

City of Cosmopolis  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
February 18, 2015

Mayor Frank Chestnut presiding

Councilmembers present: Carl Sperring, Jim Ancich, Debbi Moran, Kyle Pauley and Jonathan Fischer

Staff Present: Public Works Director Darrin Raines, Attorney Steve Hyde, Deputy Clerk Candice Makos

Police Chief Casey Stratton, Finance Director Turner and Fire Chief Jerry Schreck are excused.

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**Approval of Agenda**

It was moved by Councilmember Sperring and seconded by Councilmember Debbi Moran to approve the agenda with the addition of item A under unfinished business Cosmo Specialty Fibers and their requests. Motion was approved.

**Consent Agenda**

It was moved by Councilmember Sperring and seconded by Councilmember Debbi Moran to approve the consent agenda consisting of the minutes from February 4, 2015 and claims vouchers #20653 through #20699 in the amount of \$49,593.21. Motion was approved.

**Committee Reports:**

**Public Works** –Councilmember Ancich and Public Works Director Raines will be meeting next week on some old business.

**Parks and Recreation** – Councilmember Moran said the Parks committee have not met but Sally Wagner had called Councilmember Moran to ask if she could get a committee to go help clean Forest Hill Cemetery before Memorial Day. Mrs. Wagner would like to be a part of that committee. Councilmember Moran spoke with Public Works Director Darrin Raines about a date they could set, and he suggested that he would take a small tractor up to the cemetery to help. She would need volunteers.

**Public Safety**-Councilmember Sperring had no report but notified the council that the new fire engine from Elma was put into service last night. He invited everyone to go take a look at it after the meeting.

**Finance Committee**-Councilmember Fischer and his committee met with Mayor Chestnut to talk through the audit and some of the findings. He wanted to make sure that his committee and the Mayor and the Attorney were going in one direction covering the policies and procedures and making sure his committee is not duplicating these items. Several of the items are being resolved already. He spoke briefly about the City's long term debts and some of the debt will fall off within the next couple of years. Finance Director Turner put together a sample summary report for Councilmember Fischer and they plan to develop the report so it will be available every month.

**Legislative Committee**-Councilmember Sperring everyone is fighting as usual. The liquor tax distribution is an ongoing discussion. The marijuana tax distribution to cities is also a hot topic in the legislature. It's still in committee.

**City Official Reports:**

**Finance Director**-Finance Director Turner was out because of illness so Deputy Clerk Candice Makos reported that Shane Heston of Trask Insurance had to cancel the training session that was scheduled for April 11 and needs us to choose another date that everyone would be available. It was decided that the training session would be rescheduled for April 25, 2015.

**Public Works**-Public Works Director Darrin Raines wanted to thank Dave Wolfe who has done a lot of volunteer work at Makarenko Park. It is looking great. He would also like to thank Ed Van Syckle for all of his volunteer work for the City too.

Director Raines requested permission to send the Water System Plan to Washington State Dept. of Health, Grays Harbor County Dept. of Health and the City of Aberdeen for their comments. After we receive their comments we can take action. Motion was made by Councilmember Sperring to grant the Public Works Director request to send the Water System Plan to the appropriate government agencies. Seconded by Councilmember Pauley. Motion carried.

**Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Chestnut talked about the new fire truck from Elma. Mayor Osgood has staff on vacation who can put a value on the fire truck. We will have to wait until the Elma Fire Chief gets back. Councilmember Pauley stated that the new truck has the City's emblem on it and it looks sharp. He also stated that a one of the firemen had donated the signage.

**Unfinished Business:**

**A. Requests by Cosmo Specialty Fibers**

1. Mayor Chestnut stated that Cosmo Specialty Fibers requested Utility Tax rate relief and we need to take action on this. Councilmember Fischer and Moran both stated that at this point we just couldn't do it. Councilmember Moran made a motion to reject the request and was seconded by Councilmember Sperring. Motion was approved.
2. Request for Point 09 grant funds. Cosmopolis will act as lead agent. We don't need to do anything about this request.
3. Request for Property Tax relief by Cosmo Specialty Fibers we cannot do anything regarding this issue as it is outside of our jurisdiction.
4. The City agreed in the December 3, 2014 meeting to the 100% rebate on Sales and Use Tax paid on project investments for Cosmo Specialty Fibers.
5. At the December 3, 2014 council meeting a motion was approved to support a feasibility study at the Cosmo Specialty Fibers sewage treatment plant. Councilmember Moran moved to rescind the motion to support a feasibility study. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Sperring. Motion approved.

**Council Comments:**

Councilmember Ancich talked about the tree removal on First Street. He hopes to see some action on this project soon. Councilmember Moran asked if any trees will be relocated to a park and the Public Works Director said that he has a few places that he can place some of trees.

Meeting Adjourned.

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Deputy Finance Director

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Mayor