

City of Cosmopolis
Budget Workshop
October 30, 2014

Mayor Raines presides

Councilmembers present – Frank Chestnut, Carl Sperring, Debbi Moran and Jonathan Fischer

Staff present – Attorney Steve Hyde, Public Works Director Raines and Finance Director Cheryl Turner

The workshop was called to order by Mayor Raines.

Mayor, Council and staff went through the proposed 2015 budget page by page. Finance Director Turner told Council that revenues are down and that the medical rates were going up 5%. She also told Council that the ambulance availability fee has increased this year to \$65,528 that is an increase of \$1,015. Under Risk Management \$4,000 will be added to cover Shane Heston's fee as the City's new insurance representative. She will have an updated budget for Council on Monday, November 3, 2014.

Attorney Hyde reminded Council that we would need to renew or negotiate the contract with defense Attorney Gibson. Attorney Gibson is only allowed so many appointments and we may have to go out for RFQ's with other attorneys.

Mayor Raines asked to reduce Spectator and Community Events to \$2,500 for 2015 that is down from \$5,000 the previous year. She also asked to reduce Animal Control from \$2,550 to \$1,500 for 2015.

There was some discussion about the purchase of a new fire truck and how that could be funded. Public Works Director Raines suggested a \$5 dollar a month fee on everybody's water bill to help pay for it. There will be further discussion at the November 5th workshop.

The next budget workshop will be held on November 3rd, 2014.

Meeting was adjourned.

Finance Director

Attest:

Mayor

