

**City of Cosmopolis
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 3, 2018**

Mayor Pro Tem Carl Sperring presiding.

Councilmembers present: Jim Ancich, Debbi Moran, Dale Andrews, Kyle Pauley, and Carl Sperring.

Staff Present: City Administrator Darrin Raines, Attorney Steve Johnson, Fire Chief David Dutton, Police Chief Casey Stratton, and Clerk-Treasurer Julie Pope.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Chestnut asked to move Item F to Item A. Councilmember Moran made a motion to accept modified agenda. It was seconded by Councilmember Ancich. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the consent agenda consisting of September 19, 2018 regular meeting minutes, and Vouchers #23882 through 23916 in the amount of \$39,664.89, Payroll Vouchers 14084 through 14087 in the amount of \$3,626.35 and EFTs dated 9/28/18 through 9/28/18 in the amount of \$20,485.94. Councilmember Moran made a motion to accept. It was seconded by Councilmember Ancich. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Flood Authority: Per Mayor Chestnut they discussed projects that have been applied for.

CITY OFFICIAL REPORTS

Clerk-Treasurer: Clerk-Treasurer Pope stated that she is working with the department heads to come up with preliminary numbers. She asked to set up a workshop prior to the next council meeting on October 17, 2018.

Police Department: Chief Stratton stated he has met with the Clerk-Treasurer and City Administrator to go over his department numbers. He also stated that Officer Tarnowski is participating in the cancer fundraiser again this year. He came in first place last year. Chief Stratton stated that having newer vehicles has saved the department money in regard to maintenance and fuel costs.

Fire Department: Chief Dutton stated there have been approximately 175 calls year to date. He stated that all burn bans have now been lifted.

City Administrator: City Administrator Raines thanked everyone who showed up to the ribbon cutting ceremony at Mill Creek Dam. He stated that the pond is between half and three quarters full. It will be lowered back and will remain empty until the end of March.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Chestnut stated that the ribbon cutting ceremony went well. He thanked Dave Haviland at KBKW for the drone flyover of the dam. Last night was the first meeting of the Facilities Advisory Committee. He stated that he will step back from chairing the meetings and Mayor Pro Tem Sperring will be the chairman.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Beekeeping in the City** – Per City Administrator Raines, The Planning Commission held a meeting for conditional use permit requests for bee hives. There were several citizens who expressed concerns regarding the bees. The Commission felt any recommendation needed to be approved by Council therefore, they felt the Council should handle the request. City Administrator Raines stated this is a first-time request for the City. Councilmember Ancich visited two of the neighbors. He stated that the dropping the bees left are all over. Mr. Hooker, one of the applicants, stated that he has not noticed any of the dropping on his property. Dale Laird, 237 Holly Lane, stated he and his family are not happy with the bees. He stated that this has never been an issue before. Brian Clark, 224 Holly Lane, stated that they have not had this issue before. The droppings are everywhere. The droppings are abrasive and can damage paint. Brett Oestreich, 219 Holly Lane, stated the droppings damage windshield wipers and rubber gaskets around windows. Jack Hooker, one of the applicants, stated that his bees are mostly inactive at this point in time. Mayor Chestnut stated that the action needed tonight is whether or not to approve the applications. Councilmember Ancich made a motion to disapprove the applications. It was seconded by Councilmember Andrews. Councilmember Sperring moved to amend the motion to allow a 60-day time limit. It was seconded by Councilmember Andrews. Motion carried.
- B. Ordinance 1323 (Stop Signs)** – Attorney Johnson stated this ordinance addresses the requests for two signs that was requested at the last meeting. Councilmember Sperring made a motion to accept the ordinance. It was seconded by Councilmember Moran. Motion carried.
- C. Draft Ordinance 1324 (Authority for City Administrator/Police Chief to Amend)** - Attorney Johnson stated this is a draft for Council to consider. This will allow the City Administrator and Police Chief to decide where stop signs go. They will then draft a resolution for the Council to approve.
- D. Department Head Spending Policy** – The Council was given a sample policy to consider prior to the next Council meeting.

- E. **Ordinance to Update Agenda** – Mayor Chestnut stated that he would like to add public comments to the beginning of each meeting. This would allow the public to comment on agenda items only. Attorney Johnson stated that the Mayor can make a motion to include a second public comment at the beginning of each meeting. Councilmember Sperring asked that we have the City Attorney clean up the current code and present an ordinance at the next meeting.
- F. **Resolution 2018-5 (LGIP Authorization)** – Clerk-Treasurer Pope stated the State Treasurer’s Office requested the Resolution. Our previous resolution had a former employee listed on it. The State now wants a job title, not a person listed on the resolution. The Resolution presented was the model resolution given by the State. Councilmember Moran made a motion to accept. It was seconded by Councilmember Ancich. Motion carried.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Pauley – He thanked the Council for excusing him from the last meeting due to his college courses.

Councilmember Andrews – Thanked the Clerk-Treasurer for explaining Resolution 2018-5.

Councilmember Ancich – Thanked City Administrator Raines for all of his hard work regarding the Mill Creek Dam project.

Meeting adjourned.

Clerk-Treasurer

Attest:

Mayor Pro Tem