

**City of Cosmopolis
Regular Meeting Minutes
December 19, 2018**

Mayor Frank Chestnut presiding.

Councilmembers present: Jim Ancich, Debbi Moran, Dale Andrews, Kyle Pauley, and Carl Sperring.

Staff Present: City Administrator Darrin Raines, Fire Chief David Dutton, Police Chief Casey Stratton, and Clerk-Treasurer Julie Pope. Attorney Steve Johnson was excused.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilmember Moran made a motion to accept the agenda. It was seconded by Councilmember Andrews. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the consent agenda consisting of December 5, 2018 regular meeting and workshop meeting minutes, and Vouchers # 24070 through 24123 in the amount of \$65,978.24. Payroll Vouchers #14153 through #14173 in the amount of \$21,500.53 and EFTs dated 12/2/2018 through 12/2/2018 in the amount of \$24,411.28. Councilmember Pauley made a motion to accept. It was seconded by Councilmember Moran. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council of Governments – They met to approve the budget.

CITY OFFICIAL REPORTS

Clerk-Treasurer - Clerk-Treasurer stated that her only items of business is Item A under New Business. She will discuss it when we get to new business.

Police Department – Chief Stratton stated that we have hired a new officer. His name is Ryan Miskell. He comes to us from Raymond.

Fire Department – Chief Dutton stated we are at 233 calls this year. Chief Dutton stated that he would like to discuss the Fire Boat. Mayor Chestnut stated that we will have a workshop next month to discuss this.

City Administrator – City Administrator Raines stated that the Mill Creek Dam project is officially complete.

Mayor's Report

NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Ordinance 1330 (Amend Utility Billing Ordinance)** – Clerk-Treasurer Pope read the ordinance. This ordinance updates the existing Utility Billing ordinance. The State Auditor's office requested that this be updated. Councilmember Andrews made a motion to accept. It was seconded by Councilmember Moran. Motion carried.
- b. **Resolution 2018-8 (Water and Sewer Rates)** – Clerk-Treasurer Pope read the resolution. City Administrator Raines stated that we are raising the rates 5%. In our comprehensive plan, we are supposed to do yearly increases of 3%. We had not raised rates the last two years. It should have been 6%, but with cost savings, we are able to do a 5% increase to get us back in line. Councilmember Moran made a motion to accept. It was seconded by Councilmember Ancich. Motion carried.
- c. **EMS Agreement with City of Aberdeen** – Per Mayor Chestnut, this is the same contract we have signed in prior years and with the same rate as 2018. Councilmember Moran made a motion to accept. It was seconded by Councilmember Ancich. Motion carried.
- d. **Award of Officer Tarnowski** – Chief Stratton presented an award to Officer Tarnowski for his efforts in raising funds for the American Cancer Society's Real Men Wear Pink. The Cosmopolis Police Department was the top agency in this event due to his efforts.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Andrews - Councilmember Andrews thanked the Mayor and Council. He has learned a lot this year.

Councilmember Moran – Councilmember Moran thanked the Department Heads for all of their hard work.

Councilmember Sperring – Councilmember Sperring thanked the City Staff for all they have accomplished this year. Merry Christmas

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Chestnut stated that this was a banner year. The Staff does a lot of good hard work. He also thanked the Public for their patience. Due to surgery next month, Mayor Pro Tem Carl Sperring will in charge.

Meeting adjourned.

Clerk-Treasurer

Attest:

Mayor