

City of Cosmopolis
Regular Council Meeting
November 19, 2014

Mayor Vickie Raines presided.

Councilmembers Present: Debbi Moran, Jonathan Fischer, Frank Chestnut, Carl Sperring and Jim Ancich

CALL TO ORDER

Staff Present: Finance Director Cheryl Turner, Assistant Fire Chief David Dutton, Public Works Director Darrin Raines and Attorney Steve Hyde

It was moved by Councilmember Moran and seconded by Councilmember Chestnut to approve the agenda with addition of D. under new business the Emergency Services Agreement with Aberdeen. Motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Councilmember Moran and seconded by Councilmember Sperring to approve the consent agenda with Claims vouchers #20422-20484 in the amount of \$238,843.50 and minutes from the 10/30/14 budget workshop, 11/3/14 budget workshop, 11/5/14 fire truck workshop and 11/5/14 regular minutes.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Public Hearing was opened by Attorney Hyde reading Ordinance #1284 the 2015 budget ordinance. No public comments were heard. The Public Hearing was closed at 7:55 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Raines introduced the Port of Grays Harbor Executive Director Gary Nelson, Port Commissioner Stan Pinnick and Kayla Dunlap Public Affairs Manager.

Kayla Dunlap gave a comprehensive presentation to Council on the current and future capabilities of the Ports properties in Aberdeen, Hoquiam, Satsop Business Park and Westport. The Port is also looking at the possible purchase of the land where the pontoon project is.

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Public Safety – Councilman Sperring said they met briefly before this meeting and would defer to Chief Stratton.

Coastal Community Action-Mayor Raines said they met Nov. 18, 2014. This was her last meeting. Applications for the vacant spot will be available if anyone is interested.

Council of Governments – Councilmember Chestnut said they will meet December 11, 2014.

E9-1-1 – Mayor Raines said they met on November 18, 2014. The City of Cosmopolis dues are \$13,673 which is almost \$1,000 less for the year 2015 than in 2014.

Flood Authority – Mayor Raines said they met on November 13, 2014. They had a presentation on climate change and representation change in 2015. All the projects were taken to the Governor on November 14, 2014 which included the Mill Creek Dam's 3.5 million.

Greater Grays Harbor – Mayor Raines said they were meeting tonight.

RTPO – Will meet the 2nd week of December in Longview.

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Police Chief – Police Chief Stratton told Council that our new Police Officer's first day at the academy was November 18. He will graduate in mid March 2015. Officer Nelson will be out for a week with an injury. Tuesday November 18, there were a number of car prowls. They have developed some leads and Officer Nelson will assist with investigating those. He talked with the Public Safety Committee and Public Works Director Raines before the meeting about the new storage area. He said both Officer Nelson and Officer Tarnowski are willing to help build it. Both have experience in carpentry. This addition would add two offices and a storage area. The Drug Fund could be used to help with the cost. There will be a workshop on January 21, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the new storage unit.

Fire Chief – Fire Chief Schreck said to date there has been 178 calls. Since last meeting there have been 7 calls, 6 aid and 1 fire. The Fire Dept. is putting together two grants. One is for the SCBA air packs and the other for a mini rescue vehicle.

Public Works Director – Public Works Director Raines told Council that by early December we would have a conceptual drawing of the Mill Creek Dam. He said the Army Corp. of Engineers have been very helpful with everything and that we may not have to wait as long as usual to get the permits.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Raines said there would be a presentation at the December 3rd meeting by Cosmo and CSH regarding the City working with Cosmo on some incentives. She asked Public Works Director Raines to have Tim Hume at that meeting also. On December 17 Mayor Raines said she will be putting in her resignation as Mayor. She asked the Council to appoint a new Mayor at that time. This will leave a vacancy on the Council and we will need to advertise for that position. On Monday, November 24 the Governor's Work Group will be meeting with the Army Corp. of Engineers.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Ordinance #1283 – Setting the property tax levy

Attorney Hyde read ordinance #1283. It was moved by Councilmember Sperring and seconded by Councilmember Chestnut to adopt ordinance #1283. Motion was approved.

B. Impose a refund levy to recover taxes

Mayor Raines read the refund levy to Council and urged them to approve the refunds. It was moved by Councilmember Chestnut and seconded by Councilmember Sperring to impose a refund levy to recover taxes. Motion was approved.

C. Ordinance #1284 – 2015 Budget

Councilmember Sperring asked to forego the reading of ordinance #1284 because Attorney Hyde had read the ordinance for the Public Hearing. There was no second reading. It was moved by Councilmember Sperring and seconded by Councilman Chestnut to adopt ordinance #1284. Motion was approved.

D. Authorize the Mayor to sign the Emergency Services Agreement with Aberdeen

It was moved by Councilmember Chestnut and seconded by Councilmember Sperring to authorize the Mayor to sign the Emergency Services Agreement with Aberdeen. Councilmembers Sperring, Ancich, Fischer and Chestnut voted yea. Councilmember Moran voted nay. Motion was approved.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Chestnut congratulated Mayor Raines on winning her bid for Grays Harbor County Commissioner. He said he was sorry to see her go but was still looking forward to working with her in a different capacity.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Allen Somerville asked if we could put an ordinance in place that would officially close Makarenko Park at 10:00 at night. Public Works Director Raines said they will take it to the Planning Commission.

Finance Director

Attest:

Mayor

