

City of Cosmopolis
Workshop
November 5, 2014

Mayor Pro-Tem Frank Chestnut presided

Council present – Debbi Moran, Jonathan Fischer, Jim Ancich, Carl Sperring

Staff present – Attorney Steve Hyde, Finance Director Turner, Fire Chief Jerry Schreck

The workshop was called to order by Mayor Pro-Tem Chestnut. He asked for ideas about how we could purchase a new fire truck. One possible idea was to add an additional \$5 per household per month to the utility bills. This seems fair as going out for bond would increase some citizens' taxes more than others. Another idea was to use part of the Fire Equipment fund to pay for the first year's payment and then possibly go out for a bond after the Fire Hall is paid for in Dec. of 2016. Council asked that Shane Heston be contacted to see if the City's insurance would be reduced because of just ordering a new fire truck or if the truck has to be here in order to get a reduction in our insurance rates.

All of Council was in agreement with sending out a survey to the citizens. Scott Wilson thought it would be advantageous to make sure the survey was informational, including the age of the truck and condition that can't be seen on the outside. Scott and Dan Wilson will get together with the Public Safety Committee and put together a comprehensive survey. It was suggested that they have an open house at the Fire Hall so the citizens would have a firsthand look at the old fire truck and get any questions answered about both the new and the old truck. Councilmember Moran suggested a workshop after the fliers go out and we start getting input in.

Meeting was adjourned.

Finance Director

Attest

Mayor Pro-Tem