

City of Cosmopolis
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 17, 2016

Mayor Frank Chestnut presiding

Councilmembers present: Debbie Moran, Jonathan Fischer, Kyle Pauley, Jim Ancich and Carl Sperring

Staff Present: Public Works Director Darrin Raines, Police Chief Casey Stratton, Attorney Steve Hyde and Finance Director Turner, Fire Chief Schreck is excused by Mayor Chestnut.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Councilmember Sperring and seconded by Councilmember Pauley to approve the agenda with the addition of item C, an RV dwelling permit, under new business. Motion approved.

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Councilmember Sperring and seconded by Councilmember Ancich to approve the consent agenda consisting of the July 20, 2016 regular meeting minutes and vouchers #21939 through #21995 in the amount of \$158,937.18.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilmember Sperring complimented the Fire Dept. on a job well done at the fire on Third St. He said they did a fantastic job keeping the fire contained and they worked very well with the Aberdeen fire department. Councilmember Sperring gave kudos to Capt. Davis and Officer Mitchell as they each did a great job. Deputy Chief Layman made an arson arrest the following morning.

Park and Recreation – Councilmember Moran reported that the anniversary festival is coming right along. She said they have received a little over \$3000 in donations and those who have donated will have their names published.

Finance sub-committee – Councilmember Fischer said he met with Finance Director Turner and Public Works Director Raines and went over some ideas about expenditures and revenues.

Council of Governments – Mayor Chestnut did not make the meeting but they approved the Regional Transportation Plan.

CITY OFFICIAL REPORTS

Finance Director – Finance Director Turner said in the workshop they had discussed expenditures and revenues. She said there were some ideas that had either already been implemented to save money or increase revenues for next year.

Police – The new car is here and Chief Stratton says we have a potential source back east to help equip the new car. Officer Tarnowski has finished the patrol office. Chief Stratton commended Officer Tarnowski on a job well done. Chief Stratton said well done to Capt. Wilson who helped to preserve evidence at the sight of the fire. He commended Raymond Police Officer James Samplawski for bringing his drone to fly over the fire area and get pictures and video. Councilmember Sperring also thanked the Sheriff's office for assisting.

Public Works – Public Works Director Raines calculated 1.5 million gallons went through for the fire. He also said we have received water rights and will have the new well on line by the end of the year.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Chestnut said the workshop concerned finances. He let everyone know at the first of the year we lost around \$45,000 in property tax. We also lost revenues because Cosmo is producing their own power which reduced our utility taxes. Mayor Chestnut we need enough to buffer current through the first quarter. B&O for the first quarter of 2017 will be at the rate of .0022 which will help with revenues.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution 2016-06 Water Rate Increase

Public Works Director Raines the increase would be \$1.34 for 400 cu. ft. This is part of the Capital improvements and will help with financing the new well. Councilmember Moran moved to approve resolution 2016-06. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Fischer. Motion approved.

B. Resolution 2016-07 Sewer Rate Increase

Public Works Director Raines said the sewer has not increased since 2013 and we have to pay our portion of the Aberdeen improvements that was mandated by the state. Councilmember Moran moved to approve resolution 2016-07. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Fischer. Motion approved.

C. RV Dwelling Permit

Mr. Murray at 1505 Third St. has asked to live in RV for a time while his home is being repaired after the fire next door. It was moved by Councilmember Sperring and seconded by Councilmember Moran to approve the RV dwelling permit for Mr. Murray.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Billy Newton, 1313 Bell Dr, asked if there was anything that could be done about people not picking up their dog waste. She was told the Lions Club has put up several dog recepticals and the Council will be looking at an ordinance to address this.

Ms. Newton also asked if the compost program will be closing down. She said she is willing to pay a fee to be able to dump. Public Works Director Raines said they have some of the compost that almost ready to sell and that could help fund the program.

Councilmember Pauley reminded everybody of the 125th Anniversary to be held on September 11, 2016 @ Lions Park.

Meeting adjourned.

Finance Director

Attest:

Mayor