

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.

It was moved by Carl Sperring and seconded by Debbi Moran to approve Agenda.

It was moved by Carl Sperring and seconded by Debbi Moran to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2011 meeting and vouchers 17012 through 17046 in the amount of \$69,378.90.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Park & Rec – Debbi Moran said that she spoke with the Chairman of the Park’s Board and has not been able to get a meeting. Mayor Raines asked that Debbi get with Carl Sperring and set up a meeting and have Clerk’s office notify Board members.

Public Works – Jim Ancich and Frank Chestnut met tonight to discuss public works building. They think a peaked roof addition is the way to go. Darrin said most work could be done in-house.

Public Safety – Karen Cox said that they met tonight and defers her report to Police Chief.

Chamber – Last week met to discuss process of combining EDC and Chamber.

Council of Government – Frank Chestnut said that the board adopted three resolutions

- 1 – adopting 2012-2017 Transportation Improvement Plan
- 2 – reaffirming the populace of Grays Harbor County to remain entirely within the 6th congressional district
- 3 – adopting a contract between Cowlitz/Wakiakum Council and Grays Harbor Council

CITY OFFICIAL REPORTS

Finance Director – Finance Director Welch said that the sale of the old police facility is complete and the check is in the bank. Mayor Raines thanked the Public Works department for removing the rest of the personal items and the tower siren. The old siren will be taken to the museum.

Police – Chief Stratton said the Public Safety committee met. Casey reported that the new hire could possibly be as soon as August 1st. Chief Stratton asked that this month and next during the increased vacation time for our citizens, that everyone keep an extra eye out for their neighbors and community. There has been an increase in thefts recently.

Fire – Chief Burrows said the Public Safety committee met to discuss ways to finance new fire truck. Options included using our saved funds for a down payment and financing loan, grant money, voter approved bond issue or a combination of all three. If we are to get something on the ballot, we need to have it to the County by August 14 to make November’s ballot.

Public Works – Darrin Raines reported the low bidder for the Downtown Corridor project is Rognlin’s. We only received two bids. Rognlin’s said that all the subs used will be local except one. Qwest is doing great on getting ready to relocate the phone lines to underground utilities. There have been only minimal interruptions for businesses.

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MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Raines said that Chief Stratton said that we only had a few calls regarding illegal fireworks on the Fourth this year. Mayor Raines proclaimed August as Breastfeeding Month. We will have a special meeting August 10th at 8:00 p.m. to discuss the purchase of a fire truck.

Mayor Raines said that we are in the processing of updating the web site and requests that Council be prepared to have their photo taken at the next council meeting. She also asked that council members update a brief bio to go with the photo.

Mayor Raines said that she attended the AWC Conference last month. She has the programs available on flash drive if anyone is interested. Next year the conference will be in Vancouver and Mayor Raines encourages anyone who can go to attend. One of the topics of discussion will be medical marijuana dispensaries.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Resolution 2011 - 05 – Water rate increase

Attorney Hyde read Resolution 2011-05 On duly carried motion by Frank Chestnut and seconded by Debbi Moran Resolution 2011-05 was passed.

B. Water agreement with Aberdeen

Attorney Hyde made some minor provisions to the contract. The City of Cosmopolis did not agree to a ten year agreement, Attorney Hyde inserted a provision to reopen the contract in 2013. Frank said that the \$750 individual fee is not mentioned. Carl and he had strong feelings against this fee being imposed as they do not see how Aberdeen has a right to charge for improvements for our distribution lines. On duly carried motion by Jim Ancich and seconded by Frank Chestnut, Mayor Raines is authorized to sign the water agreement with Aberdeen. Carl Sperring voted no.

C. Ord No. 1247 – postponed to next meeting

D. Authorize Mayor to sign construction contract with Rognlins

On duly carried motion by Carl Sperring and seconded by Frank Chestnut, Mayor Raines is authorized to sign the contract with Rognlin's for the Downtown Corridor project.

E. Ord. No. 1248 – Amending 2010 Budget

Attorney Hyde read Ordinance No. 1248 in its entirety and on duly carried motion by Frank Chestnut and seconded by Debbi Moran Ordinance No. 1248 passed.

F. Ord. No. 1249 – Amending 2011 Budget

Attorney Hyde read Ordinance No. 1249 in its entirety and on duly carried motion by Debbi Moran and seconded by Frank Chestnut Ordinance No. 1249 passed.

Council Comments:

Frank Chestnut said the ordinance regarding vegetation was pulled from the agenda as he feels they need more information regarding the enforcement clause.

Carl Sperring asked about using temporary trailers and if anyone had a permit.

Finance Director

Attest:

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