

CITY OF COSMOPOLIS
Regular Meeting Minutes
December 18, 2019

Mayor Frank Chestnut presiding

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

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS (Agenda Items Only)

Ben King asked if we get a well will that save us money and we wouldn't be dependent on the City of Aberdeen for our complete water supply. City Administrator Darrin Raines said yes that we have a well that we have drilled at Makarenko Park and should be online in 2020.

Robin Capps stated she was concerned about the new rates as she is on a fixed income.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consisting of the December 18, 2019 regular meeting minutes and Vouchers #25319 through #25367 in the amount of \$84,942.30, Payroll Vouchers #25160 through 25166 in the amount of \$5727.22 and EFT's dated 12/06/2019 in the amount of \$33,399.62. Councilmember Debbi Moran made a motion to accept the consent agenda and Councilmember Carl Sperring seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

E911 - Mayor Chestnut said that E911 had discovered a map error in the budget so they called a brief meeting to correct the issue.

CITY OFFICIAL REPORTS

Fire Chief– Chief Bridges stated they swore Shawn Benson in as a new firefighter. Shawn Benson and Destiny Chilcote will be starting their EMT course soon.

City-Administrator – City Administrator Raines said we needed to replace the fence on Mill Creek Drive at the cost of \$3699.20. Councilmember Moran made a motion to replace the fence with Councilmember Sperring seconded the motion. Motion carried. City Administrator Raines said our mini excavator came yesterday and the tilt deck should arrive this week. He would also like to take this time to thank Mayor Chestnut and Councilmember Sperring for the many years they worked together. He also wanted to thank all the staff for the good work they did this year.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Utility Rate (Resolution 2019-8)** – Attorney Johnson read Resolution 2019-8 setting Sewer and Water rates. Councilmember Ancich made a motion to accept as read and seconded by Councilmember Pauley. Motion carried.
- B. Utility Tax – deferred to after item G.**
- C. Grays Harbor County Public Works Agreement** – Motion was made by Councilmember Sperring and seconded by Councilmember Andrews to approve the Public Works Agreement. Motion carried.
- D. City of Aberdeen EMS Agreement** – Motion was made by Councilmember Carl Sperring and seconded by Councilmember Jim Ancich to enter into the City of Aberdeen EMS Agreement. Motion carried.
- E. EMS Rate Change (Ord 1343)** – Read by title by Attorney Johnson lowering the EMS rate from 9% to a flat rate per month. Motion was made by Councilmember Moran and seconded by Carl Sperring. Motion carried.
- F. 2019 Budget Amendment (Ord 1344)** – Attorney Johnson read the amendment. Councilmember Moran made a motion to accept the amendment and Councilmember Sperring seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- G. Fire Truck** – A motion was made to purchase a new fire truck equal to \$515,000.00. Councilmember Sperring made a motion to purchase the fire truck and it was seconded by Councilmember Pauley. Councilmember Pauley asked for an amendment to the motion stating exactly how the funds would be raised. Clerk-Treasurer Pope said by adding a 2.5% utility tax increase to the residents and office and operating budget from the fire department

we would be able pay for the truck for one year. The Fire Department will need to go out for a bond for the remaining years of the loan. Motion carried

- H. Fire Training in Las Vegas** – Chief Bridges wants 3 members of the fire department to go to training in Las Vegas. He stated it's the biggest training conference in the world. He would like to take Assistant Chief John Bramstedt and Fireman Steve Davis along with him which would cost \$5000.00. Motion was made by Councilmember Sperring and seconded by Councilmember Pauley to allow 3 members from the fire department to attend the conference in Las Vegas. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Chestnut gave a brief report of his five years in office. Everyone worked to their highest levels through good times and bad. He also wanted to thank his wife Sharon for her support. Councilmember Sperring made a motion for Mayor Chestnut to appoint Mayor Elect Kyle Pauley to the office of Mayor for the City of Cosmopolis. Councilmember Debbi Moran seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mayor Pauley wanted to thank Councilmember Sperring for his years of service to the City. He had something for our outgoing Mayor which was a proclamation honoring Mayor Frank Chestnut for his many years of service to the City of Cosmopolis.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Sperring thanked all of staff and Councilmembers for all the help they accorded him throughout the years. Councilmembers Jim Ancich, Debbi Moran and Dale Andrews thanked outgoing Mayor Frank Chestnut and outgoing Councilmember Carl Sperring for their years of service to the City.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Frank Chestnut thanked Carl Sperring for helping him throughout his years on the planning commission, council and his tenure as Mayor.

Meeting adjourned.

Clerk-Treasurer

Attest:

Mayor