

City of Cosmopolis
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 15, 2015

Mayor Frank Chestnut presiding

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

Staff present: Fire Chief Schreck, Attorney Steve Hyde and Finance Director Cheryl Turner

Mayor Chestnut excused Public Works Director Raines.

Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Councilmember Moran and seconded by Councilmember Sperring to approve the agenda with the addition of item A. under Unfinished Business to discuss the Rick Piercy property. Motion approved.

Consent Agenda

It was moved by Councilmember Moran and seconded by Councilmember Sperring to approve the consent agenda. Motion approved.

Committee Reports:

Mayor Chestnut asked to have a workshop added to the May 6, 2015 meeting at 6:30 to discuss property abatement processes.

Finance Sub-Committee – Councilman Fischer said the committee had gotten together. The committee discussed the B&O tax and recommended if we lower the floor on the B&O that the money be split between current, loan payoffs and building reserves.

City Officials:

Finance Director – Finance Director Turner told Council that we had received another public records request that is quite extensive. Attorney Hyde would be looking into how or if we can change how we price public records request. Right now the City charges .15 cents per page.

Police Chief – Police Chief Stratton said he had had a run in with pit bull. The dog was deemed aggressive and will be impounded. We have a problem being able to enforce the dog at large laws and need to look and ways to change that.

Fire Chief – Fire Chief Schreck said he had heard from the ratings bureau and should have the results in 2 to 3 weeks.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Chestnut reminded everyone that we do have a leash law in town and the dog that was dispatched was off leash.

The coffee and cake get together has been canceled.

Mayor Chestnut said we will be getting a capital budget from the State this year and so we are likely to receive the money needed for the Mill Creek Dam project.

Unfinished Business

A. Discussion on the Piercey agreement

Councilmember Ancich met with Rick Piercey about the verbal agreement that was made between him and the City. That agreement was if he build on the property he owns he would receive \$1,407 back in building permit fees and inspections. He is selling the property and wants the city to pay him after the new owners get their building permits. Attorney Hyde said the statute for a verbal contract is 3 years and that had past. Council asked Attorney Hyde to draw up an agreement to present to Council on May 6, 2015.

New Business

A. Discussion on possible M&O

Mayor Chestnut wanted to bring this option to Council. He set a workshop for May 20, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. He told Council they would have more information about the M&O in their

agenda packets on the 18th. Councilmember Pauley said he would have to recuse himself on this subject.

B. Ordinance No. 1289 – Payroll Change

Attorney Hyde read the ordinance. Mayor Chestnut explained this will clarify how the payroll is done for the auditors. It was moved by Councilmember Sperring and seconded by Councilmember Pauley to approve the payroll change. Motion was approved.

C. Ordinance No. 1290 – Declaring the use of vehicles in Makarenko Park and penalty
Ordinance No. 1290 was tabled until May 6, 2015.

D. Ordinance No. 1291 – Providing for park hours

Ordinance No. 1291 was tabled until May 6, 2015.

E. Ordinance No. 1292 – Waiving RCW 46.08.065 traffic control without markings

It was moved by Councilmember Sperring and seconded by Councilmember Moran to approve ordinance no. 1292 waiving RCW 46.08.065 traffic control without markings on the police vehicle. Motion was approved.

Public Comments

Billie Newton, 1314 Bell Drive, said she is disappointed that 3 women are trying to stop Mr. Wolf who has been cleaning Makarenko Park. She says she feels safer now that the underbrush has been removed and she would like to see the cleaning in the park continue.

Keith Twibell, 1206 Bell Drive, said he has 5 children and would never let them play at Makarenko Park until Mr. Wolf cleaned out the underbrush. He says it is a safer environment and looks better than it did before.

Richard Van Volkinberg, 1199 Stanford Drive, asked to have the speed bump and cement barrier removed from in front of his house.

Finance Director

Attest:

Mayor