

City of Cosmopolis
Workshop
August 20, 2014

Mayor Vickie L. Raines presided.

Councilmembers Present: Jonathan Fischer, Frank Chestnut, Jim Ancich and Debbi Moran

Staff Present: Finance Director Cheryl Turner, Attorney Stephen Hyde, Interim Fire Chief Jerry Schreck, Police Chief Casey Stratton and Public Works Director Darrin Raines

Darrin introduced Jessie Cardinas.

Mr. Cardinas said we may be eligible for a Rural Business Opportunity Grant from the USDA. This grant money would be used for a feasibility study. A feasibility study for a solid waste anaerobic digester like this one would run between 40 and 80 thousand. If the City is interested we need to apply and get a pre score from USDA next month to be eligible for next year's funding. He would be the person that help us prepare and apply for that funding.

Mr. Cardinas said we need to utilize other places and people who have already put in a solid waste anaerobic digester. He also said it was very important that we get the support of the whole community for this program to work.

The gas produced by an anaerobic digester is methane. This gas can be cleaned and converted into heat, steam, or electricity and can be used to fuel vehicles. If we proceed and put in the digester at the First St. pump station we could sell excess energy back to the PUD and/or sell renewable energy certificates.

Councilman Chestnut suggested a workshop to discuss this further.

Finance Director

Attest:

Mayor