

City of Cosmopolis
Workshop
May 6, 2015

Mayor pro-tem Carl Sperring presided.

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

Staff present: Attorney Stephen Hyde, Public Works Director Darrin Raines, and Finance Director Cheryl Turner

Public Works Director Raines said the abatement process is cumbersome and we need to do something to speed up the process. In Cosmopolis the Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector Bill Sidor sends out a 10 day notice to remedy (cut long grass, having no garbage service) and if the owner does not comply he has to wait till the next Council meeting to get permission from the City Council to move forward of the nuisance.. After the Council meeting Bill will send out another letter giving them a 30 day notice. Upon the expiration of the 30 day notice, an abatement of the property can occur.

In Aberdeen, Bill sends out a 10 day notice to comply and if they do not comply then Aberdeen hires a contractor to come and do the work and then sends the invoice to the owner of the property. The owner then has 90 days to pay or the bill goes to collections.

Mayor pro-tem Sperring said we need to take steps to put a new ordinance in place to speed up the abatement process and take care of the long grass/fire hazard and garbage problems.

Finance Director

Attest:

Mayor pro-tem