

City of Cosmopolis
Regular Council Meeting
April 16, 2014

Mayor Vickie L Raines presided.

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

Staff Present: Deputy Finance Director Cheryl Turner, 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.

Councilmember Debbi Moran was excused.

It was moved by Councilman Chestnut and seconded by Councilman Fischer to approve the agenda with the removal of item E (Interlocal Agreement – Crisis Response Unit) under New Business. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councilman Sperring and seconded by Councilman Ancich to approve the consent agenda consisting of Claims Vouchers #19645-19692 in the amount of \$65,664.24 and minutes from the March 19, 2014 workshop and regular meeting. Councilmember Chestnut asked that a correction to the minutes be made. Under the Park report it says “Darrin said that we will start applications right of way and it should read “Darrin said that we will start applications right away. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Works – Public Works Committee met before the meeting Councilmembers Ancich and Chestnut discussed with Public Works Director Darrin Raines about the possible purchase of surplus equipment. Councilmember Chestnut asked Darrin to check on the condition of a home on the NE corner of 2nd and “E” St.

Public Safety – Councilmembers Sperring and Fischer met on 4-15-14 with Fire Chief Al Burrows they were informed about some training they have been doing with electric cars. He asked the Fire Chief to get together with the Police Chief about this training. Councilmembers Fischer and Sperring did an impromptu inspection of the Fire Station and said it looked great. They also got together with the Police Chief and talked about the Crisis Response Unit. Mayor Raines said our insurance company had some problems with the contract and we will be working on that. Councilman Sperring also reported he met with Undersheriff Dave Pimentel on 3-21-14 about the cost of the contract services with the G.H. County Sheriff’s Dept. He was told the cost of coverage from 6 a.m. to midnight seven days a week would be approximately \$750,000 per year. That is \$110,000 per full time employee plus 10% overhead. This would increase the budget for Cosmopolis substantially. The citizens that Councilman Sperring talked to had a few comments like “If it’s not broke don’t fix it”, “Seems to be good now” and “Only if there is a significant dollar savings”. Likewise Councilman Fischer said the people he talked to said “That’s why they moved here”. Both Councilmember Sperring and Fischer recommend that the issue of contracting services be dropped. Councilmember Chestnut moved to suspend discussion indefinitely regarding contract services with Grays Harbor County Sheriff’s Dept. Motion was seconded by Councilman Fischer. Councilman Chestnut thanked Chief Rick Scott for his time and said at this time there is no justification to change what we are doing. Motion Approved.

Legislative – Councilman Sperring reported that the Legislators passed ESB 59-64 which requires training of City Officials in the Open Public Meeting and record requests. AWC has set up 7 training places. Tacoma on July 10, 2014 is one and also there will be training available online.

CITY OFFICIALS

Finance – Deputy Finance Director Turner informed the Council that the City Hall copy machine was broken and requested permission to purchase a new copier. The quote from Aberdeen Office was for \$5,000 plus tax. It was moved by Councilman Chestnut and seconded by Councilman Sperring to approve \$5,000 plus tax for the purchase of the new copy machine. Motion was Approved.

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Mayor Raines announced the retirement of Finance Director Kathy Welch. Her last day will be May 31st. She takes with her a tremendous amount of history and knowledge. Kathy has been with the City for 33 years and she will be missed.

Police – Chief Stratton told the Council he has offered the new police position to Nick Byron. Hopefully he will be attending the October Police Academy. This year the Cosmopolis Police Dept. was invited to be part of the Crisis Response Unit. The Chief also received the 9-1-1 tally of 438 calls for the first quarter of 2014. He reported on the Reserve Academy and that they had just finished the emergency vehicle course. Mayor Raines said she had received compliments on the Academy and that we had the best training facility in the area.

Fire – Chief Burrows announced the retirement of George Lukin III. This leaves 16 members on the roster. Cody Bridges was elected Fire Fighter of the year for 2013. The 76 front line engine is not working properly. New software called “I’m Responding”.com lets you know whether to respond to the call or to the station. It will cost \$800 per year or \$650 per year with a 5 year program. Chief Burrows will be talking to Peggy Fouts about the software. The Aberdeen Fire Dept. is working on a grant for SCBA.

Public Works – Public Works Director Darrin Raines said the engineers have surveyors in the Mill Creek area and have had done some geo tech borings by the dam looking for soil types. Darrin said hopefully by mid-June we will have a preliminary design for the dam. The engineers are looking at areas that compare to FEMA flood mapping, this may help some of the citizens with flood insurance.

Mayor – Mayor Raines announced a Town Hall Meeting to discuss Crude by Rail at the Elma Grange on April 23rd, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. She said she received the Compliance Report from the Washington State patrol for January 1, 2012 through January 31, 2012. Cosmopolis ranks the highest in compliance in the State for our County. She commended the Department.

A Proclamation for the National Public Safety Telecommunications Week April 13-19, 2014 was read by Mayor Raines.

A Proclamation for the Shore Bird Spring Migration Week of April 20-27, 2014 was also read by Mayor Raines.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Ordinance #1280 –Increasing the speed limit on Mill Creek Drive

It was moved by Councilman Sperring and seconded by Councilman Chestnut to increase the speed limit on Mill Creek Drive to 25 miles per hour. Motion Approved.

B. Ordinance #1281 – Budget Amendment for 2014

It was moved by Councilmember Chestnut and seconded by Councilmember Sperring to approve the budget amendment for 2014. Motion Approved.

C. Authorize Mayor to sign TASER agreement

Chief Stratton explained that the TASER Co. gives us a unit and we begin paying over three years at a pro-rated amount this reduces the price for the second. Basically like a lease agreement.

It was moved by Councilman Sperring and seconded by Councilman Ancich to authorize the Mayor to sign the TASER agreement. Motion Approved.

D. Resolution 2014-02 amending the water rates

Darrin explained this was a 2% increase because we have just received a 2% increase by the City of Aberdeen.

It was moved by Councilman Chestnut and seconded by Councilman Sperring to approve Resolution 2014-02 increase in the water rate. Motion Approved.

Mayor Raines announced that AWC will be holding a Cities Connector meeting next week in Westport. The Mayor will e-mail Council about the date.

Deputy Finance Director

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MAYOR'S
REPORT

NEW
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