

**City of Cosmopolis**  
Regular Council Meeting  
July 18, 2012

Mayor Pro Tem Carl Sperring presided

Councilmembers Present: Frank Chestnut, Jim Ancich and Debbi Moran

Staff Present: Finance Director Kathy Welch, Police Chief, Casey Stratton, Fire Chief Al Burrows and Public Works Director Darrin Raines

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Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Mayor Pro Tem Carl Sperring.

On duly carried motion by Frank Chestnut and seconded by Debbi Moran, Karen Cox is excused. Mayor Raines is out of town.

It was moved by Frank Chestnut and seconded by Debbi Moran the Agenda was approved.

It was moved by Debbi Moran and seconded by Carl Sperring to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of minutes of June 20, 2012 meeting and Claims Vouchers 17997 through 178077 in the amount of \$ 105,361.24. Jim asked that minutes of the previous meeting be corrected as follows: Jim Ancich and Frank Chestnut met as Public Works Committee, not Carl Sperring as written.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Public Works** - Discussion on extending compost hours was held. Darrin said the program is going well and spoke with the committee about adding hours Wednesday 11-3. On motion by Jim Ancich and seconded by Frank Chestnut hours will be extended to Wednesday. Darrin said that he is looking at three applications for TIB grants that are due by August 27<sup>th</sup>. He will work on the numbers and bring back to Council for permission at August meeting.

**Public Safety** – Carl Sperring reported that the Fire Chiefs of Hoquiam, Aberdeen, and Cosmopolis along with some firemen and City officials met June 26<sup>th</sup> to discuss consolidating some services and possible equipment. There was a meeting June 27<sup>th</sup> regarding the cancellation of the Grays Harbor County Jail contract. Attorney Hyde said that the Sheriff would like to pass the medical cost of treating felons back to the cities. Once the felons are sent to the County Jail, the cities’ have no control over how long they stay and the costs involved. The Commissioners said that we need to work out some resolution and no changes will be made before December 31<sup>st</sup>. There Commissioner’s meeting Monday at 11:00 am will be open for discussion of this subject. Councilman Carl Sperring encouraged interested people to attend.

**Council of Government** - Councilman Chestnut reported they met June 28<sup>th</sup>. They passed two administrative resolutions and a resolution regarding vacation policy for the Executive Director.

**Park and Recreation** – Debbi reported that they held a meeting July 17<sup>th</sup> to discuss the Festival. Everything is going well. They will hold another meeting August 13<sup>th</sup> and the Wednesday before the Festival. They already have music and dancers lined up.

**CITY OFFICIAL REPORTS**

**Finance Director** – Finance Director Welch reported that the Auditor’s will be here the first week in August to audit the Downtown Corridor Project.

**Police** – Casey said that the radar trailer has been back and is working well. He thanked Superior Transmission for repairing it for free. The ammo Casey ordered has arrived. Deputy Chief Layman will need to be sent to get recertified for his Rangemaster instructor certification. This will be a two week course and cost about \$2300 to \$3,000. The one that was scheduled here was cancelled as not enough people signed up. We normally get two free positions in the class for hosting it. Officer Tarnowski will be going to defense tactics training.

**Public Works** – Darrin said that we have a proposal from Precision Finishing to paint the International dump truck. The paint is in bad condition in the box and some damage to the front. The salt solution we use in the winter takes its toll. The bid is \$4317.85

Call to order

Approval Of agenda

Consent agenda

complete. On duly carried motion by Debbi Moran and seconded by Jim Ancich, Public Works has permission to spend \$4317.85 to paint the truck. On duly carried motion by Debbi Moran and seconded by Jim Ancich the compost program will be extended to Wednesday hours from 11:00 am to 3:00 p.m. Darrin would like to have a workshop at 6:00, August 15<sup>th</sup> to discuss water availability.

**Fire** – Chief Burrows got a fire call and had to leave.

**MAYOR’S REPORT**

Mayor Pro Tem Carl Sperring read a proclamation to declare the week of August 1-7, 2012 has been designated as World Breastfeeding Week.

