

City of Cosmopolis
Regular Council Meeting
March 19, 2014

Mayor Vickie L Raines presided.

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

Staff Present: Finance Director Kathy Welch, Fire Chief Al Burrows, Police Chief Casey Stratton, Attorney Steve Hyde, and Public Works Director Darrin Raines

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

It was moved by Carl Sperring and seconded by Debbi Moran to approve the agenda with the addition of item D. Discussion of FEMA Flood Maps. Motion carried.

It was moved by Frank Chestnut and seconded by Carl Sperring to approve the consent agenda consisting of Claims Vouchers #19533-19624 in the amount of \$120,169.54 and minutes from the February 19, 2014 meeting. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Works – Jim, Frank and Darrin discussed the house on First Street that was burned by the Fire Department. They all concurred that it was a great practice drill and the property looks great.

Park – Debbi Moran reported that the quotes for playground equipment for Franklin Park are around \$75,000. They will be seeking grants and other funding as the City cannot fund it at this time. Darrin said that it is possible that we could have some type of *in kind* match. The next meeting is March 25 at 6:00 p.m. Darrin said that we will start applications right a way. The Mill Creek Park project funding will be requested from RCO.

Public Safety – Carl Sperring and Jonathan Fischer met with Fire Chief Burrows to discuss repairs on the fire truck. They also said they would have a follow-up meeting with Sheriff Rick Scott and come up with some hard figures to present to the Council.

Council of Governments – Frank Chestnut said they passed a resolution honoring former delegates Michael Cardwell, Quinault Indian Nation and Lyle Powell from Montesano. They also discussed Gateway Mall access improvements that are pretty ambitious in nature. They also received Annual Report that has a lot of good information on what they do at Council of Governments.

Flood Authority meets tomorrow in Montesano and will be touring the wastewater treatment project. Anyone interested can come and see the project.

Greater Grays Harbor - Mayor Raines is named alternate representative when Michael Bruce cannot serve.

Coastal Community – They are in the process of making some changes in administration.

Legislative – Carl Sperring said we now have a state oyster and state waterfall. We are going to be buying a new ferry. Nothing done for education.

CITY OFFICIALS

Police- Chief Stratton brought Council and Mayor up to date on hiring process. Two lateral names have been removed, by their request, from the list. We are currently working on entry level list, background checks are being done. Chief Stratton said he will request meeting with Mayor Raines to discuss the results and request permission to hire. Casey had his first time chairing Law-sub committee. Chief Myers brought up some very technical coding of crimes and how they are being handled. They are trying to add a way to record certain contacts and are trying to address officer safety issues.

Fire – Chief Burrows said the practice burn on First Street house went very well. He thanked the Public Works Crew for putting up signage alerting motorists and citizens to the practice. Fire Truck 7601 is back in service after replacing transfer case gasket. The Engine Co. Board met last night.

Public Works – Darrin Raines reported that Spring Clean Up will be April 12th from 8:30 to 3:00 p.m. We will be using the voucher system the same as last year. Vouchers can be picked up at City Hall. Officer Tarnowski spotted a water leak during a routine rounds in the middle of the night. He immediately notified the crew and helped save a lot of time and money by alerting crew in timely manner. HDR will be out doing surveys of the culverts and the entire length of Mill Creek. This will assist us down the road if we get funding for new culverts. Preliminary permitting with Corp of Engineers should be ready to submit by the end of April. HDR will be here in April to give us an update. So far there are no surprises.

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NO
MAYOR'S
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NEW BUSINESS:

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A. Authorize Mayor to sign Release and Hold Harmless with Weyerhaeuser Co.

It was moved by Carl Sperring and seconded by Frank Chestnut to authorize Mayor Raines to sign the hold harmless agreement with Weyerhaeuser at the Bay City Dock Area.

B. Authorize Mayor to sign Field Use Agreement with Aberdeen Little League

On duly carried motion by Debbi Moran and seconded by Frank Chestnut, Mayor Raines is authorized to sign the Field Use Agreement with Aberdeen Little League.

C. Resolution 2014-01 – Reestablishing City contributions to the Local Government Investment Pool Attorney Hyde said this a basic housekeeping renewal that we periodically have to do. On duly carried motion by Frank Chestnut and seconded by Carl Sperring Resolution 2014-01 is passed.

D. FEMA Flood Maps

Jim Ancich said that he had been contacted by some citizens wanting to know what if any changes had been made to the FEMA maps. He wanted to know if we needed to educate the citizens on any of this information. Mayor Raines asked if he was referring to the actual maps or the Flood Insurance Program. Debra Farma, FEMA, came to the community to discuss the possible changes to the FIP. There are 18 homes impacted by proposed legislation, 10 of these adversely. Jim said he is referring to the FIP. Mayor Raines said that she would contact Debra Farma for the list of the 18 people. Mayor Raines said the law increasing the premiums has been deleted and is waiting for the President's signature. This could, of course, change in the future. Frank said that he also was asked by one of this neighbors about this. Mayor Raines said that we are not nearly as adversely impacted as some cities because of the dike. Jonathan said that Hoquiam could be decimated if the plan were implemented as originally presented without changes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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Kyle Pauley said he enjoyed the fire on Sunday. He went down and took some photos.

Finance Director

Attest:

Mayor

