

**City of Cosmopolis
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 16, 2018**

Mayor Frank Chestnut presiding.

Councilmembers present: Debbi Moran, Kyle Pauley, Dale Andrews, and Carl Sperring. Councilmember Ancich was absent. Councilmember Sperring moved to excuse him. It was seconded by Councilmember Moran. Motion carried.

Staff Present: Attorney Steve Johnson, Fire Chief David Dutton, Police Chief Casey Stratton, and Clerk-Treasurer Julie Pope.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Chestnut stated that he would like to postpone Agenda item #9 (Old Business- WATV ordinance) until all Councilmembers are present. Councilmember Sperring made a motion to accept the agenda with the postponement of item #9. It was seconded by Councilmember Pauley. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION FROM GRAYS HARBOR HOSPITAL

Grays Harbor Hospital Commissioner Michael Bruce, CEO Tom Jensen, Nancy Long Marketing and Public Relations Director, Chief Medical Officer Dr. Ann Marie Wong, and Chief Nursing Officer Melanie Brandt gave a presentation regarding the recent changes at the hospital. The hospital is working with Navigant to make the hospital more efficient and still provide quality services.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the consent agenda consisting of April 18, 2018 regular meeting minutes and Vouchers #23527 through 23597 in the amount of \$153,300.28, Payroll Vouchers 13911 through 13939 in the amount of \$69,945.98, and EFTs dated 4/22/2018 through 5/11/2018 in the amount of \$44,502.69. Councilmember Sperring made a motion to accept. It was seconded by Councilmember Moran. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parks: Per Councilmember Moran, Park Clean up has been rescheduled again for June 9, 2018. The Committee would like fliers put out at the Post Office and City Hall. The new playground equipment will be set up after the City has a full crew again. Rod and Stana are working on a map for the new park kiosk.

Council of Governments: Per Councilmember Sperring, they were laying out a road map for the Brownfield funding.

E-911: Per Mayor Chestnut, vouchers, payroll and other expenses were reviewed.

Flood Authority: The next meeting will be tomorrow in Hoquiam per Mayor Chestnut.

CITY OFFICIAL REPORTS

Clerk-Treasurer Pope: Per Clerk-Treasurer Pope, we should have rough draft of the audit by the end of this week. Proposed Cemetery rates were given to the Council for consideration at next month's Council meeting. A quote for two light pole replacement at the Fire Hall parking lot was given to the Council. Councilmember Moran moved to accept a proposal from Maneman Electric for the two lights poles in the amount of \$5,237.40. Clerk-Treasurer Pope stated that there may be grant money available to help offset some of the costs. It was seconded by Councilmember Pauley. Motion carried. Clerk-Treasurer Pope stated that the 2017 annual report is nearly complete. It will be presented to the Council at the next meeting.

Attorney Steve Johnson: Attorney Johnson stated that he and City Administrator Raines attended the Labor Relation Institute in Yakima. He stated that this is an invaluable training experience for labor laws.

Police Department: Chief Stratton stated that Officer Byron's last day was May 1, 2018. He was an outstanding officer that will be missed. Due to Officer Byron leaving, our overtime hours will be increased until a new officer is hired. Other agencies offer contractual obligations that entice officers to stay with our department for a specific length of time. This will be presented to the Council at the next Council meeting. The insurance company brought down a training simulator for our officers to do some training. The Mayor and Council were welcome to attend. The Reserve Academy graduation will be coming up shortly. We have outstanding volunteers who attended the academy.

Fire Department: Chief Dutton stated that call volumes are down year to date. Fire Season is upon us. Please be vigilant about when and where we have fires. On June 3rd, we will be burning the structure on the corner of Second and J Streets.

NEW BUSINESS

A. New Municipal Facility – Mayor Chestnut stated that a longer workshop was needed to determine how we are going to proceed.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Pauley: He stated that the new LED street lights are very bright. He wanted to give kudos to City Administrator Raines kudos for the lights. Councilmember Pauley participated in the law enforcement simulator. He stated that it gave him a different mindset as to what could or couldn't happen during a situation. He felt it was very realistic.

Councilmember Moran – She wanted to thank Clerk-Treasurer Pope for all of her hard work.

Councilmember Andrews – He would also like to thank Clerk-Treasurer Pope for her hard work.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ed Van Syckle – 135 Alder Drive. He would like to thank whoever is responsible for removing the speed bump on the access road to Makarenko Park. He would like to see the City have a policy for handing out all the requirements needed for a project at the time that a building permit is issued.

Meeting adjourned.

Clerk-Treasurer

Attest:

Mayor