

City of Cosmopolis
November 16, 2016
Regular Meeting Minutes

Mayor Frank Chestnut presiding

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

Staff Present: Attorney Steve Hyde, Finance Director Cheryl Turner, Fire Chief Jerry Schreck, Public Works Director Darrin Raines, and Police Chief Casey Stratton

PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE 2017 BUDGET AND THE 2017 TAX LEVY

Mayor Chestnut opened the Public Hearing at 7:05. No comments or correspondence were received. Public Hearing was closed at 7:09.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Councilmember Moran and seconded by Councilmember Ancich to approve the agenda. Motion approved.

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Councilmember Sperring and seconded by Councilmember Ancich to approve the consent agenda consisting of the November 2, 2016 regular meeting and vouchers #22133 through #22152 in the amount of \$142,555.62. Motion approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Safety – Councilmember Sperring thanked Officer Tarnowski for the great job he did building the new patrol office. The new patrol car will be on the road soon.

Park and Recreation Advisory Board – Councilmember Moran said the Board will be starting on the Festival in the Park in January. Public Works Director Raines said the Planning Commission was fine with the naming of the dog park.

CITY OFFICIALS

Police – Police Chief Stratton asked that the increased sales of 3/10th of 1 % be used for law enforcement. The 30 to 35 thousand would help to keep a full staff. Councilmember Sperring moved to dedicate all the 2017 funds to the Police Dept. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Ancich. Motion approved.

Fire – Fire Chief Schreck said the ambulance will be in service in about 2 weeks and the utility rig next month.

Public Works – Public Works Director Raines said Planning met on Monday and the school is asking to rezone the property on Dewitt from Public Reserve to R100. He said there would need to be a public hearing on the rezone. He also said the Planning had a presentation by French and Co. about the updated FEMA flood maps. The Council will have to adopt the maps and there are options to help reduce flood insurance.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Chestnut said the Council will have an ordinance at the 1st meeting in Dec. adopting a City Administrator. He also said that we would be signing an interlocal agreement with Hoquiam to use their City Attorney. Mayor Chestnut called for a workshop to be held on Dec. 7, 2016.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council discussed the options of the Transportation Benefit District. The options are a 2% increase in retail sales tax that has to go to a vote and would last 10 years or a \$20 tab fee that does not have to go to vote. All agreed that it should go to the voters. Councilmember Pauley moved to authorize the Mayor to pursue a ballot for February 2017. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Ancich. Motion approved.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Ordinance #1305 – 2017 Tax Levy

It was moved by Councilmember Moran and seconded by Councilmember Pauley to approved ordinance #1305. Motion approved.

B. Authorize Mayor to sign EMS agreement with Aberdeen (ambulance service)

It was moved by Councilmember Sperring and seconded by Councilmember Fischer to authorize the Mayor to sign the EMS agreement. Motion approved.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Pauley congratulated Jim Walsh on his current lead in the elections.

Meeting Adjourned.

Finance Director

Attest:

Mayor