

Mayor Vickie L Raines presided

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

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.

MEETING CALLED
TO ORDER

PUBLIC HEARING 6 YEAR ARTERIAL STREET

Attorney Hyde opened the Public Hearing on the 6 Year Arterial Street at 7:02 p.m. Public Works Director Darrin Raines explained that we annually update our 6 Year Arterial Street plan so we are eligible for grant funding. The projects not listed on the plan are not eligible for funding. Darrin said that copies of the plan are available for anyone who is interested. Attorney Hyde asked is there was any public comment. Hearing none; Public Hearing closed 7:06 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING MEDICAL MARIJUANA MORATORIUM

Attorney Hyde opened the Public Hearing on proposed moratorium on medical marijuana dispensaries. He explained that we are proposing a 6 month moratorium on medical marijuana dispensaries in Cosmopolis to give the City a change to study the issue and allow the State to iron out their issues with the recent veto by the Governor. Attorney Hyde asked if there were any questions and hearing none closed the Public Hearing at 7:07 p.m.

It was moved by Debbi Moran and seconded by Jim Ancich to approve Agenda.

AGENDA
APPROVED

It was moved by Debbi Moran and seconded by Carl Sperring to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2011 meeting and vouchers from May 19th through June 15th in the amount of \$47,390.99.

CONSENT AGENDA
MINUTES
APPROVED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMITTEE
PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works – Jim and Frank met tonight with Public Works Director Raines. Frank said they talked about organizing a “Clean up the Parks Day”. Last year’s work party at Mill Creek Park was a great success. Darrin said that he and Councilman Ancich would like to go to the Richie Brothers auction tomorrow and look for a truck. They are asking for permission to spend up to \$15,000 on a truck. On duly carried motion by Debbi Moran and seconded by Karen Cox permission is granted to spend up to \$15,000 for a truck and reimburse Councilman Ancich for expenses.

Public Safety – Karen Cox said that they met with Fire Chief Al Burrows and Tom Distler. They looked at cheaper trucks and decided it would not fit our needs. A new truck would cost us about \$348,000.

Council of Governments – Frank Chestnut said they amended the budget and will be replacing a staff member who is leaving.

EDC/Chamber of Commerce – Will meet tomorrow with ongoing discussions about merging the two agencies. They are creating a transition team.

E 9-1-1 - Mayor Raines said they had a special meeting to discuss labor negotiations and submit a tentative agreement.

Legislative – Carl Sperring reported we have a new budget agreement.

CITY OFFICIAL REPORTS

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Finance Director – Copies of the Annual Report for 2010 are available for anyone who would like a copy.

Police – Chief Stratton reported that Officer Layman had an accident at home and broke his back. He will be laid up for 6 to 8 weeks. Officer Tarnowski and Chief Stratton will be filling in Layman’s shifts. We have a potential new hire if he passes all the background tests. Chief Stratton requests a Public Safety meeting prior to the July 20th meeting.

POLICE

Fire – Chief Burrows said that he and Tom Distler looked at a new truck that Centralia recently purchased. They should have some figures by the next Council meeting. Mayor Raines said that we need to have some ideas brought forth on how to pay for it.

Public Works – Darrin Raines said that the Downtown Corridor Project III/IV will be put to ad next week. Qwest will start the underground utility work next week. We spoke with HCR Engineering Group (they have done projects in both Aberdeen and Hoquiam) about ideas for Mill Creek Dam. Mayor Raines said Tim Hume, HCR, approached the City regarding the dam.

MAYOR’S REPORT

MAYOR

Mayor Raines said that the Flood Authority will meet tomorrow. She will report back at the next meeting. Mayor Raines said that we have not met since the grand opening of Cosmo. She met with Dermott Smurfit and members of the Gores Group, along with Governor Gregoire’s, Norm Dicks representatives and others. Mayor Raines thanked the Cosmopolis Fire and Police Departments along with the Public Works Department and the rest of the staff for their assistance in getting ready for this event. The Governor and Legislators could not attend as they were in special Saturday session to discuss the budget. Mayor Raines said that the Jobs Team met to discuss the recent closure of Grays Harbor Paper.

NEW BUSINESS:

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A. Resolution 2011 - 02 – Arterial Street Plan 2012 - 2017

Attorney Hyde read Resolution 2011-02 On duly carried motion by Carl Sperring and seconded by Frank Chestnut Resolution 2011-02 was passed.

B. Ordinance No. 1246 – Moratorium on Medical Marijuana

Attorney Hyde read Ordinance No. 1246 placing a moratorium on licensing medical marijuana distribution centers in the City and on duly carried motion by Debbi Moran and seconded by Frank Chestnut Ordinance No. 1246 placing a moratorium on licensing medical marijuana dispenseries was approved. Attorney Hyde explained

C. Letter of consideration – Linda Springer (Park Advisory Board)

Mayor Raines asked Council to approve the appointment of Linda Springer to the Park Advisory Board. On duly carried motion by Frank Chestnut and seconded by Carl Sperring Mayoral appointment of Linda Springer to the Park Advisory Board is approved.

D. Staff Salaries modification

Mayor Raines explained that the staff has not had an increase in six years. Deputy Clerk Turner gave Mayor Raines a list of salaries for like-size cities and the City of Cosmopolis is way below the average. We were not able to do anything about this after the mill closed and Mayor Raines would like to give staff ½ the difference of the average salaries on the West Side of the State for their positions. Motion Debbi Moran seconded by Jim Ancich, motion carried.

E. Sewer Rate increase – Resolution 2011-03

Public Works Director Raines said that we recently received our 2010 sewer bill from Aberdeen. There was an 18% increase over the previous year’s bill. After analyzing the situation, we feel that there needs to be a 10% increase in the sewer rates to keep from going in the hole and depleting all of our reserves. This increase will amount to about \$3.25 per month. Motion by Debbi Moran, seconded by Jim Ancich. Carried.

Mayor Raines invited everyone to have some cake and coffee after the meeting. The cakes are left from the Cosmopolis School 6th grade moving up ceremony.

Finance Director

Attest:

Mayor

