

**City of Cosmopolis
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 21, 2016**

Mayor Frank Chestnut presiding

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

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Councilmember Pauley and seconded by Councilmember Sperring to approve the agenda with the addition of item A. discussion on B&O, under new business. Motion approved.

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Councilmember Fischer and seconded by Councilmember Moran to approve the consent agenda consisting of the August 17, 2016 regular meeting and workshop minutes and vouchers #21996 through #22050 in the amount of \$151,369.01.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Safety – Councilmember Sperring deferred to Fire Chief Schreck. Chief Schreck informed Council that they had the opportunity to acquire two vehicles from Raymond. One is a 1997 Ford E450 Lifeline Ambulance and the other is a 1995 Freightliner Rescue Ambulance. Both have equipment on board and is included in the purchase. Raymond is asking \$13,000 for both. The Public Safety Committee recommends purchasing both vehicles. It was moved by Councilmember Moran and seconded by Councilmember Sperring to approve the purchase of both vehicles. Motion was approved.

Public Works – Councilmember Ancich said they met and went over the animal waste ordinance. Councilmember Pauley said the ordinance that we have in place will suffice in getting funding for waste bags. Councilmember Ancich said they also discussed the Transportation Benefit District. A TBD would add an extra \$20 to vehicle licensing. That money can only be used for streets and sidewalks. The other option for funding streets would be to go the voters and ask for a 2% tax increase. Mayor Chestnut asked for a workshop at 6:00 on October 5, 2016 to discuss 2% sales tax increase and a TBD.

Finance Committee – Councilmember Fischer asked the Finance Director to present a profit and loss statement to Council on a monthly basis.

Parks – Councilmember Moran said we had a very successful 125th City Anniversary. She thanked and crew for all their help, Fire Chief Schreck for bringing down the fire trucks, the Lions Club, the Park Advisory Board and especially the sponsors. Councilmember Pauley said Steve Puvogel won the “name the park” raffle. The park will be named “Puddles Pity Park”. The name will be on the park starting Jan 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017. He said they collected \$195 on this raffle. Public Works Director Raines said the last time someone tried to name a park after a young man who had died it didn’t go well and there was a real back lash associated with it. Mayor Chestnut said it had been brought up several times and Council had no objection to it. Public Works Director Raines said this item should have gone to the Planning Commission. Councilmember Pauley said the Park Advisory Board had been working on naming all of the parks in town. Public Works Director Raines said all of the parks should be named after the plat. Councilmember Ancich asked if we could rescind the naming of the park that was won by Mr. Puvogel. Attorney Hyde asked Council to table the discussion until the next workshop on October 5, 2016.

GHCOG – Mayor Chestnut said they met and went over the preliminary budget.

E9-1-1 – Mayor Chestnut said they met and went over vouchers and payroll.

CITY OFFICIAL REPORTS

Finance – Finance Director Turner reminded Council of the things the employees have done to reduce expenditures. She also told them that Deputy Chief Heath Layman had gotten \$2,000 to \$5,000 in lights donated by Federal Signal for use on the new police vehicle.

Fire – Fire Chief Schreck told Council that Assistant Chief David Dutton had written a FEMA grant for an air system and supplies. The Fire Dept. has received a grant for \$171,692.00. Council congratulated the Fire Dept. for procuring the grant. Chief Schreck said he will be done as Chief at the end of the year and that Assistant Chief Dave Dutton will become the new Chief.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Chestnut thanked everyone involved in the 125th celebration. A special thanks goes out to the sponsors. He said the Park Advisory Board did great work. Thanks to Ben King, Stephanie Bridges, Stana Cummings, Jodie Cinert, Rod Matye, Councilmember Debbi Moran and Councilmember Kyle Pauley. The Mayor brought to Council the idea of hiring a City Administrator. He said it would help because issues are becoming more complex and they would be the liason between the Mayor and the different Depts. This person would also be working with the other Cities and agencies. That person would have knowledge about the workings of the whole City.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion about Cosmo Specialty Fibers B&O taxes

Councilmember Sperring said maybe the City could ramp up the B&O a little at a time. Councilmember Moran said they had already got a reduction on property tax and PUD. She said the City is struggling. Councilmember Ancich said they have only donated twice to the City. Councilmember Fischer said Cosmo will adjust to the higher B&O. Councilmember Pauley said they have known about this for 5 years. He wanted to know who will be more impacted by this the citizens or Cosmo.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Pauley reminded everyone that on Sept. 18, 2016 the legislators will be at the Aberdeen High School.

Councilmember Moran congratulated the Fire Dept. on their grant.

Councilmember Fischer thanked the Park Advisory Board for the success of the 125th Anniversary.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Cody Bridges from the Fire Dept. let everyone know that the Fire Dept. took first place in the Loggers Playday parade.

Mayor Chestnut recessed the meeting so Council could go into Executive Session concerning personnel.

Mayor Chestnut reconvened the regular Council meeting at 9:20.

Meeting was adjourned.

Finance Director

Attest:

Mayor