

CITY OF COSMOPOLIS
Regular City Council Meeting
February 17, 2021

Mayor Kyle Pauley presiding

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT

Dale Andrews, Candice Makos, Stana Cummings. Councilmember Makos made a motion to excuse Councilmembers Moran and Ancich. Seconded by Councilmember Andrews. Motion carried. Councilmember Moran joined the meeting late.

STAFF PRESENT

City Administrator Darrin Raines, Attorney Steve Johnson, Police Chief Casey Stratton, Asst. Fire Chief John Bramstedt, and Finance Director Julie Pope

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Works – Public Works Superintendent Jeff Nations stated they discussed new connection fees for water and sewer and fees for sidewalk removal. They should have more information for the March meeting.

CITY OFFICIALS

Finance Director – Director Pope stated that General Fund revenues are down 61% from the calendar year 2020. She stated that she expects revenues to pick up since the mill is up and running. We have three public works items on auction at GovDeals.com. They are doing really well. Spring Clean-up is coming up. She is working with Lemay's to set a date and it is looking like June.

Police Chief – Chief Stratton stated that his patrol car is having mechanical issues. He is currently using the old maroon Tahoe. Lots of mental health calls during this time frame. Morale is high within the department and Clerk Mayfield is doing very well.

Fire Chief – Asst Chief Bramstedt stated that the department had a chimney fire a couple of days ago. Fortunately, the crew was able to extinguish the fire. During the snow, they chained up the ambulance and second out engine. Per Mayor Pauley, there were 15 aid calls and one fire call since the last meeting. Councilmember Andrews thanked the department for helping him recently.

City Administrator – Administrator Raines stated the new municipal building is still proceeding. We are working on reducing costs. We will have another meeting with the architect next week. We are hoping to break ground in late May or early June. Regarding the old Police Facility, he thinks we should set a minimum of \$1,000 bid and \$1,000 deposit. The deposit is to make sure the building is removed within 30 days and no damage to existing property. The public works department will disconnect utilities and remove skirting. Councilmember Makos made a motion to approve the \$1,000 minimum bid and \$1,000 deposit. Councilmember Cummings seconded. Motion carried. We are looking to add a stormwater utility. We are the only City in the area that does not have one. Right now, all of the Stormwater expenses are coming out of the Street fund. The Street Fund does not have enough money to fund it. We will have more information at the March meeting.

Public Works Superintendent – Superintendent Nations stated that the department was able to cover twenty-four hours a day during the snow event. The sander and plow that were purchased in 2019 worked very well and made their job easier. There was a water main break on First Street by the bridge. Citizen Ed Vansyckle has been volunteering many hours for the City. He has been focusing on maintenance along First Street. He has been doing a great job.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Pauley thanked the Public Works crew for their work during the snow event. A Hoquiam citizen called Mayor Pauley commending the work of Kelly Caskey during the snow event. This person went above and beyond to help them. They wanted the mayor to know what a great citizen we have. Mayor Pauley attended his first RTPO meeting. He spoke to State Senator Jeff Wilson. SB5341 is moving forward which could be an asset to us. This bill would give us the opportunity to replace the EMS fund that was lost because of the way it was funded through Grays Harbor Transit.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Equipment Utility Tax** – Director Pope read Ordinance 1354 (Equipment Utility Tax). Councilmember Moran made a motion to approve. It was seconded by Councilmember Andrews. Motion carried.
- B. Fire Marshall** – Director Pope read Ordinance 1355 (Fire Marshal). Councilmember Moran made a motion to approve the ordinance. Councilmember Cummings seconded. Mayor Pauley stated that the ordinance clarifies who is responsible for the Fire Marshal duties. Administrator Raines stated that most of the position handles commercial construction. Motion carried.
- C. Credit Card Policy** – Councilmember Moran made a motion to ready by title only. Seconded by Councilmember Cummings. Director Pope read Ordinance 1356 (Credit Card Policy) by title. Councilmember Moran made a motion to approve. It was seconded by Councilmember Cummings. Motion carried.
- D. EMS Agreement with City of Aberdeen** – Councilmember Makos asked if this is the standard agreement we sign every year. Director Pope stated that everything is the same as in previous years including the amount. Councilmember Moran made a motion to accept. Councilmember Cummings seconded. Motion carried.
- E. Greater Grays Harbor Contract** – Mayor Pauley stated he asked for this to be brought back for consideration. Councilmember Moran made a motion to accept the contract. There was no second.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Moran thanked everyone for the flowers and cards when her brother who passed away.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (RCW 42.30.110(1)(G) Performance of a Public Employee and RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) Current or Potential Litigation

Mayor Pauley stated this should take approximately twenty minutes. We will resume regular session at 7:57 p.m. No action will be taken. Mayor Pauley extended the executive session by ten minutes at 7:57 p.m. to resume at 8:07p.m. He extended the session again at 8:05 p.m. for another ten minutes to resume regular session at 8:17p.m. Regular session resumed at 8:17 p.m.

Mayor Pauley adjourned the meeting.

Finance Director

Attest:

Mayor