

City of Cosmopolis
Regular Council Meeting
March 21, 2012

Mayor Vickie L Raines presided

Councilmembers Present: Carl Sperring, Karen Cox, Frank Chestnut, Jim Ancich and Debbi Moran

Staff Present: Finance Director Kathy Welch, Attorney Stephen Hyde, Police Chief, Casey Stratton and Public Works Foreman Tom Distler and Building Inspector Bill Sidor

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Mayor Vickie L. Raines.

It was moved by Carl Sperring and seconded by Debbi Moran to approve the Agenda.

It was moved by Carl Sperring and seconded by Debbi Moran to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of minutes of February 15, 2012 and Claims Vouchers 17737 through 17765 in the amount of \$27,483.72.

Mayor Raines said that Public Works Director Raines is out of town and Foreman Tom Distler is here representing him.

Mayor Raines said that Sara Crumb would not be in attendance tonight. She will give more explanation in Mayor's Report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Legislative – Carl Sperring reported that there is a list of 5900 bills to simplify government. One of the bills that Carl was happy with was the “Blue Alert” which is issued when an officer is shot or hurt. Representative Brian Blake said they got some good news that the “case load forecast” came in better than anticipated and so with the work they already did in November the two billion dollar problem became a one billion dollar problem. They have been working on closing this gap. The first budget that came out of the House was pretty harsh on local governments. Training money for police officers was taken from local entities and some liquor shared profits was pulled back. This budget went to the Senate and a different budget than expected came from the Senate. They are working out the differences now.

Public Safety – Councilman Sperring reported met with both fire chief and police chief. Officer Nelson is back to work. Following Chief Stratton's recommendation, Public Safety Committee recommends leaving speed bump on Stanford Drive in place. Fire Chief Burrows said a couple of firemen are going to Burn to Learn and EMT classes. They also worked on documented processes that could assist in future audit issues and will meet again on this subject April 2nd. This will include discussion on a contract for the department.

Public Works – Councilman Ancich reported that the City has taken possession of new Peterbilt dump truck.

Park and Recreation – Councilman Chestnut reported the Park Advisory Board will meet Monday, March 26th at 7:00 p.m. at the Fire Department. Frank said that he has been contacted by several citizens who have indicated that they would be willing to spend the day cleaning a park. The idea would be to notify citizens that on a specific day we will meet to clean as many parks as we have manpower to achieve. We can send out signup sheets or have them at City Hall. We could have a big cleaning party and then a barbeque like we did last year. Mayor Raines said that she thinks this is a great idea. Her and the Public Works Director spoke and thought we should include public facilities like the Fire Hall flower beds. We would have the barbeque at the Fire Hall, if the Firemen are willing, and give the public a chance to tour the fire hall. We will be making a pitch to the public for a new fire truck soon and she feels this would provide an opportunity for the building to be open. We have recently removed some trees around the fire hall and started the clean-up process. Frank said that he would like to include this as an annual event and they will discuss this at the Park Board meeting.

CITY OFFICIAL REPORTS

Police – Chief Stratton said that he explained that during the budget process he swapped the budgeted amounts between the training aspect and the software licensing aspect. The software licensing for \$2000 should be coming out of police training budget and \$5000 for the forensic software and training should be coming out of equipment reserve. On duly carried motion Carl Sperring approved the budget adjustment, Debbi Moran seconded. Motion carried.

Fire – Fire Chief Burrows thanked the Public Works department for their help in the beautification progress on the department grounds. Al said that what has been done looks great. Attorney Hyde said that from a security stand point it looks good too.

Public Works – Finance Director thanked the Public Works department for their timely

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TO ORDER

AGENDA
APPROVED

CONSENT AGENDA
MINUTES
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COMMITTEE

CITY OFFICIALS

placement of the san-a-can by the Court.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Raines said that Friday March 30th there will be a closed meeting with the Mayors for a meeting regarding the Wild Olympics. County Commissioners have been invited and Mayor Raines can take up to two Council people if they are interested. This meeting will last about two to two and ½ hours with representatives from the Wild Olympics, the Working Wild Olympics and the Congressional staff from Patty Murray's and Norm Dick's offices. Each will have 20 minutes to present with follow-up questions afterwards. The goal is to educate the Mayors on what is going on. They then hope to schedule a public meeting where the same presenters will be there. This forum will be open to the public. This meeting will be moderated. Mayor Raines requests that if possible Frank Chestnut and Carl Sperring attend the first meeting.

MAYOR

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Street Vacation Release of Interest for Gary Swartz

Attorney Hyde explained the release of interest in the streets and alleys of certain parcels in the Aberdeen Railroad Addition, retaining utility easements. Debbi Moran motion to release the interest, Jim Ancich seconded. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Bill Sidor explained briefly about the proposed update to the flood insurance map. They are now in the comment phase of the process. Some people who have to have flood insurance might be able to drop it while others might be required to obtain it. Frank asked if City Hall could make copies available for our citizens.

Debbi Moran thanked Chief Burrows and the Fire Department for their assistance during her recent illness.

EXECUTIVE SESSION OUT AT 7:30 P.M. TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL RELATED TO BARGAINING UNIT. Back at 7:45 p.m. No action taken. Meeting adjourned.

Finance Director

Attest:

Mayor

NEW BUSINESS

**COUNCIL
COMMENTS**

MAYOR

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