

CITY OF COSMOPOLIS
Regular City Council Meeting
May 19, 2021

Mayor Kyle Pauley presiding.

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT

Candice Makos, Stana Cummings, Jim Ancich, Debbi Moran, and Miles Wenzel

STAFF PRESENT

City Administrator Darrin Raines, Attorney Steve Johnson, Asst. Fire Chief John Bramstedt, Public Works Superintendent Jeff Nations, and Finance Director Julie Pope

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilmember Moran made a motion to approve the agenda. Councilmember Cummings seconded. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Moran made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Councilmember Ancich seconded. Motion carried.

CITY OFFICIALS

Finance Director – Director Pope stated that she and Deputy Clerk Eccles taking classes for Public Records Requests. Deputy Clerk Chrt is training for Records Retention. Director Pope is currently finishing the annual report which is due at the end of the month. She also stated they will be getting the Finance Sub-Committee together to help create financial policies.

Police Chief – Chief Stratton stated that Officer Coleman will be resigning to take a position with another department. We will be looking for a lateral officer. In the past we offered a \$5,000 sign-on bonus. In light of the current financial status of the City, we would like to offer a \$3,000 sign-on bonus. He commended Jeff Nations and the Public Works for getting the Police vehicles ready to surplus. The new patrol vehicles that were purchased from Soap Lake are great and working perfectly. Call volumes are still up. Deputy Chief Layman came upon a stolen car that was here in town from Portland. He was able to find the driver and make an arrest. Chief Stratton issued him a letter of commendation. He also thanked Officer Tarnowski, Officer Coleman, and Officer Miskell for all of their hard work during the last three weeks.

City Administrator – Administrator Raines stated that we discussed a possible Stormwater Utility during the workshop to free up money for the Street fund. He stated that at the last meeting we put the new facility on hold due to construction costs.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Pauley gave special recognition to Ed Van Syckle for all of the volunteer hours to clean up planters, mowing and other services to the City. He thanked Ed for everything he has done for the City throughout the years. During the E-911 admin meeting, they discussed the future home of the dispatch center. There may be some action regarding this at the next Council meeting. The upcoming City-wide garage sale is not a City sponsored event. This will be held just prior to the City Clean Up week. He set a public hearing for the six-year Street plan at the next Council meeting on June 16, 2021.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Ordinance 1360 (Land Use Hearing Examiner)** – Councilmember Moran made a motion to read by title only. Councilmember Makos seconded. Motion carried. Finance Director Pope read the title of the ordinance. Councilmember Moran made a motion to accept. It was seconded by Councilmember Ancich. Administrator Raines stated that this would be for hearing all lane use decisions rather than the Planning Commission. It would be a hired professional and paid for by application fees. This would be a contracted position. Motion carried.
- B. Ordinance 1361 (Conditional Uses)** - Councilmember Moran made a motion to read by title only. Seconded by Councilmember Wenzel. Motion carried. Director Pope read the ordinance by title only. Councilmember Moran made a motion to approve. It was seconded by Councilmember Ancich. Administrator Raines stated that this gives the Land Use Examiner to hear Conditional use hearings. Motion carried.
- C. Ordinance 1362 (Abolishment of Board of Adjustments)** – Mayor Pauley tabled this ordinance and may bring up next month.
- D. Appointments for Board of Adjustments, Planning Commission, Civil Service Commission** – Mayor Pauley appointed Ken Cummings, Jeffrey Bordin, and Tony Lupo to the Civil Service Commission. For the Planning Commission, he is reappointing Bill Newman, Darrin King, Mark

Collett, Mike Brown, and Ken Cummings. For the Board of Adjustments, he is appointing Cheryl Turner and Ed Van Syckle to fill the vacancies for the board. Councilmember Moran made a motion to accept the appointments. Councilmember Wenzel. Motion carried.

- E. **Police Officer Sign-On Bonus** - Councilmember Moran made a motion to authorize the expenditure of \$3,000 for a police officer sign-on bonus. Seconded by Councilmember Ancich. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ed Van Syckle - He thanked Mayor Pauley for the recognition and plaque. He stated that he really enjoys working with the Public Works crew.

Ann Peery – She wanted to let everyone know that she and Susie have acquired the grass lot by the Maxi Mini Mart to hold Susie’s annual lemonade stand. They will be following all of the covid-19 restrictions. Everything will go to the Police Reserves. It is set for August 7th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Makos – Welcomed Councilmember Wenzel to the Council. She also stated that she would like us to move forward with the Stormwater Utility.

Councilmember Ancich – He stated that Ed Van Syckle has done a good job and the City really appreciates him.

Councilmember Moran – She welcomed Councilmember Wenzel to the Council and thanked Ed Van Syckle for his hard work.

Mayor Pauley adjourned the meeting.

Finance Director

Attest:

Mayor