

CITY OF COSMOPOLIS
Workshop
May 19, 2021

Mayor Kyle Pauley presiding

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT

Debbi Moran, Dale Andrews, Candice Makos, Stana Cummings

STAFF PRESENT

City Administrator Darrin Raines, Finance Director Julie Pope, Attorney Steve Johnson

Mayor Pauley called the workshop to order. He stated the workshop was to discuss a Stormwater Utility. Administrator Raines stated that over the last several years we have struggled with revenue for the Street fund. We have been looking at additional funding to include a Transportation Benefit District. The revenue created from a Transportation Benefit District would not be enough to help. The other cities in the area have a stormwater utility except for us. This would create a stand-alone utility that would have a charge added to the monthly utility bills. This would help pay for maintenance for the South Side Levy, the Mill Creek Dam, retention ponds, and the cleaning of storm drains and catch basins. Currently these costs come from the Street Fund. Councilmember Wenzel asked if any of the money received to build the Mill Creek Dam covered any future maintenance. Administrator Raines stated the money received was for the construction of the dam. If any maintenance or repairs were to occur, we would have to pay for it. Currently, stormwater costs are paid for through the Street fund and General fund. Over the last few years, we have not been receiving as much State shared revenues for the Street fund. Having a separate Stormwater Utility would leave more revenue for Streets.

We would need to develop a stormwater management plan. This would show our deficiencies and tell the citizens exactly where the money would go.

Administrator Raines showed the rates for Stormwater Utilities in the area and how they calculate it. He is proposing a \$6.50 rate per month per equivalent service unit (ESU).

Councilmember Wenzel stated that it is mandated that we treat and manage the storm runoff. Administrator Raines stated that we have some runoff into the creek and some that run into intersections where the culverts are plus numerous other areas within the City. We are doing our due diligence to make sure it is clean.

Administrator Raines stated that we are not in a rush and if the Council wanted we could bring this back in June or July with an effective date of September 1, 2021.

Meeting adjourned.

Finance Director

Attest:

Mayor