

City of Cosmopolis

Regular Council Meeting
January 19, 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, Public Works Director Darrin Raines, Fire Chief Al Burrows and Police Chief Casey Stratton

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Mayor Vickie L. Raines. It was moved by Debbi Moran and seconded by Frank Chestnut the Agenda is approved.

MEETING
CALLED TO
ORDER –AGENDA
APPROVED

It was moved by Debbi Moran and seconded by Frank Chestnut to approve the minutes of the previous meeting and approval of claims Vouchers #16574 through #16607 in the amount of \$ 35,348.50 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 and would like to move the Park Advisory Board to February 16th during the regular meeting. Stephanie cannot make it until at least 7:00. Mayor Raines said this will be on the agenda for the 16th under unfinished business.

Public Safety – Karen Cox said they had a meeting with the Police to discuss the purchase of a vehicle and a new gun ordinance. Mayor Raines said we have a draft ordinance but the Attorney and Police Chief are working on making some changes and will bring it in at the next meeting.

Coastal Community Action - Mayor Raines said that they added two new members Stasha Bilsland and Colleen Chapin.

E 9-1-1 – Mayor Raines reported that they discussed labor negotiations. They have set their meeting schedule for 2011. Mayor Simpson has been elected chair for 2011 and Paul McMillan from Hoquiam is the vice chair.

Legislative – Carl Sperring said the legislature is very busy trying to come up with ways to balance the budget. There are a lot of good ideas out there, we will have to wait and see what gets done.

CITY OFFICIAL REPORTS

Police – Chief Stratton said they are looking at a vehicle in Snoqualmie. It has had new tires and transmission service done. This is a 2005 Tahoe with 90,000 miles on it. The vehicle is fully loaded with all the equipment in tact. They are asking \$12,000. Karen said the Public Safety Committee is recommending we purchase this if it checks out. Lance Cox is not able to go with the police to look at it. The Mayor suggested that the police take it to a Chevy dealership in Snoqualmie and have it evaluated. Jim Ancich said this sounds like a good idea and would be for it if it checks out.

POLICE

Chief Stratton said that Jackie Mitchell, a former reserve, is looking to rejoin the Cosmopolis Reserve force. They are looking to see if his certification is still valid.

Casey said they are all set to issue electronic tickets from the patrol cars. Shelley needs to take a training course on line for this new system. Attorney Hyde said officers still need to do their written reports.

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Fire – Fire Chief Al Burrows said they are down to 13 members. They have a couple of applications pending. They will be touring the mill next week and are looking forward to the tour.

FIRE

Public Works – Director Raines said that he will be meeting with DOT regarding the environmental review. They will be coming down to Cosmopolis to assist us with the paperwork. This will save time on the review process and help us have everything in order for them to sign off on. We hope to start construction late June or early July. Darrin said that to save money we would like to change the curbing and also look at using the stamped concrete instead of the pavers. We could save several thousand dollars cutting the width of the curbing and using the stamped concrete.

PUBLIC WORKS

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Raines said the disaster preparedness event we sponsored January 8th was attended by over 100 people. It was very well received by the people in attendance. We had people from Ocean Shores, Hoquiam, Aberdeen and the South Beach as well as Cosmopolis residents. Mayor Raines thanked the Cosmopolis Fire Department for getting the fire hall ready as well as the Police and Public Works for helping us get it set up. Bill Sidor was there as he assisted in the planning of our Hazard Mitigation Plan. One of the goals listed in the plan was to have an annual event like we held Saturday. Chuck Wallace, Grays Harbor County's Emergency Management Deputy Director, helped coordinate with us on this event. Grays Harbor County Health Department, West Coast Search Dogs, Grays Harbor Amateur Radio, were there along with Shelf Reliance, a food storage and survival essential supplies company. Both radio groups, Jodesha Broadcasting and Grays Harbor Radio along with Bramstedt Sales were also in attendance. Mayor Raines also thanked Councilmembers Karen Cox, Debbi Moran and Frank Chestnut for stopping by. Councilmembers Jim Ancich and Carl Sperring were out of town and did not attend.

MAYOR

Mayor Raines brought attention to an award that Cosmo Specialty CEO Mike Entz presented to her for the City earlier this month. The award is a little chunk of a log with a plaque that reads "An investor group led by the Gores Group has acquired the Cosmopolis, Washington high purity cellulose mill from Weyerhaeuser, September 2010."

Mayor Raines said that she has had multiple conversations with Mike O'Connor, Windermere Realty, regarding the property at 1101 First Street. The local firm that had an offer in has withdrawn their offer. The building did not fit their need. Mayor Raines requested that the Council lower the asking price from \$134,900 to \$99,500. On duly carried motion by Jim Ancich and seconded by Frank Chestnut the Council approves the asking price of \$99,500 for the facility at 1101 First Street.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Authorize Mayor to sign Children's Advocacy Agreement

NEW BUSINESS

On duly carried motion by Debbi Moran and seconded by Carl Sperring Mayor Raines is authorized to sign the agreement.

B. Ordinance No. 1238 – 2010 budget Amendment

Attorney Hyde read Ordinance No. 1238 – 2010 Budget Amendment in its entirety. On duly carried motion by Debbi Moran and seconded by Frank Chestnut the second reading of Ordinance No. 1238 is waived. On duly carried motion by Debbi Moran and seconded by Frank Chestnut Ordinance No. 1238 is passed. Roll Call. Debbi Moran – yes, Karen Cox – yes, Frank Chestnut – yes, Carl Sperring – yes and Jim Ancich – yes.

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C. Ordinance No. 1239 – Governing the Disposal of Seized Firearms.

This ordinance was pulled from the agenda to make changes requested by Police Chief.

Mayor Raines said that she would like the Council to consider an ordinance repealing the requirement of a second reading for ordinances.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Frank Chestnut said that he was contacted by a member of the School Board about someone feeding the birds in the middle of the street right by the school. This is making a tremendous mess from the seagulls and crows that they are attracting. This is creating a nuisance and we might be able to contact the people and ask them not to do this as it is creating a health issue for the children in the residential area. Mayor Raines said that she would contact the people who are doing this and see if we can solve the problem this way.

Mayor Raines set a public hearing for March 2nd to discuss the possible sale of part of Franklin Park.

Finance Director

Attest:

Mayor

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