

City of Cosmopolis
Regular Council Meeting
October 16th, 2013

Mayor Vickie L Raines presided.

Councilmembers Present: Frank Chestnut, Jonathan Fischer, Jim Ancich, Carl Sperring 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 Vickie L Raines opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Raines set a Public Hearing for the 2014 Budget for November 20, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

It was moved by Debbi Moran and seconded by Frank Chestnut to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

It was moved by Debbi Moran and seconded by Carl Sperring the consent agenda consisting of Claims Vouchers #19162 – 19208 in the amount of \$51,970.60 and the minutes of the September 18, 2013 meeting. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Safety – Councilman Sperring said that he was able to observe some special simulator training with the Police Department on September 30th. He was impressed with the level of training and skills Deputy Chief Layman displayed with quick, sound judgement calls. Jonathan and Carl also met with Chief Stratton to discuss budget and briefly look at some results that the Department has been able to capture on the new dash cams.

Parks – Councilperson Debbi Moran said the Park Board will meet the end of the month.

Council of Governments – Frank Chestnut said they met to discuss preliminary budget. They also approved a budget amendment for 2013. The director sent out letters notifying cities of 2014 budget requests, the City of Cosmopolis increase for 2014 would be a raise of \$218 over 2013. They had a brief discussion on the regional rail plan workshop coming up.

Greater Grays Harbor – Mayor Raines said we had received notification of their 2014 budget request and asked if Council would like Tim Gibbs from Greater GH or Vickie Cummings from COG to attend a Council meeting and go over what they do for us. Frank said that as far as COG is concerned, we would go a long ways to make up for the funds we have been granted with the assistance of Council of Government.

Legislative – Carl Sperring said that the Senate has passed something on to the House. We will now have the ping pong effect as we will see if we have government or not (referring to shut-down).

CITY OFFICIALS

Finance Director - Mayor Raines asked about the new computer. Finance Director Welch said the new computer is up and running. Clerk Turner has been loading documents to it that will be easily accessible to other users.

Legal - Attorney Hyde said that MRSC has released a publication about the new marijuana laws. Steve is reviewing the law and thinks that there might not be a place in Cosmopolis commercial district that would not be a 1000 feet from a school or park.

Police – Chief Stratton said the County will be testing our emergency response systems tomorrow. Chief Stratton also said that the training simulator provided by Cities Insurance to the City at no cost is a great training tool. He noted that Clerk Turner also was able to observe some of the training. Officer Tarnowski is working on a light duty roster, he is doing some criminal investigations and has cleared several cases so far. Chief Stratton is requesting permission to expend \$4820 for one video system for the car. On duly carried motion by Carl Sperring and seconded by Jonathan Fischer motion carried. The video system has already assisted in the apprehension a of suspect in 14 vehicle prowls and a felony pursuit. Chief Stratton showed a sample of new police badge. They have not had any new badges in two years. The cost is \$1.50 per badge versus \$1.97 from Blumenthal where we previously got our badges. The Department voted on the design.

Fire – Captain Davis reported that the department had few calls this last period. Chief Burrows is working out of town. All equipment is in service and working.

Public Works – Public Works Director Raines reported that the work on the gazebo at Mill Creek is done. They also replaced the electrical outlets that will help during events like the Festival. The repair

Call to order

Approval of agenda

Consent agenda

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came in under budget. The old house on First Street at the north entrance to town will be torn down in the next couple of weeks. The one across the street should be down by the end of November.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Raines set a budget workshop for November 6th at 5:00.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Approve funding -2.1 Task with HDR

Mayor Raines requests approval for the funding of the next task 2.1 of \$27,500 for HDR. On duly carried motion by Frank Chestnut and seconded by Carl Sperring Council approves funding.

B. 2014 Council of Governments budget request

Frank Chestnut said that the Council of Governments submitted a budget request of \$7471 for 2014. On duly carried motion by Frank Chestnut and seconded by Debbi Moran, Council added COG request to 2014 budget.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Carl Sperring asked when the flashing lights at the school would be installed. Darrin said that they start construction on the project Tuesday. Signs were apparently not part of the package.

Frank Chestnut said that he noticed a couple of trees in Mill Creek Park that were totally covered in ivy and wondered if they should be removed. Darrin said that we remove the ivy once a year and at that time any dangerous trees are removed.

Jim Ancich thanked crew that removed tree that fell into street by his house during the last storm.

Attest:

Finance Director

Mayor

Mayor's
Report

New
Business

Council
Comments