**Council convenes to Executive Session at 7:22 pm to discuss Collective Bargaining Agreement for Police. To be back at 7:30 pm. Council reconvened regular session at 7:27 pm. Attorney Hyde explained no action taken in executive session.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

A. Union Contract – Police

Attorney Hyde explained that the union employees and the City had discussed the contract over the past several months and the Union ratified the contract that covers January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2015. On duly carried motion by Debbi Moran and seconded by Frank Chestnut, Council authorizes Mayor Raines to sign the contract as approved.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Ordinance No. 1259 – 2012 Budget Amendment**

Attorney Hyde read Ordinance No. 1259 adjusting fund level to Equipment and Cumulative Reserve in its entirety. On duly carried motion by Frank Chestnut and seconded by Debbi Moran, Ordinance No. 1259 passed.

**B. Ordinance No. 1260 making Cemetery Care Endowment a reserve fund**

Attorney Hyde read Ordinance No. 1260 making Cemetery Care Endowment a reserve fund in its entirety. On duly carried motion by Frank Chestnut and seconded by Debbi Moran Ordinance No. 1260 passed.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Frank Chestnut said that the AWC Conference was very informational and had a wide variety of subjects discussed from budgeting basics to the cost of free money. He said that he looks forward to going next year and encouraged the rest of the Council to consider attending.

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Finance Director

Attest:

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Mayor

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comments









Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Mayor Vickie L. Raines.

City Attorney excused.

**Public Hearing - Six-year Street Plan**

Mayor Raines opened the public hearing for the 201-18 Six year Street Plan. Public Works Director Darrin Raines explained the updates to the plan. We have a total of eight projects listed. He said that the first item on the plan might not necessarily be the one that gets done first. It depends on the funding. He also explained that the projects are rated on the condition of the pavement. He said another project would be down by the Peterbilt facility. We do not have any sidewalks there and we need to make sure that there is adequate ingress and egress. We have to apply for funds for this year by August 27<sup>th</sup>. Kelly Daniels, Peterbilt asked if any of the plans called for culvert replacement/enhancement. Darrin said at that end of town we would have to address this. Mayor Raines asked if this would include curb and gutter. Darrin said that we would have to include this in the plan for that area.

Public Hearing Closed at 7:14 p.m.

Mike Myer-Vision 20/20 gave a status report to Council and Public on Solid Waste and Composting. We have improved our rate of recycling in the past eight years. He said that we have made some progress in our recycle rate going from 45% in 2008 to 57% in 2010. With education outreach we hope to have that level increased to 75% by 2020. Mike complimented the City on reopening the compost program. He asked if the City would consider adding a middle of the week time for those people who cannot use it on the weekends. Mayor Raines said that we will look at the budget and take his request into consideration.

It was moved by Frank Chestnut and seconded by Carl Sperring the Agenda was approved with the addition of item D. Wild Olympics Resolution under New Business.

It was moved by Debbi Moran and seconded by Carl Sperring to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of minutes of May 18, 2012 meeting and Claims Vouchers 17904 through 17996 in the amount of \$109,488.35. Frank asked that minutes of the previous meeting be corrected to add Mayor set Public Hearing for Six Year Street Plan and minutes of the April 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Mayor Raines allowed for public comment at this time.

Rebecca Harris, 411 E Street, commented that where she previously lived, the compost program for yard waste was available with containers at the curbside of residents. She wanted to know if this is available in this area. Mayor Raines said that it is available at considerable charge. We have limited funds available and at this time are not charging residents extra for our compost program. We would have to do that if we expanded the program to that level. Mayor Raines explained that we have a compost program sponsored by the Public Works Department where you can take your grass clippings and tree trimmings down to the City Shop on weekends.

Jon Owen, Wild Olympics, said that he wanted to ensure that any resolution that the Council passes be factually accurate and reflects the changes that Congressman Dicks and Senator Murray have spent the last two years creating.

Kelly Daniels, 112 First Street, gave an update on the Peterbilt business site. She said they are almost done with the new addition and besides housing Peterbilt and D4 Sports they will have two office spaces available for rent. Kelly thanked the City Council, Mayor and staff for their help in getting their businesses started. Working with the City and Staff has been just a joy. Kelly said that she actually counted 42 18 wheelers on the lot the other day. Corey has been in Seattle all week working on two more potential businesses that might relocate to the site. The house on first street with the blue tarp has been purchased by Kelly and her husband. The Fire Department has been having some practice drills there and as soon as the asbestos reports get back the building will be burned down as practice. They hope to have the whole area cleaned up soon. Kelly also thanked the Police Department who has also been very helpful.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Public Works** - Jim said that he and Carl Sperring got together with Public Works Director Raines to discuss the hauling of logs down Franklin. They said the streets are not built to haul logs and they do not feel that this is a feasible plan. On duly carried motion by Jim Ancich and seconded by Frank

Chestnut the Council voted to not allow Geo Dan to haul logs on City streets.

