

City of Cosmopolis
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 18, 2016

Mayor Frank Chestnut presiding

Councilmembers present: Carl Sperring, Kyle Pauley, Jonathan Fischer and Debbie Moran. Councilmember Moran moved to excuse Councilmember Ancich. Seconded by Councilmember Sperring. Motion approved.

Staff present: Public Works Director, Darrin Raines, Attorney Steve Hyde, Police Chief Casey Stratton and Deputy Clerk Julie Pope

Mayor set a public hearing on June 15th at 7:00 p.m. for the Six Year Street Plan.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilmember Moran moved to approve the agenda. It was seconded by Councilmember Sperring. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Councilmember Sperring and seconded by Councilmember Moran to approve the consent agenda consisting of the April 20, 2016 regular meeting minutes and vouchers #21743 through #21820 in the amount of \$115,741.32. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parks – Rod Matye was elected Chairperson of the committee. Councilmember Pauley was tasked with looking up names of City parks. Makarenko Park is the only park that is officially named. Councilmember Pauley found out that there are no dedicated park names and the committee is looking into recommendations for park names. Councilmember Pauley is looking at making a logo for 125th celebration banners. Mayor Chestnut is seeking out sponsors for the 125th celebration and has secured the amount originally requested by Parks committee. The committee would like Mayor Chestnut to make a speech at the opening of the celebration. Councilmember Moran asked if we rent out our parks. Per Public Works Director Raines, the parks are not rented out, but are available on a first come, first serve basis.

Finance Sub-Committee – Per Councilmember Fischer, a new report was presented to the Council to show actual cash accounts. Deputy Clerk Pope explained the report to the Council.

Council of Governments – Presentation of Executive Director Cummings for the regional transportation plan, which referenced HWY 107 bridge.

Greater Grays Harbor – Mayor Chestnut and Public Works Director Raines attended. The state of the forestry products industry was the topic.

CITY OFFICIAL REPORTS

Finance Director – Deputy Clerk Pope stated the Finance Director Turner would like to add a \$25 account set up fee for all new utility accounts. This would help to offset the cost of setting up each new account. Finance Director Turner would also like to have the owners billed for utility accounts when the property has a renter. This would protect the owner from having to pay bills left by tenants.

Police Chief - Police Chief Stratton stated that contract for purchase of police car has been reviewed by City Attorney Hyde and there were no issues. Vehicle #3 which is the black Explorer is currently in the shop. The engine has been rebuilt. It is going to be approximately \$1500-\$1700 in parts. The labor has been donated. We could get another 25-30,000 miles out of the vehicle but not used as a police vehicle. The City could use it in another department or surplus it. Officer Mitchell is now fully trained. First day of solo patrol was 5/13/2016. The police department is now doing 12 hour shifts. This will save the City a lot of overtime.

Public Works - Director Raines wants to purchase the vacated lot at the end of Holly Lane for \$5,000. The owners are willing to take two payments. One for \$2500 by the end of this month and another one at the end of June for the remaining balance plus half of the closing costs. This price is less than half of what the property is assessed at. Once we retain the property that we need, we can sell of the rest of the property to the adjacent owners. Councilmember Moran made a motion to approve the agreement with the Green family for \$5000 plus half of the closing costs. Councilmember Pauley seconded the motion. Motion carried. Director Raines stated that staff would like to add Edward Jones as a vendor for the Deferred Compensation plan. Council authorization is needed. Councilmember Sperring made a motion to approve

the vendor. Councilmember Pauley seconded. Motion carried. C Street flashers in the school have not been working for the last two months. The provider has required us to change the type of modem used in them. Final figures aren't available yet. They will be presented at the June Council meeting. Director Raines gave an update on the vandalism that occurred. The individual is in custody and the county prosecutor is handling the case. Director Raines wanted to give a shout out to Deputy Chief Layman for the outstanding job he did on the vandalism case.

MAYOR'S REPORT

The state of Grays Harbor breakfast was hosted by Mayor Samuels of Montesano and Senator Hargrove. Each mayor had the opportunity to have a pastor of choice. Pastor Don Norkoski presided over Cosmopolis.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Approve Lease Agreement for new Police Vehicle

Councilmember Sperring made a motion to approve. Councilmember Pauley seconded. Motion carried.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Pauley brought up the topic of possibly have a marijuana business in town. It would need to be verified how the 1000' from schools/parks restriction is calculated. There is a gray area on how many stores are allowed in Grays Harbor. Councilmember Sperring wants to know how we approach the idea of annexing the land owned by Cosmo that is outside of the Cosmopolis City limits. Councilmember Sperring proposes to moved forward. Public Works Director Raines will bring the information to the next Council meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

Deputy Clerk

Attest:

Mayor