

CITY OF COSMOPOLIS
Regular City Council Meeting
December 16, 2020

Mayor Kyle Pauley presiding

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT

Debbi Moran, Dale Andrews, Candice Makos, and Stana Cummings. Councilmember Moran made a motion to excuse Councilmember Ancich. It was seconded by Councilmember Cummings. Motion carried. 3-Ayes, 1-No.

STAFF PRESENT

City Administrator Darrin Raines, Attorney Steve Johnson, Police Chief Casey Stratton, Fire Chief Cody Bridges, and Finance Director Julie Pope

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Moran to accept the consent agenda. It was seconded by Councilmember Cummings. Councilmember Andrews stated a correction was needed. Under New Business item B, where Councilmember Makos asked if she should abstain from the discussion since she used to work from City Hall. As stated in the draft minutes, "Attorney Johnson stated that there is a conflict as she no longer works for City Hall" . It should have said "isn't a conflict". Councilmember Moran made a motion to accept with the amendment. It was seconded by Councilmember Cummings. Motion carried.

CITY OFFICIALS

Fire Chief – Public Safety meeting is scheduled for December 24, 2020. The Department will be doing a parade of fire trucks throughout the City. Santa will ride along. This is in lieu of Santa Claus Sunday that the Department normally does.

City Administrator – Administrator Raines thanked all the Department Heads for getting through this year. There were a lot of tough cuts. He appreciated everyone's help.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Pauley stated that he wrote most of his thoughts in the Budget report. He thanked everyone for working with us. There have been a lot of cuts that have affected everyone. Cosmo Specialty Fibers will be fully open by February 1, 2021.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Ordinance 1351 (Interfund Loan to Streets)** – Finance Director Pope read the ordinance in its entirety. Councilmember Moran made a motion to approve. Councilmember Cummings seconded. Councilmember Andrews asked what the money is going for. Director Pope explained that due to lower taxes received, the fund has a negative ending cash balance. This would be it to a positive balance. Motion carried.
- B. Ordinance 1352 (Budget Amendment)** – Finance Director Pope read the ordinance in its entirety. Councilmember Moran made a motion to approve the ordinance. Councilmember Cummings seconded. Councilmember Andrews asked the Director to explain the ordinance. Director Pope explained that we received the Bond proceeds we received were not budgeted for this year and needed to be accounted for. We also purchased new water meters that were not budgeted for nor was the interfund loan to the Street Fund. Motion carried.
- C. Ordinance 1353 (2021 Budget)** – Councilmember Moran made a motion to read by title only. Councilmember Andrews seconded. Motion carried. Director Pope read the ordinance by title. Councilmember Moran made a motion to approve. Councilmember Cummings seconded. Councilmember Andrews asked what publication we use for ordinances. Attorney Johnson stated that it is normally published in the Vidette, but it is not operating at the moment so it is being published in the Daily World. Motion carried.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Makos – Wished everyone a nice Christmas and a good New Year.

Councilmember Cummings – Wished everyone a good Christmas and New Year.

Councilmember Moran – Thanked the Finance Director for a good job done on the budget. She also wished everyone a good Christmas and New Year. She is very happy about Cosmo.

Councilmember Andrews – Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. The thanked the Mayor, the City Administrator, and Finance Director for all of their hard work. He stated there would be Public Safety meeting on December 24, 2020 at 6:30. Administrator Raines stated he would be

unavailable due to Christmas eve. Councilmember Andrews stated that they would reschedule the meeting.

Mayor Pauley said Happy Holidays to everyone and the New Year will be better.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Karen Lourim, 305 G Street, asked for clarification on publication. She felt that we weren't definitive on the publication. Mayor Pauley stated that our official publication is the Vidette that is owned by Sound Publishing which also owns the Daily World. Due to the Vidette not operating at this time, all publications have been moved to the Daily World until further notice.

Meeting adjourned.

Finance Director

Attest:

Mayor