

City of Cosmopolis
Regular Council Meeting
November 20th, 2013

Mayor Vickie L Raines presided.

Councilmembers Present: Frank Chestnut, Jonathan Fischer, 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.

Jim Ancich is excused for work.

It was moved by Debbi Moran and seconded by Carl Sperring to approve the agenda with the addition of item B. under New Business – Budget Ordinance No. 1279. Motion carried.

It was moved by Debbi Moran and seconded by Frank Chestnut the consent agenda consisting of Claims Vouchers #19263-19295 in the amount of \$53,230.85 and the minutes of the November 06, 2013 meeting. Motion carried.

Mayor Raines said that she will be redoing the committee assignments. If anyone would like a change from the committee they are on or would like to serve on a specific committee; please let her know. They will take nominations for Mayor Pro Tem at the next meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Safety – Councilman Sperring said they met with Police chief regarding their budget. They also spoke to Fire Chief Al Burrows about the Fire Department’s budget.

Coastal Community Action – Getting ready to roll out new budget. They are also ahead about \$45,000.

Council of Governments – Councilman Chestnut said that the next meeting is in December and will be a dinner meeting.

Legislative – Councilman Sperring said that the State offered Boeing tax incentives to build 777 in Washington State. They are now waiting to see what the machinists do.

E 9-1-1 – Mayor Raines reported that the 2014 budget includes an increase in user fees. They also lowered the threshold sales tax revenue from \$72,000 to \$70,000 a month.

Greater Grays Harbor – Will hold trade show in February.

CITY OFFICIALS

Police – Last month written report stated Tarnowski was not released to come back to duty yet; but optimistic he will return soon. He will not be back in uniform until released by doctors. Frank asked if Tarnowski was doing some work. Chief Stratton said that yes he is doing some investigative work. Casey said the MBT’s are being replaced with Microsoft Surface tablets which will be cheaper per unit and more efficient. They will also be more flexible to interface with local law enforcement, E 9-1-1 and other agencies. Ticket writing will be more automated and we can network directly with computers at station.

Fire - Captain Davis said that they are working with peer groups to apply for grants for fire truck. They will review grants before submitted.

Public Works – Darrin reported that the Mill Creek Dam technical report will be ready for the next meeting. Darrin would like a workshop prior to that meeting to discuss Task Number 3. This will help us estimate remaining cost to construct the dam. We should have the information we need for permitting with the various agencies. We had a conference call with Army Corp of Engineers and they seemed to be willing to work with us to get things moving. School lights in crosswalks are in but still not working right. We need a license so we can program lights the way we want them set. We are working with the vendor on this now.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Raines asked everyone to note their calendars for December 18th for our annual open house. We will have refreshments to share. We encourage everyone to invite their neighbors and bring their families down. Captain Davis presented an agreement for Engine Co No 1 for the Museum. The City

Call to order

Approval of agenda

Consent agenda

Committee Reports

City Officials

MAYOR’S REPORT

Attorney is looking at current contract and will review the new proposal. Once this has been reviewed it will be forwarded to Public Safety Committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

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A. Ordinance No. 1278 – 2014 Property Tax Levy

Mayor Raines explained that this reflects a 1% increase over 2013. The total amount we will collect will be \$4,054 for entire City. Attorney Hyde read Ordinance No. 1278 in its entirety and on duly carried motion by Frank Chestnut and seconded by Carl Sperring Ordinance No. 1278 passed.

B. Ordinance No. 1279 – 2014 Budget Ordinance

Attorney Hyde read Ordinance 1279 Adopting the 2014 Budget Ordinance in its entirety and on duly carried motion by Frank Chestnut and seconded by Debbi Moran Ordinance No. 1279 adopting the 2014 budget passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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Chris Ricketts said that he wants to open a non-profit collective to dispense medical marijuana in the City. Mayor Raines asked if he had a location picked out and referred Mr. Ricketts to Attorney Hyde and Police Chief Stratton.

Attest:

Finance Director

Mayor

