



# REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES

Fire Hall - 111 D Street

September 18th, 2024, at 7:00 PM

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## FLAG SALUTE – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

## CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL

The regular meeting of the Cosmopolis City Council was called to order by Mayor Springer. Roll call by Clerk Barr.

PRESENT: Councilmember Kim Skinner, Councilmember Jeremy Winn, Councilmember Justin Spargo, Councilmember Sue Darcy, Councilmember Mark Collett contacted Mayor Springer to let her know he will be late.

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Councilmember Skinner to approve the agenda, Seconded by Councilmember Darcy.

Motion passed unanimously.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public Comment Period Open – No comments.

## CONSENT AGENDA

Motion made by Councilmember Darcy to approve the consent agenda, Seconded by Councilmember Winn. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Auditing** – Councilmember Skinner Reviewed Vouchers as well as Councilmember Darcy and everything checks out.

**Finance** – No report.

**Parks** – Councilmember Winn stated he took a walk around community garden, which needs a lot of work. Councilmember Spargo adds they were unable to do a monthly meeting. Would like to meet to discuss Olympic Terrace Park Project.

**Public Safety** – No report.

**Public Works** – Councilmember Darcy stated the dangerous tree was taken down and cleaned up. Councilmember Spargo says Bonnell did a great job removing the tree. Established a monthly meeting with Public Works, they are proactively working on drains, beaver dams, and other things around town. Thanked Public Works for all they did for the Festival in the Park.

## **CITY OFFICIAL REPORTS**

**Clerk/Treasurer Barr** – State audit has started for records from January 1<sup>st</sup> 2022 – December 31<sup>st</sup> 2023. First meeting went well with Colleen Williams, we will continue to meet weekly throughout this process. Reminder starting in October there will be meetings twice monthly through the end of the year. 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month, with the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday being primarily for budget.

**Police Chief** – Chief Green from Aberdeen have his monthly report.

Chief Layman was not present, so Clerk Barr went over Chief Layman’s report. Two burglaries are being resolved. We had a change of reserve officers. Reminding citizens to beware of scams. Do not report incidents to Police Station voicemail as they do not have full time clerk. Please call non-emergency dispatch 360-533-8765 to report.

**Fire Chief** – Chief Falley thanked citizens who came to the pancake feed and appreciations the public support. Monday the burn ban was lifted – only recreational burning. Fire station will be rated by Washington State in 2025. Last month’s meeting we approved EMS amendment – this was approved by Aberdeen council.

**Building Official** – Bill Sidor states with addition to board of adjustment we have 2 hearings scheduled for next Wednesday at 6pm. We will be scheduling another for next month. Continuing to issue permits and keeping busy.

**Public Works** – Jennifer Mandich states since last meeting we’ve only had 2 leaks to repair. Working on storm drain maintenance and clean out. 5 beaver dams have been removed. Paths in Makarenko Park maintenance will start next week. Spent 2 days cleaning Mill Creek Park over by tennis court removing tree and disposing of it.

**MAYOR'S REPORT** – There was a press release in The Daily World involving Cosmo. It is important to note that EPA is working with the owner of the mill, Mr. Bassett. We have attended a meeting regarding this and if any concerns arise, we will notify citizens.

We have started our Fall Storm water readiness as Jennifer touched on earlier. Mill Creek Dam is due for 5-year inspection. Craig Jordan will be in Cosmopolis to work with Public Works on this. There are plans to meet with Aberdeen regarding the gates at the Levy.

Public Works interviews were conducted September 11<sup>th</sup>, we had 6 interviews and selected one candidate who will be introduced at our next Council Meeting.

Thank you to Public Works for their work on getting Mill Creek cleaned up. We are making progress and staying within Grant guidelines.

City Hall had closures on September 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>. This was posted at City Hall along with the Post Office, our city webpage, and the city Facebook page. We anticipate more closures as construction continues.

Festival in the Park was a great success. 29 vendors, and 3 local music groups. Thanks to the Lion's Club for renting the 3 bouncy houses. Big success.

Library services will continue with the next being September 26<sup>th</sup>. Hoping to get this moved to the Cosmopolis School as the weather turns. Any-time Storytime every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday 2-3pm.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

No new business.

## **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

**Councilmember Skinner** – Wondering if we have a hydrant flushing program. Adds the intersection of D and Second Street holds mud and should be looked at for clean-up for safety reasons.

**Councilmember Winn** – No Comments

**Councilmember Spargo** – Speaking about drains, if you see something happening be proactive. Get gloves and get things out of there to prevent blockages and clogging. States citizens can email him at [council3@cosmopoliswa.gov](mailto:council3@cosmopoliswa.gov) if needing help with drains.

**Councilmember Collett** – Apologized for being late to meeting.

**Councilmember Darcy** – No Comments

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Public Comment Period Open – Citizen 1 wonders with Cosmo having their power shut off is there any alarms working in case of an emergency. Hoping the PUD will be keeping certain things powered on for the safety of our city.

Mayor Springer adds there will be a time designated to discuss worries about this situation.

Councilmember Spargo motioned to Adjourn, Seconded by Councilmember Skinner. Meeting Adjourned at 7:31 PM.

**\*\* For detailed view on this meeting, video recording is available on our city website <https://www.cosmopoliswa.gov/> under Meeting Minutes & Agendas. \*\***