made by Councilmember Carl Sperring and seconded by Councilmember Debbi Moran to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING (BUDGET/PROPERTY TAXES)

Attorney Steve Johnson opened the public hearing. He asked for any comments from the public. Ben King stated he approved it. No other comments were made. Attorney Johnson asked to close the meeting.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda consisting of the November 6, 2019 regular meeting and workshop minutes and Vouchers #25207 through #25260 in the amount of \$73,339.50, Payroll Vouchers #25160 through #25166 in the amount of \$5,128.66 and EFT's dated 11/08/2019 through 11/08/2019 in the amount of \$22,831.67. Councilmember Sperring made a motion and Councilmember Ancich seconded the motion to accept the consent agenda. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council of Governments – Councilmember Sperring stated the PUD gave a presentation on the removal of dams on the lower Snake River. Also, there was a presentation by Timberland Library to discuss staffing and a key card system.

E-911 - Per Mayor Chestnut, the ballot measure passed.

CITY OFFICIAL REPORTS

Clerk-Treasurer – Clerk-Treasurer Pope stated that she has been working on the budget.

Attorney - Attorney Johnson stated the lawsuit was settled. He received an order of dismissal this morning.

Police Chief – Chief Stratton stated that we were approved to host the 2020 Reserve Academy. He stated the new patrol car is waiting for a back seat. It is on backorder.

Code Enforcement – We had been receiving complaints regarding unkempt yard and junk cars. House had been foreclosed on and the bank evicted them. A conditional use permit has been applied for regarding bees. The conditional use hearing will be December 2, 2019.

Fire – Chief Bridges stated that their engine truck would not start tonight, this is why they need a new truck.

City Administrator – Administrator Raines stated that he found a used tilt deck trailer for \$11,000. He and Councilmember Ancich have looked at the trailer. Attorney Johnson stated that we will have to go out bid for the trailer. Administrator Raines stated that we are looking at changing our longevity to a percentage versus a flat rate. This was brought up a few months ago and was told to bring it back at budget time. Clerk-Treasurer Pope stated that these are the same percentages as in the Police union contract. Councilmember Moran made a motion to accept the longevity pay for the entire City staff. Councilmember Ancich seconded. Councilmember Pauley stated he would like to see the numbers. Clerk-Treasurer Pope stated the the police clerk went from \$350 per month to \$450 under the percentage basis. The numbers are already calculated in the budget. Mayor Chestnut asked Councilmember Moran if she would like to table the motion. Councilmember Moran stated she would like to ahead on the motion. 3- Aye, 2-No. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

A. ORDINANCE 1341 (Property Tax) – Attorney Johnson read the ordinance. Councilmember Moran made a motion to accept the ordinance. Councilmember Andrews seconded. Motion carried.

B. ORDINANCE 1342 (2020 Budget) - Councilmember Sperring made a motion to read by title only. Councilmember Ancich seconded. Motion carried. Attorney Jonson read the title of the ordinance. Councilmember Pauley asked where the figures come from. Clerk-Treasurer Pope stated that she is given the numbers by County. Councilmember Moran made a motion to accept the ordinance. Councilmember Pauley seconded. Motion carried.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Ancich asked if the funds remaining from the LID fund could you used to purchase the fire truck. Clerk-Treasurer Pope stated that since it was for a utility it may have to within that utility. She will ask the State Auditor's office.

Mayor Chestnut adjourned the meeting.

Clerk-Treasurer

Attest:

Mayor Pro Tem