

City of Cosmopolis  
Regular Council Meeting  
February 19, 2014

Mayor Vickie L Raines presided.

Councilmembers Present: Frank Chestnut, Jonathan Fischer, Carl Sperring, Jim Ancich and Debbi Moran

Staff Present: Deputy Clerk Cheryl Turner, Fire Chief Al Burrows, Police Chief Casey Stratton, Attorney Steve Hyde, and Public Works Director Darrin Raines

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Mayor Vickie L Raines opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

It was moved by Councilmember Ancich and seconded by Councilmember Sperring to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councilmember Sperring and seconded by Councilmember Moran to approve the consent agenda consisting of Claims Vouchers #19496-19532 in the amount of \$92,362.46 and minutes from the January 15, 2014 meeting. Motion carried.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Park** – Councilmember Moran said the Park Advisory Board met January 28. The first playground they would like to work on is in the Bell Addition. She presented drawings of some of the proposed playground equipment layouts. The Advisory Board will be looking for other vendors for quotes. She said they will be applying for grants and will submit an addendum to the Comprehensive Park Plan. The Advisory Board is looking at working on 1 park a year. Mayor Raines suggested options for grants with the Weyerhaeuser Foundation, Cosmo Specialty Fibers the Kelsey Foundation and Grays Harbor Foundation. It was discussed by the Advisory Board to keep the swings and donate or sell the rest of the equipment. There are still two openings on the Park Advisory Board. Next meeting will be on February 24, 2014 at 6:00.

**Council of Governments** – Councilmember Chestnut said a resolution was put in place to reinstate Ocean Shores as a full voting member. John Lynn is the delegate. 2014 sub-council officers were elected and Frank Chestnut is the secretary. They also appointed a representative to the Port of Grays Harbor Foundation that was also John Lynn.

**Legislative** – Councilmember Sperring says they are struggling over funding for transportation and education but are very close to naming a state oyster.

### **CITY OFFICIALS**

**Police**- Chief Stratton thanked Civil Service Secretary Turner for the work on the Lateral and Entry Level testing. He now has a Lateral eligibility list and an Entry Level eligibility list. He asked the Council for permission to proceed with the hiring process. It was moved by Councilmember Sperring and seconded by Councilmember Moran to proceed with the hiring process. Motion was approved. The Chief told the Council about the Reserve Academy that is being held here. There are 10 cadets, 6 are from our area. He invited the Council to attend any of the classes. He said the Aberdeen Police Dept. donated vests to each cadet. Chief Stratton informed Council that 2 of the Police Dept. TASER's are broken and brought in a quote for new ones. He will discuss this again at the March meeting. The transmission light has come on in the Explorer he will have it checked out and let the Council know what the problem is.

**Fire** – Chief Burrows reported a transmission leak on the 01 and governor on the pump is broken. He will find out the cost to fix these items. He also reported that permits to burn the 1<sup>st</sup> house down have not been secured and would not be.

**Public Works** – Public Works Director Raines said the flashing lights in the school zone are working. They are programmed to be on from 7:30 am to 3:30 pm. He would like to see the speed limit changed to 25 except for where the lights are flashing and asked to have an ordinance ready to make the change. The estimate for Mill Creek Dam came in 1.6 million over the original amount. State required ADA ramps, mitigation and a fish pass all increased the cost and funding has been submitted for to help cover costs. A workshop will be held next meeting with HDR. No time has been set.

### **MAYORS REPORT**

Mayor Raines said there are a couple of pieces of Legislation out there to assist with flood water and flood management. There is a request for 1 billion dollars that would be paid for by the sale of bonds over the next 20 some years. \$300,000 dollars will go to the upper basin retention facility on the Chehalis. The Governor has put in an additional \$5 million dollars of which Cosmopolis will get 1.5 million to replace

CALL TO ORDER

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MAYOR'S REPORT

what was given to Montesano. The rural hospital item is only helpful if there is a hospital district. We do not have a hospital district.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**A. Authorize Mayor to sign Fire Museum Agreement with Engine Co. #1**

It was moved by Councilmember Sperring and seconded by Councilmember Chestnut to authorize the Mayor to sign the Fire Museum Agreement with Engine Co. #1. Motion was approved.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Authorize Mayor to sign Fitness Facility Use and Indemnity Agreement/w Timber Gym/Don Bell**

It was moved by Councilmember Moran and seconded by Councilmember Chestnut to authorize the Mayor to sign the Fitness Facility Use and Indemnity Agreement/w Timber Gym/Don Bell

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Frank Chestnut thanked Fire Chief Burrows for his assistance.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Gregory Johnson, 200 W. Market, Aberdeen with the Gregorian Group. He said the Group has spent around 300 hours cleaning in the Community Garden. He would like to see garden wall or keystone brick instead of pressure treated wood for the garden spots. Councilmember Moran said her Park Advisory Board might be willing to help in cleaning the garden area. Mr. Johnson is the chairman of Washington Business Week at Aberdeen High School he asked for volunteers to be Judges and Company Advisors.

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