

City of Cosmopolis
Regular Council Meeting
November 2, 2011

Mayor Vickie L Raines presided

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

Staff Present: Finance Director Kathy Welch, Attorney Stephen Hyde, Public Works Director Darrin Raines,
Police Chief Casey Stratton & Fire Chief Al Burrows

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Vickie L. Raines.

**MEETING
CALLED TO
ORDER**

Mayor Raines excused Councilman Frank Chestnut.

Mayor Vickie Raines set the Public Hearing for the 2012 Budget for November 16, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Raines introduced Vicki Cummings of the Grays Harbor Council of Governments. Vicki explained the Energy Audit/Energy Reduction program that has been started. Cities will pool together to get low interest loans in order to reduce the cost of energy saving projects. Each City is assessed and then recommendations are made as to what would be the best way to save. Amersco is the contractor for the projects and guaranties that what is spent on the project you will save the same amount so there really is no cost at all. If by chance it doesn't save the City the same amount as was spent Amersco will refund the difference to the entity.

**AGENDA
APPROVED**

AGENDA APPROVAL

It was moved by Councilmember Cox to Approve the Agenda and seconded by Councilmember Debbi Moran. Motion was approved.

**CONSENT
AGENDA
MINUTES
APPROVED**

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Councilmember Moran and seconded by Councilmember Cox to approve the consent agenda. Motion was approved.

COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Park and Recreation – Councilmember Moran mentioned the cemetery park and either selling or moving it. Public Works Director Raines said the committee had talked about moving the park to the corner of Altenau and Holly but the idea has not gone to the Planning Commission or Council. Mayor Raines said Kim Kite has volunteered to help with fund raisers to provide playground equipment for the parks. She also mentioned having put \$2,500 in the budget for 2012 to help with the Holiday Open House and Festival in the Park.

Greater Grays Harbor – Will meet on November 18, 2011.

**CITY
OFFICIALS**

CITY OFFICIAL REPORTS

Police Chief – Chief Stratton told Council that since Matt Nelson, the new police officer, is now on his own that they are back to 8 hr. shifts and the police cars are now back at the station. He also thanked the quilt club for sharing the fire hall with the Reserve Police Academy.

Mayor Raines spoke about the loss of Retired Volunteer Fireman Mike Welch. She conveyed stories by staff and friends. The Fire Chief arranged for a last call through 9-1-1. Mike was a Cosmopolis Fireman from 1972 to 1994.

Public Works – Public Works Director Raines said the Downtown Corridor is about 97% complete. The street lighting is going to be installed November 15, 2011 and landscaping is done. They were also able to pave back towards the boat launch. The concrete on 1st Street by the park will be a new transit stop.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Raines announced a ribbon cutting for the Downtown Corridor Project before Thanksgiving. This will take place between 1st and F Streets. Luna Rana opens on November 3, 2011. We will be having a budget workshop on November 16, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. She is requesting an increase in the budget for Mayor and Council wages. Also, \$2,500 for Community and Spectator Events, Compost program - \$5,000 and Animal control - \$3,500. The employees medical plan will be changing and that will save the city some money. Mayor Raines also mentioned that next year we need to be looking at the purchase of a new fire truck. She informed Council of the Police officers joining the IAM union. **Mayor Raines requested support from Council in writing a letter to the Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority asking for a seat on the board for Cosmopolis. She said that the City of Napavine has done so. Motion to support the Mayor in writing a letter to the Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority was made by Councilmember Cox and seconded by Councilmember Moran. Motion was approved.**

MAYOR

NEW BUSINESS

A. Ordinance #1250 – Adopting by reference RCW 9.47A Unlawful Inhalation

It was moved by Councilmember Moran and seconded by Councilmember Ancich to pass Ordinance #1250. Motion approved.

B. Authorize Mayor to sign rate increase agreement with LeMay Enterprises

Attorney Hyde informed the Council they had already signed the contract for services and this was only an approval of the rates. It was moved by Councilmember Moran and seconded by Councilmember Ancich to authorize Mayor to sign rate increase agreement. Motion approved.

Mayor Raines read a card that was sent to the Mayor and Council by Larry and Audrey Ostrander. The card said “We are impressed as we enter Cosmopolis. The new improvements on the main street along with previous improvements are very impressive. Congratulations on a job well done. We are proud to live in Cosmopolis.”

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Jim Ancich remarked about the odors coming from the mill. Mayor Raines read for the record a letter from Bob Buchan in response to the smells. He said they are working very hard to try and eliminate the odors and will continue to do so.

Councilmember Cox wanted to thank Dave Wolf and Lance Cox for fixing the Police radar trailer.

Councilmember Sperring requested a copy of the 2012 revenue report and would like a 3rd quarter update. Also he asked about the fire siren. Public Works Director Darrin Raines said they would have had it up but the siren was shipped without the remote. Fire Chief Al Burrows said he would talk to the Central Park Fire Dept. and see if they were using all of theirs. Maybe we can get one back at the cemetery. Councilman Sperring asked the

NEW
BUSINESS

Mayor when the website would be up and running. She said before next months Open House.

Police Chief Casey Stratton thanked Councilmember Cox for her help on the radar trailer.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Phil Jurasin, 1928 Second St., Cosmopolis asked the Mayor what she had said on the radio about the smell at the mill. She said we are aware of the smell and to contact Bob Buchan. Mr. Jurasin showed pictures of the smoke coming out of the mill and has talked to Bob Buchan about the noise issues.

Mr. Jurasin suggested to him the possibility of putting on deflectors, baffles or mufflers to help with the sound. Mayor Raines said she would talk to Mr. Buchan and Mr. Entz about his concerns.

Allan Sommerville, 1103 Stanford Drive, Cosmopolis said the chip pile behind his home is still smoking and smells. Darrin will contact the park owner. Mr. Sommerville also asked about the speeding issue.

Mr. Jurasin asked about the smell that comes up around Mill Creek Park. Public Works Director Darrin Raines said there has been an issue with H2S gas and he is trying to get a handle on it.

Executive Session was called at 8:40 p.m. and ending at 9:20 p.m. Items discussed were personnel issues related to the Police Dept. and possible litigation concerning the impact of loss due to the Downtown Corridor project.

Attorney Hyde brought Council back to regular session. No business was conducted.

Meeting was adjourned.

Finance Director

Attest:

Mayor