

City of Cosmopolis
Regular Meeting Minutes
July 17, 2019

Mayor Frank Chestnut presiding.

Councilmembers present: Jim Ancich, Debbi Moran, Dale Andrews, Carl Sperring, and Kyle Pauley.

Staff Present: City Administrator Darrin Raines, Attorney Steve Johnson, Clerk-Treasurer Julie Pope, Fire Chief Jerry Schreck, and Police Chief Casey Stratton.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilmember Moran made a motion to accept the agenda. It was seconded by Councilmember Ancich. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the consent agenda consisting of June regular meeting minutes and Vouchers #24564 through #24619 in the amount of \$203,559.10, Payroll Vouchers #14359 through #14375 in the amount of \$55,698.75 and EFTs dated 6/30/19 through 6/30/2019 in the amount of \$13,986.43. Councilmember Sperring made a motion to accept. It was seconded by Councilmember Moran. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

E-911 - Per Mayor Chestnut, an initiative will be on the ballot for a sales tax increase of one tenth of one percent to update equipment and facilities.

CITY OFFICIAL REPORTS

Clerk-Treasurer – Per Clerk-Treasurer Pope, the new Utility Billing software has been installed. She has noticed a few issues with the new bills. We are still working out all the bugs. In January 2021, the State will be taking over City business licenses in this area.

Police Chief – Chief Stratton mentioned cars left in Parks for days. At this time, we have no recourse. Ordinance 1336 would give us the ability to take hours. The new patrol vehicle will be delivered to EVS for outfitting in the next couple of days.

City Attorney – Attorney Johnson gave out two draft ordinances for the Council to review. Ordinance 1335 is in regards to camping and Ordinance 1336 is in regards to Park hours.

Fire Chief – Chief Schreck stated we have had 120 calls year to date. New recruits will attending the academy in September. We sold the compressor system for \$3000 and we received a State trauma grant. This money will go towards the purchase of new pagers.

City Administrator – Per Administrator Raines, there is an issue with the Mill Creek Dam. We should be getting a report any day to Quigg Bros Inc stating what needs to be done for repairs. The Dam is still under warranty. Administrator Raines would like to purchase three containers for storage and/or training. He would like permission to purchase. One would be for Public Works, one for the Police Department and one for the Fire Department for training. Councilmember Moran made a motion to purchase three containers for \$3150 each. Councilmember Pauley seconded. Motion carried.

Code Enforcement – We have had positive responses from the letters we sent out.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Boat Rescue Program & City Purchase of Boat** – Per Mayor Chestnut, he and City Administrator Raines, policies, procedures, SOP had been put in place. Councilmember Sperring made a motion for the City to purchase a boat for the Fire Rescue team at \$7500. Councilmember Pauley seconded. Councilmember Pauley stated there had been concerns regarding costs. Chief Schreck stated that their supplies are sufficient. He stated that they are not getting in the water. It is basic water rescue. Councilmember Andrews asked if we had enough people on the Fire Department to run this type of program. Chief Schreck says we have enough people to adequately run the program which is a captain and two rescuers. Evenings and nights is easier than during the day to staff the program. Councilmember Pauley asked what the scope of the program is. Chief Schreck says it is tide water only. Per Chief Schreck, this is an additional training for each volunteer as long as they have their boater's card. Councilmember Andrews asked where the data is stating we need this program? Chief Schreck stated we have had a boat for more than 30 years. Councilmember Moran wanted to know if we charge other Cities for this service. Councilmember Sperring stated that this is part of the mutual aid agreements. Assistant Chief Steve Davis stated that we have had a boat for 30 years. It is called on very rarely and mostly Aberdeen and Hoquiam. Councilmember Pauley asked what the history of the boat is. Per Chief Schreck, this boat was a tender on a larger boat. Asst. Chief Davis stated the previous boat had issues. The Association paid for the boat because the price was right at the time. Per Chief Schreck and Asst Chief Davis, there is no real training expense to the City. Councilmember Andrews asked why this wasn't brought to the Council before the Association purchasing it. Captain Cody Bridges stated the association purchased it because we would have missed out on the purchase had we waited for it to go to Council first. Vote – 3 no, 2 yes. Motion failed.
- B. Annexation** – City Administrator Raines gave the Council another copy of the Annexation study from February. He stated we should contact the property owners to see if they would like to be annexed in. The easiest way to do the annexation is if they petition us. It would have to go before the boundary review board. We already provide emergency services to this area. The benefit to the City is an additional \$1731 in property taxes, but the cost is approximately \$1500 for maintenance in the area for a net benefit of \$231 per year. Councilmember Sperring made a motion to proceed with annexation. Councilmember Pauley seconded. Motion carried.
- C. New Municipal Facility** – Councilmember Moran made a motion to proceed. It was seconded by Councilmember Andrews. Councilmember Pauley states that this would require a special meeting. City Administrator Raines would

be contacting the bond attorney to get the ordinance completed and then we would have a special meeting. Motion carried.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Pauley – He reminded everyone that National Night Out is coming up and that he will be hosting that night.

Councilmember Andrews – He thanked Councilmember Sperring. He thanked him for bringing this up and looked forward to the future.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ben King, Stanford Drive – He stated that with the river and fishing that it is worthwhile to have a boat here in Cosmopolis. He feels we need that boat out there.

Steve Davis, 825 5th – He asked the dissenting votes if they supported the boat program and do the reasoning for not supporting the purchase of the vote. Mayor Chestnut stated that this portion of the agenda is not designed for debate. Councilmember Ancich stated he supports the program, but he does not support the way the boat was purchased.

Cody Bridges, 825 Stanford - He says that the people who voted no put a price tag of \$7500 on a life.

John Bramstedt, 413 B Street – He stated that his family has a legacy in this community. This is the second largest river in the State and there are no other services in the County. He finds it irresponsible to forego this. Chief Schreck stated that we have no program at this time as the City does not own a boat. Administrator Raines states the boat is insurable at a cost of \$2400 per year and it is currently not insured as the City does not own it.

Meeting adjourned.

Clerk-Treasurer

Attest:

Mayor