

**CITY OF COSMOPOLIS**  
**City Council Meeting**  
**June 17, 2020**

**Mayor Kyle Pauley presiding**

**COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT**

Debbi Moran, Dale Andrews, Candice Makos, Jim Ancich, and Stana Cummings.

**STAFF PRESENT**

City Administrator Darrin Raines, Asst. Fire Chief John Bramstedt, Attorney Steve Johnson, Police Chief Casey Stratton, and Deputy Clerk Kristina Eccles

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Councilmember Moran to accept the consent agenda. It was seconded by Councilmember Andrews. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING – SIX YEAR STREET PLAN**

Administrator Raines stated that the list of projects is the same as the last two years. This is because we did not receive any State or Federal funding. This list is based on a scored criteria. They are not listed by order of importance. It is unlikely that we would receive funding this year. There were no public comments after Administrator Raines listed the proposed projects. There were no written comments received. Councilmember Moran made a motion to close the hearing. It was seconded by Councilmember Andrews. Public Hearing closed.

**CITY OFFICIAL REPORTS**

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR** – Administrator Raines stated that we are closing on the property on First Street tomorrow. They will have the property cleared by next week. It will probably be next Spring before they start construction. He thanked Mr. VanSyckle for his help with mowing and at the cemetery. It has helped the Public Works department. The new pump we installed on Franklin Drive ran under \$200 for the month for power use. The pump it replaced ran \$600-\$800 per month. The next project will be to install the new water meters. We are looking at \$2.00 per month household fee for the Compost fee. We would need to have a service that would allow access to the dump site. Something that would set parameters for when access would be allowed. The costs for the program have shot up the last two years.

**POLICE CHIEF** – Chief Stratton stated that mental health calls and violent crime has plateaued. We received approval to calibrate our radars. One of our patrol cars down and we recommissioned our red Tahoe. Councilmember Ancich recommended pulling the Tahoe from the surplus list. Chief Stratton agreed. We need tires for patrol cars soon. For training, the officers will have to qualify on their weapons soon.

**FIRE CHIEF** – Asst Chief Bramstedt stated that we are at 90 calls for the year. Dr. Buck stated that the Fire Department personnel is treated as though they are family. They are continuing to train as usual. There has been an increase in calls. The Department would like to acknowledge citizen Ed VanSyckle. He took it upon himself to clean up the property around the Fire Hall. They would like to thank him for his efforts.

**ATTORNEY** – Attorney Johnson stated that tomorrow will be closing on the real estate transaction with Daniels Industrial. Municipal Court will resume tomorrow.

**MAYOR**

Mayor Pauley stated we are in Phase 3 now. We will remove the signs for the playground equipment. The drive through at City Hall will be accessible again. At Phase 4, we will reopen the interior of City Hall. Summit Pacific Medical Center is planning a bike run from Elma to Westport with a stop in Cosmopolis. On the agenda is a ballot box agreement with Grays Harbor County. This would be a ballot box in front of City Hall. This would install it in the next month or so. Greater Grays Harbor is sending out surveys to local businesses to see what their needs and issues are with Covid-19.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Resolution 2020-02 (Six Year Transportation Improvement Plan)** – Councilmember Moran made a motion to accept the Six Year Transportation Plan. Councilmember Ancich seconded. Motion carried.

- B. Resolution 2020-03 (GH County Solid Waste Management Plan)-** Mayor Pauley stated that all of the Cities had to pass this in order for the County to pass theirs. It is a standard agreement. Councilmember Moran made a motion to accept the GH County Solid Waste Management Plan. Councilmember Cummings seconded. Motion carried.
- C. Ballot Box Agreement with GH County –** Mayor Pauley stated that we need to sign a contract to install the ballot box. The County would manage the box. Councilmember Moran made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract. Councilmember Cummings seconded. Motion carried.

**BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS**

Mayor Pauley stated that recently there was a Board of Adjustment meeting. There were issues with getting a quorum. Most of their terms are expired. Mayor Pauley is nominating Ken Cummings to the Board. Councilmember Moran made a motion to accept Ken Cummings to the Board of Adjustments. It was seconded by Councilmember Makos. Motion carried.

**ANNUAL REPORT 2019**

Administrator Raines stated the Council was given a copy of the 2019 Annual Report. He stated that this is the first year the report has been prepared with the BIAS software. He stated the Finance Director stated that the report was easier to prepare and that it was easier for him to review. The process is much simpler. For 2020, it should be even easier since the full year of transactions are conducted in the software. Councilmember Moran made a motion to approve the annual report. Councilmember Ancich seconded. Motion carried.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

**Councilmember Makos** – She stated that the Police Department is incredible. We are lucky to have you all.

**Councilmember Ancich** - He stated that we should hold onto the red Tahoe. He made a motion to remove it from the Surplus list. Councilmember Moran seconded. Motion carried. He also wanted to know when we can get the Fire Truck and other equipment back on the ballot. Mayor Pauley stated that we could put it on the November ballot. The concern would be getting the super majority which is needed to pass. We could wait for the February election. It would be up to the Council. Councilmember Andrews would like to table this until the next meeting. Mayor Pauley stated that we would have to have this to the County auditor’s office in August to be on the November ballot.

**Councilmember Moran** – Thanked the Police Department for their hard work and we appreciate them. She also thanked City Administrator Raines for looking into reopening the Compost program.

Meeting adjourned.

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Finance Director

Attest:

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Mayor