**Public Safety** – Carl Sperring reported that the Public Safety committee met on May 23<sup>rd</sup> with Karen Cox, Mayor Raines, Jerry Schreck and Dan Prater to discuss the contract with the Fire Department that the Auditor’s Office is requesting. Carl reported that there is a renewed effort to consolidate some administrative duties and possible equipment or training with Aberdeen and Hoquiam Fire Departments. There will be a meeting with the Fire Departments on June 26<sup>th</sup> to discuss ideas. The Public Safety Committee had an ongoing discussion about the upcoming jail contract.

**Park and Recreation** – Debbi Moran said that the Park Committee met to discuss the festival. They have the music set up and some other entertainment. Mayor Raines suggested the possibility of the band Humptulips, Corey Daniels is a member, playing at the Festival. Kelly said she would talk to Corey. The Committee will meet July 16 to discuss recommendations to the Planning Commission for park improvements. The work party went fine. None of the Park Advisory Board was present. Jimmy Hargrove and his wife from Harbor City Church brought four or five members to assist. Councilman Chestnut and his wife were present along with Public Works Director Raines, Clerk Makos and her granddaughter. Kelly Daniels said their baseball group is required to do community service as life skills points. The City has generously given their kids a place to practice. She said if we give her notice we will have 52 kids ages 9-12 there to assist us. Debbi said they all had a barbeque at the fire hall afterwards.

**CITY OFFICIAL REPORTS**

**Police** – Casey said that he had submitted his written quarterly report. He also thanked Public Works crew for their help. Cosmopolis co-hosted the EVOC training with Hoquiam and some other entities. They used the Bay City loading area and Darrin’s crew cleaned it up to prevent any accidents from road debris and provided cones for the course.

**Public Works** – Darrin said that we have a problem with one of the mounts for the tide gates. It is cracked and separated. We need to have Ozman Service remove and repair it and Darrin is asking for permission to spend \$5,3249.54 to complete this emergency job. Jim Ancich moved to approve this expenditure, Debbi Moran seconded. Motion carried. Darrin reported that the compost program is going real well. To date we have spent 60% of the budget with the bulk of it going for the purchase of the ecology blocks.

**Fire** – Chief Burrows reported that he has submitted his quarterly report in writing. He also thanked Kelley and Corey Daniels for allowing the Fire Department to train in the house on First Street that will be demoed. This provided invaluable training for our guys.

**MAYOR’S REPORT**

Mayor Raines said that the meetings with the Fire Departments is not about a regional fire authority but more on the functional and operational side of the fire department. We need to look at the possibility of combining services and/or equipment before we proceed any further with a contract of the purchase of equipment. We have discussed the various options of financing if we decide to pursue the purchase of a fire truck. Mayor Raines said that she will be spending the next two days at the Flood Authority meetings. She requested that Council approve Frank Chestnut as her alternate on the Authority. On duly carried motion by Debbi Moran and seconded by Karen Cox Frank Chestnut is approved as alternate to Mayor Raines on the Flood Authority.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Resolution 2012-04 Six-year Street Plan 2013-2018**

Mayor Raines read Resolution 2012-04 in its entirety and on duly carried motion by Frank Chestnut and seconded by Debbi Moran, Resolution 2012-04 adopting the Six-year Street Plan 2012-2018 was approved.

**B. Street Vacation Release of Interest for Gary Swartz**

On duly carried motion by Debbi Moran and seconded by Frank Chestnut the release of interest is approved.

**C. Recreational Vehicle Dwelling Permit**

The George Kozak, 1317 2<sup>nd</sup> street, who is requesting the Recreational Vehicle Dwelling Permit is not present to answer some questions that the Council has so the decision on the permit is being postponed.

**D. Wild Olympics Resolution 2012-05**

Mayor Raines read the updated resolution on the Wild Olympics insisting that the offices of Congressman Norm Dicks and U.S. Senator Patty Murray that they cease and desist in their continued joint efforts to create legislation designed to enact the WILD OLYMPICS

CAMPAIGN into law. On duly carried motion by Frank Chestnut and seconded by Carl Sperring Resolution 2012-05 passed unanimously.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Karen Cox said that she thinks it is extremely rude and inappropriate for a Council person to pressure her how to vote away from the table and that her vote would not count anyway, because the vote has already been decided.

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Finance Director

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Mayor





