

City of Cosmopolis  
Regular Council Meeting  
September 17, 2014

Mayor Vickie Raines presided.

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

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

It was moved by Councilmember Debbi Moran and seconded by Councilman Ancich to approve the agenda with the additions of Item 11- Executive Session and under New Business brief discussion of ordinance #1158. Motion approved.

It was moved by Councilmember Chestnut and seconded by Councilmember Sperring to approve the consent agenda Claims Vouchers #20030-20336 in the amount of \$91,129.30 and minutes from the August 20, 2014 workshop and regular meeting. Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Public Safety** – Councilmember Sperring said he and Councilmember Chesnut met with Fire Chief Schreck and Floyd Hamilton of US Fire.

**Coastal Community Action** – Mayor Raines said they met on 9-16-14. They are working on the 2015 budget, cost of living increase and insurance.

**E9-1-1** – Mayor Raines said they are working on the 2015 budget.

**Greater Grays Harbor** – Mayor Raines said the Attorney General was down on the Harbor for meetings. Friday is the Showcase Grays Harbor.

**CITY OFFICIALS**

**Police** - Police Chief Stratton went to the 9-1-1 Operations Board meeting and they are still down 1 person. He let everyone know that Officer Brett Ellis from the Aberdeen Police Dept. had passed away from cancer. Chief Stratton said he was a credit to the City of Aberdeen, the County and this State. Mayor Raines acknowledged the loss and said he will be greatly missed.

**Fire** – Chief Schreck met with the Public Safety Committee and went over specs and financing availabilities concerning a new fire truck.

**Public Works** – Public Works Director Raines passed out the Flood Plain Management Analysis that the French Co. put together. They went to every City and County to check how they manage their flood ordinances, flood hazard management and storm drains. Cosmopolis scored quite well. We could get training and provide assistance in writing policies and ordinance. We could also have a chance to help our citizens with flood insurance rating. Public Works Director Raines said we had a large water main break and wanted to thank the City of Aberdeen for their assistance in locating it. The leak was under the bridge on highway 101. It was an 8” main and we lost around 750,000 gallons. The public works crew will start replacing water mains on 3<sup>rd</sup> and Elizabeth. It will take around 3 weeks.

**MAYOR’S REPORT**

Mayor Raines read the PUD Proclamation

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Authorize Mayor to add Shane Heston as the new insurance service representative.**

Mayor Raines said we would be charged an annual fee of \$4000 to have Shane as our insurance broker. He would check into available insurances for the City and see if we could save some money. Finance Director Turner told the council that we had to give our current insurance carrier a one year notice if we want to change. Mayor Raines called Mr. Heston to verify and he concurred. It will come back to the Council table next year.

**B. Review Ordinance #1158**

Councilman Chestnut would like to discuss Ordinance #1158 concerning vehicles for sale on First St. Section 1. Nobody shall park a vehicle with a for sale sign onto or therein on the East side of First St. Councilmember Chestnut asked that the ordinance go back to planning for review.

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA

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NEW BUSINESS

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Cosmopolis City Council went into executive session concerning possible acquisition of land. Council was out from 7:45 to 8:15.

Council was called back to regular session. There were no Council or Audience Comments.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20.

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Finance Director

Attest:

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Mayor