

City of Cosmopolis
Workshop
March 4, 2015

Mayor Frank Chestnut presided.

Councilmembers present: Debbi Moran, Kyle Pauley and Carl Sperring

Staff present: Attorney Stephen Hyde, Public Works Director Darrin Raines, and Deputy Clerk Candice Makos

Mayor Chestnut asked that Councilmembers Jonathan Fischer and Jim Ancich be excused. Councilmember Moran made a motion and Councilmember Sperring seconded. Motion carried.

Mayor Chestnut turned the meeting over to Public Works Director Darrin Raines who introduced Tim Hume from HDR. Mr. Hume wanted to let the Council know exactly where we are with the regarding the Mill Creek Dam project. Tim stated that the funding came through from the Flood Authority in 2013 for the conceptual design of the pond. This design will enable Mill Creek to function as a creek and a pond.

Tim talked about the permitting process and because of the changes we are making it will require an individual permit which could take as long as 12 months. They will be submitting the application for the permit within the next couple of weeks. He stated that a lot of work has gone on regarding this process and we are hoping that the permit will come through so we may be able to have an engineer's report ready and this provides a leaping off point where we can finalize the design which includes the dam, the fish passage and the restoration of the pond.

This covers the next few months until the funding comes through then we can proceed with hiring of a contractor and then actually start working on the project. The work will have to be done during "high water" that the Corp and Fish and Wildlife through a "fish window" which is June 1 through September 30. We should have contractor hired by May and then we will get the bypass pumps going. We will also need to drain the pond. The fish gates will need to be ordered which will probably take about 3 or 4 months to manufacture so they can be installed towards the end of September 2016.

Mayor Chestnut asked how many permits will be needed. Tim said there will be about 4 or 5 permits needed with Corp being the longest lead and he expects that to be the last permit acquired. Then the Washington State Dept. of Fish and Wildlife which primarily deals with the fish passage. Then the Dam Safety Office permitting program that is even less time restriction on their availability. Then comes the 401 Water Quality certification by the Dept. of Ecology. This manages the water quality of the stream and managing the sediments and discharges.

Councilman Pauley asked if this project is mostly dependent on the Legislature this session. Tim said yes it is dependent on what happens in this session.

Councilman Moran asked if any permit like this one that we are submitting has ever been turned down. Tim said that no there hasn't been. Darrin stated that we have been constantly working with all the entities involved so we are the right track. Councilman Moran asked when would Darrin like the Parks Committee to start working on getting the play equipment put in. Darrin thought that not until fall of 2016.

Mayor Chestnut adjourned the workshop at 6:48pm.

Deputy Clerk

Attest:

Mayor

