

City of Cosmopolis

Regular Council Meeting
January 05, 2011

Mayor Vickie L Raines presided

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

Staff Present: Finance Director Kathy Welch, Attorney Stephen Hyde, Assistant Public Works Director Bill Sidor, and Police Chief Casey Stratton

On duly carried motion by Frank Chestnut and seconded by Carl Sperring Fire Chief Al Burrows is excused.

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Mayor Vickie L. Raines. It was moved by Carl Sperring and seconded by Debbi Moran the Agenda is approved with the addition of A. under New Business – Addendum to Garbage contract.

MEETING
CALLED TO
ORDER –AGENDA
APPROVED

It was moved by Debbi Moran and seconded by Karen Cox to approve the minutes of the previous meeting Correcting Fire Chief under City Officials to Al Burrows; adding Bill Smith’s name as retiring Fire Chief under Mayor’s report and approval of claims Vouchers #16528 through #16573 in the amount of \$ 42,864.96. Motion carried.

VOUCHERS and
MINUTES
APPROVED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Park & Rec – Debbi Moran said that she spoke with the Chairman of the Park Board, Stephanie Bridges who said that if the City does not want to participate, she does not want to do the Festival. Mayor Raines set a workshop for February 02, 2011 or February 16th requesting that Debbi contact Stephanie and ask if she can attend to discuss this issue. Mayor Raines explained that due to budget constraints the City has not been able to contribute anything in recent years. The Park Advisory Board has done a laudible job in raising most of the money to cover the costs of the Festival; however, there are costs involved in handling money, paying bills and making notices. There are also extra costs for the City crew that do not get charged to the Festival. We cannot spend any funds that are not budgeted and with all the cut backs, Mayor Raines said it is not reasonable for the City to do so.

PARK

Chamber – Mayor Raines said the Legislative send off was today. There was not very much optimistic news for the State budget and programs for this next year. Senator Hargrove said cuts of up to 10% have been made and they still did not stop the bleeding.

Mayor Raines said that she also spoke at a meeting of representatives at Cosmo Specialty Fiber today.

CITY OFFICIAL REPORTS

Police – Chief Stratton said they are still looking for a vehicle. The one they looked at in Vancouver is the same one they had looked at before.

POLICE

Public Works – Director Raines said that during the snow the dump truck had some problems stopping at the bottom of the hill. They had it checked out and we were told that it needs king pins, tie rods and other repairs. The vehicle is not worth putting the money into, it is a 1970 vintage. Darrin would like permission to surplus this vehicle and later in the year look for a used 2 to 3 yard dump truck.

PUBLIC WORKS

Darrin reported that the crew designed a sprayer that goes on the one ton truck to spread the deicer, that they

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mix themselves. This saves the City a lot of money as the cost is less than \$100 versus several thousand.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Raines reminded everyone that we are cosponsoring a Disaster Preparedness event at the Cosmopolis Fire Station, from 10 am to 2 pm. You will have the opportunity to meet with representatives from the Cosmopolis Fire, Police and Public Works Departments along with City elected officials. Also attending will be representatives from the American Red Cross, Grays Harbor PUD, Deputy Director of Emergency Management for Grays Harbor County, Grays Harbor County Amateur Radio Operators, Bramstedt Sales, West Coast Search Dogs, Grays Harbor County Sheriff Dept. VIP's, Grays Harbor Radio Representatives and Jodesha Broadcasting Representatives. Hot dogs and refreshments will be provided by the Cosmopolis Lions Club and the City of Cosmopolis.

MAYOR

Mayor Raines acknowledged the passing of Cosmopolis Citizen Nelson Dwan York on New Years Day. Nels served on the City Council from January 1976 to February 1978. Our condolences go out to family and friends. We will be flying the flag at half mast until Monday in honor of Nels.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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A. Ordinance #1234 – Property tax levy

Attorney Steve Hyde read Ordinance No. 1234 in its entirety. Debbi Moran made a motion to waive the second reading. Frank Chestnut seconded. Motion carried. Debbi Moran made a motion to pass Ordinance No. 1234 Frank Chestnut seconded. Roll Call Debbi Moran – yes, Karen Cox – yes, Frank Chestnut – yes, Carl Sperring – Yes and Jim Ancich – yes.

NEW BUSINESS:

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A. Addendum to Garbage contract

On duly carried motion by Debbi Moran and seconded by Frank Chestnut the addendum to the garbage contract is approved.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

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Carl Sperring wanted to thank the City crew for doing such a good job during the recent freezing weather. Franklin Hill was great.

Frank Chestnut asked if we have had any response from the Attorneys about our counter offer for the property at 1101 First. Mayor Raines said that we have not heard anything.

Jim Ancich asked if we needed a motion to surplus the truck. Darrin said that we would wait until we surplus the police car.

Finance Director

Attest:

Mayor

**COUNCIL
COMMENTS**

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