

City of Cosmopolis
Regular Council Meeting
December 05, 2012

Mayor Vickie L. Raines presided.

Councilmembers Present: Frank Chestnut, Karen Cox, Carl Sperring, Jim Ancich and Debbi Moran

Staff Present: Finance Director Kathy Welch, Fire Captain Steve Davis, Attorney Steve Hyde, Public Works Director Darrin Raines and Police Chief Casey Stratton

Mayor Pro Tem Sperring opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m. Mayor Raines arrived at approval of agenda 7:09 p.m.

It was moved by Frank Chestnut and seconded by Debbi Moran to approve the Agenda.

It was moved by Frank Chestnut and seconded by Debbi Moran to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the minutes from November 21st, 2012 and vouchers #18366 through 18399 in the amount of \$68,091.12.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Legislative – Carl Sperring said there is still talk at the Federal level of going over the fiscal cliff. Tomorrow the marijuana law goes into effect in Washington. There is also a new law requiring CO detectors in new homes. County is still talking about passing the levy shift to City residents to balance the budget. Mayor Raines said that five Mayors attended the Commissioners’ meeting to object to this.

RTPO – Darrin said they will have their annual meeting at Kalama with a tour of facilities.

CITY OFFICIALS

Finance Director – Finance Director Welch recognized Mayor Raines for her 10 year anniversary as Mayor of the City of Cosmopolis. Mayor Raines was first appointed as the first female council person in 1999 and then was appointed to fill Fritz Bramstedt’s unexpired term as Mayor December 04, 2002. Mayor Raines has since won election for two full terms as Mayor. To recognize Mayor Raines for her service, staff has bought a cake and is asking everyone to stay after the meeting for coffee and cake.

Police Chief – Police Chief Stratton said that all of the vehicles we had seized have now been released to the City. Casey and Attorney Hyde have been discussing how we are going to deal with the marijuana law. Mayor Raines said it is ironic that it is still illegal to sell it and grow it.

Fire Chief – Fire Captain Steve Davis reported that they have had 148 calls to date. They also responded to a structure fire in Aberdeen. They are looking at costs for used trucks, although good ones do not come on the market often. They are still working on the contract and asked if the resolution Clarkston has will work for us. Mayor Raines said that she has sent this to the Auditor’s office and still has not heard back regarding their opinion. We need to have something on the books by the end of the year. We will need to have W-4’s for 2013 for stipends paid to firemen for Sunday duty. Mayor Raines said that Public Safety committee will meet with Mayor on 18th at 7:30 p.m.

Public Works – Public Works Director Raines said the C Street culvert project is complete. The culvert has been replaced between the bulkheads and is a permanent fix. The total cost of the project is \$66,927.49 Darrin said that we are thankful to Rognlins, Labor and Industry, and Northwest Rock for their quick reponse and assistance. Mayor Raines said they all did a great job.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Raines announced that we will have our annual open house after the Council meeting December 19, 2012. Everyone is invited to attend and enjoy some refreshments.

Call to order

Approval of agenda

Consent agenda

Committee Reports

City Official Reports

Mayor’s Report

NEW BUSINESS

A. - Ordinance No. 1268-2013 Budget Attorney Hyde read Ordinance No. 1268 adopting the 2013 budget in its entirety and on duly carried motion by Debbi Moran and seconded by Frank Chestnut Ordinance No. 1268 passed.

B. – Animal Control Contract with the City of Aberdeen

Chief Stratton explained that this is the standard contract we have had with the City of Aberdeen.

On duly carried motion by Frank Chestnut and seconded by Debbi Moran Mayor Raines is authorized to sign the Animal Contract with the City of Aberdeen.

C. - Ordinance No. 1269 – Emergency Medical Surcharge

Attorney Hyde read Ordinance No. 1269 adding 9% surcharge to utilities for the purpose of providing ambulance availability. Mayor Raines said that this charge replaces the .50 per thousand of assessed valuation we were collecting on property taxes. Attorney Hyde has said in the past that we do have the option of telling Aberdeen no and not having ambulance availability. Karen Cox made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1269. Carl Sperring said he had a problem with passing increase without input from public. Mayor Raines asked why Carl didn't request a public hearing at the last workshop and council meeting where we discussed this. Motion failed due to lack of second. Mayor Raines set a public hearing for December 19, 2012 to discuss the 9% surcharge on water and sewer utilities.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Ancich asked if we had received any claims from the C Street Culvert incident. To date, we have not.

Finance Director

Attest:

Mayor

