

City of Cosmopolis
Regular Council Meeting
August 18th, 2013

Mayor Vickie L. Raines presided.

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

Staff Present: Finance Director Kathy Welch, Fire Captain Steve Davis, Police Chief Casey Stratton, Attorney Steve Hyde, and Public Works Director Darrin Raines

Mayor Raines opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

It was moved by Jim Ancich and seconded by Frank Chestnut to approve the agenda with the addition under Unfinished Business item A. to include Tech update.

It was moved by Debbi Moran and seconded by Carl Sperring to approve the consent agenda consisting of Claims Vouchers #18910 – 19062 in the amount of \$ 117,966.82 and the minutes of the June 19, 2013 meeting, with the correction to include a motion by Frank Chestnut, seconded by Carl Sperring to approve proposal for network by John Barclay.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parks – Debbi Moran said the Park Committee met June 25. Debbi showed a sample of the signs the committee would like to purchase to place about town to make the public aware of our community wide clean-up and volunteer days. They would cost about \$10 a piece. They also would like to purchase a banner that they can mount on the Lions Park fence.

Public Safety – Carl Sperring and Jonathan Fischer met three weeks ago to discuss repairs to 7602 (fire Truck). The bearings in the pump are bad and the tank drains out in two to three days. The truck is in Tacoma at US Fire. The 1974 Mac is getting to the point where it will need major repairs and will not be worth it. We might need to look at purchasing two trucks. A new no-frills truck would be around \$340,000. They discussed how we would pay for it. Captain Davis said that they will be applying to a couple of different agencies next spring for grants.

Flood Authority – Mayor Raines reported that they met last Thursday. Cosmopolis had received a 2.5 mil appropriation for the Mill Creek Dam project; however it became very apparent that the funding requested for two projects was inadequate. The option was to do nothing or to put the dollars to work in some fashion. The Flood Authority decided to move 1.5 mil from the Cosmopolis project to help fund the Montesano sheet-pile project at Mary's River and the Montesano sewer project. Mayor Raines phoned all the Council to discuss this with them. These projects are shovel ready. Mayor Raines also spoke with some of our State representatives about requesting more funding to replace the funding that they shifted to Montesano. The Satsop Project had \$500,000 shifted, Cosmopolis 1.5 mil and Wishkah 1.9 mil. Cosmopolis will still receive \$750,000 to go ahead with planning and permitting for the dam. Jim Ancich asked how the estimates got so far out that we are shifting all these millions of dollars in funds, was it engineering or what. Mayor Raines said that when Mary's River submitted they did not know what the project would cost, so they put 2 mil in as a "place holder" knowing that the project would cost more.

Council of Governments – Frank Chestnut said that last month they had the first reading of the Title VI, Discrimination policy and staff reports.

E 9-1-1 – Mayor Raines reported that they met last month to discuss the 2014 budget. Sales tax revenue is down this past year, July did report a little higher revenue. They continue to watch the trend as they move into the budget negotiations for 2014.

Greater Grays Harbor – Mayor Raines said that Showcase Grays Harbor will be Friday, September 20th. Invites were in agenda packets. If anyone is interested in going contact City Hall.

Call to
order

Approval
of agenda

Consent
agenda

Committee
Reports

CITY OFFICIALS

Police – Chief Stratton deferred to his written report. Casey said Officer Tarnowski had surgery the first of the month and it was a success. He is now in physical therapy and is anxious to get back to work. The in-car video was installed; however it has quit working after one week. A replacement part is on the way and will not cost the City anything.

Fire – Steve Davis said they were working with MSA to write a grant to replace the breathing apparatus for around \$60,000. The department is also working on a grant for a new fire truck that will be submitted this spring. We have completed the reporting information that is needed to be submitted with the grant application, this information was not submitted in the last grant cycle. 7602 has been repaired. The bunker gear is 99% updated and is amazing. The department will still be training in the old gear. Susie Marie Brennstahl raised \$2100 for the Fire Department with her Kool-Aid stand this year. She will be riding in the Fire truck in Logger's Playday.

Public Works – Public Works Director Raines referred to a copy of the meeting notes between HDR and Fish and Wildlife. They had a project overview and the City goals. Some of the discussion points outlined were

- Fish passage and design
- Possible mitigation for disturbance of riparian vegetation regrowth
- Pond and youth fishing program
- Flood
- Next steps to be taken to move forward

Darrin said after the planning and permitting the bulk of the work would be done in 2015. Darrin reported that the test wells were pumping 20-30 gal per min. The Water is good quality with a little manganese that can be filtered. The wells are shallower (140-160 feet) than anticipated which can help save on cost. The next stop will be to install pump at low peak to tell us if there is enough water. The pump will cost about \$5700. Jim asked if there would be any other use for this pump if the well does not work out. Darrin said that no, this is a special submersible pump for that use only. The gazebo is about ½ done and under budget. Jim Ancich said that the person who had volunteered to help with the gazebo felt that a City worker had shunned him, so he will not be assisting with the gazebo work. Darrin said that the chip seal project on G Street will be swept tomorrow and then sealed next week.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Raines noted the new City flag with our logo on it next to the American flag.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. John Barclay updated Mayor and Council on our tech project for City Hall. He said that all the machines have been updated to Windows 7 and he still has about 4 hours of training for staff. The Building Department computer is still running on Window's XP. John will update that computer. It will be an additional 2-3 hours that will come out of the Community Development budget. John had some issues when working with the server. He took a couple of extra hours and got it straightened out. Our software people had to be called to assist John with the Vision files.

NEW BUSINESS

A. – Ordinance No. 1276 – Budget Amendment resurface parking lot

Attorney Hyde read Ordinance No. 1276 amending budget for parking lot resurface in its entirety. On duly carried motion by Carl Sperring and seconded by Frank Chestnut Ordinance No. 1276 carried.

B. – Authorize Mayor to sign Shoreline Master Plan Interlocal Agreement

Darrin explained that for the last three months various agencies and cities throughout the County have been discussing the requirement to update the Shoreline Master Plan. The City of Cosmopolis, the City of Hoquiam and the City of Aberdeen were the ones that have the most similar shorelines. Darrin said that the beach communities would be partnering together to get their portion done. East County will be doing the same. The City of Hoquiam, Brian Shay, offered to be lead agency for our portions. We received grant money of \$50,000 and Aberdeen and Hoquiam each received \$125,000. On duly carried motion by Carl Sperring and seconded by Frank Chestnut Mayor Raines is authorized to sign Shoreline Master Plan Interlocal Agreement.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Greg Johnson, The Gregorian group and a member of the Friends of Makarenko Park said that he wanted to thank everyone for their support. They had 27 visits to Makarenko Park by the Friends; clearing brush and cleaning weeds. He also said that new attention is being given to the Grays Harbor Trail project that would continue with the idea that was once the Rails to Trails project. Mayor Raines pointed out that several years ago, the City worked with Council of Government on this.

Finance Director

Attest:

Mayor

