



MEETING MINUTES FOR REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Council Chambers – 1300 First Street

June 17, 2026 at 7:00 PM

FLAG SALUTE - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL

Mayor Springer calls the meeting to order; Councilmember Skinner takes Roll Call.

PRESENT: Councilmember Kim Skinner, Councilmember Jeremy Winn, Councilmember Justin Spargo
Councilmember Steve Davis, Councilmember Sue Darcy

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Springer amends the agenda to add two actions items. Item #5: Authorization to sign five-year lease agreement with the Cosmopolis Engine Company #1 and Item #6: Approve the transition of Deputy Clerk to interim Clerk/Treasurer Step 1.

Councilmember Davis moves to approve the amended agenda; Councilmember Darcy seconded.
Motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Skinner moves to approve the consent agenda; Councilmember Darcy seconded.
Motion passed unanimously.

COUNCIL COMMENTS – No comments.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Auditing & Finance – Councilmember Darcy reports of short finance meeting. Property taxes have begun to come in and vouchers have been reviewed.

Parks – Councilmember Winn gives information from the parks committee meeting; the Veterans Conservation District was in attendance speaking on the support they are giving in the restoration of the Makarenko Park Community Garden. They have applied for the Grant to fund restoring this garden.

Public Safety – Councilmember Skinner reports of short meeting they had to discuss the resignation of our Fire Chief and plans moving forward to fill that position and the expectations. Councilmember Spargo pushes his report off until next month's meeting as this agenda tonight is full and they need more time to touch base.

Public Works – Councilmember Darcy reports on Donnie and Gen getting second street cleaned up, with a lot of mowing and weeding happening throughout town as it is that time of year.

CITY OFFICIAL REPORTS

Clerk/Treasurer – No report.

Police Chief Report – Commander Timmons reports of the new law passed on E-bikes, with more information to be distributed soon. Three officers attended the Cosmopolis Elementary School field day on June 9th and had a great time. The volunteers have put in 146 hrs. in May between Cosmopolis and Aberdeen. Calls have gone down 44% from the first 6 months of last year compared to the first 6 months of this year, excluding aid calls. Gave brief report of the suspicious devices found at the boat launch, WSP Bomb squad was called and responded to take possession of devices and investigate with no suspects at this time.

Fire Chief Report – Councilmember Skinner reads Chief Cokers report – 105 total calls for service in 2026 so far with 26 being in May. CPR class was a success with a great turnout. Everyone who participated received their certification cards.

Building Inspector Report – Bill Sidor reports on 2026 numbers with 58 permits being issued. Big projects are happening right now in Cosmopolis, Pape being one which is nearing completion. The Cosmopolis Grade School is in Phase 1 of their project currently. Their Phase 2 project on their fire system will begin shortly after final plans are submitted. Rivers Edge Housing project is underway, on lots 13 & 14 with construction beginning. Code enforcement has issued 13 notices, with a Public Hearing scheduled for June 25th at 724 Stanford as there have been many complaints on this property. Other addresses with many complaints have been addressed and are being cleaned up. Mr. Sidor gives update on his working hours, as his schedule has changed to include Tuesdays for Code Enforcement. His schedule is Monday – Wednesday 10am-1pm with additional hours available if needed.

MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Springer gives update on Park Rentals. As the rentals are only for the covered area and not the entire park as this is a public space. The city's insurance company advised the city to not allow bouncy houses any longer. Park rental forms will be updated to reflect this change.

Councilmember Skinner reminds of Building Inspector report that was missed (Bill Sidor gives report)
Parking Enforcement officer George has been busy in our community citing vehicles that have been abandoned, full of garbage, not in working condition, or have expired tabs. If you see any vehicles of concern, please call the non-emergency number to report.

The American 250th Celebration is coming up on July 4th at City Hall and the Fire Station from 3-6pm. The Cosmopolis Lions Club will be cooking hot dogs free of charge, donated by Brian Allen and the Mayor. There will be live music and games, historical documents and photos available in the Community Center. At the Memorial Fire Museum, they will have the historical Fire Engine out on display with free ice cream for citizens. Encourages everyone to stop by and celebrate with the community.

NEW BUSINESS DISCUSSION

1. **Appointment of Cal Erwin-Svoboda to Planning Commission Board** – Mayor Springer shares there was only 2 applicants for the open seat with one being an Aberdeen citizen. Asks for this appointment to be approved by Council during Council Action.

2. **Sealink Franchise Agreement** – City Attorney, Chris Coker shares information on the Franchise Agreement with Sealink. This company runs Fiber Optic cable all throughout the state. Explanation of fees that may be involved for this company.

3. **Rivers Edge Waterfront Project** – Kellie Daniels shares an update of the current happenings at her site. Construction is underway to get the walls up for these two homes. She gives a public thank you to Bill Sidor for all his work on permitting, and advocates for more hours being added for his position as his workload is heavy with all the projects happening at this time. She asks Council to consider increasing his hours and potentially adding a City Administrator to aid in the workload for Bill as well as the mayor. She briefly touches on Sewer negotiations with the City of Aberdeen asking for an update as they are adding these new homes and would like to be in the loop from a business perspective.

Discussion: Councilmember Winn states he believes this is a good time to get an update on the Sewer Negotiations as he is curious as well. Mayor Springer reports of all charges for sewer being paid in full, the only remaining debt regarding sewer with the City of Aberdeen is the Capital Improvement portion of the bills and this debt is still in negotiations. Movement is happening and the team is working with Aberdeen, the Department of Commerce and PRWA to get things finalized. Further discussion amongst Mayor and Councilmembers; up until Attorney Chris Coker advised of getting into negotiation conversations, which isn't necessary during this Council Meeting.

4. **Cosmopolis Memorial Fire Museum** – Councilmember Davis gives backstory on damages done to the Fire Museum and the past claim to an insurance company never being submitted. Mayor Springer filed the insurance claim in 2025 on behalf of this city, he believes this was outside of her authority without bringing it before Council. He states that Council has not been provided with needed information to approve payment. The work done, the cost, who did the work, who approved the work, etc. Mayor Springer added further information regarding this insurance claim and the process from when the claim was filed until now. She states she has worked with Building Inspector Bill Sidor as well as Todd Moulton, and the insurance adjuster on this. Councilmember Winn questions if this money is not coming out of our general fund, what is the issue with approving payment. Attorney Coker clarifies the two issues happening at the same time, but it will come down to the decision of Council.

*Mayor Springer informs of a situation that occurred with a city credit card. Purchases were made by her unknowingly with a City Credit card that was saved on her amazon account, from a previous purchase of a metal detector for the City Public Works crew. This incident was self-reported to our CPA, City Attorney, Staff and State Auditor. All purchases were paid in full, by the mayor, once realized this had happened. This card has been cancelled and removed from said Amazon account, with a new card to be issued by the bank.

5. **Street Tree Planting – Draft Ordinance** – Councilmember Winn begins with reminding this is only for discussion tonight, as this has been brought up a few other times previously as an idea to look into. Street Tree plans are very common in other cities with many benefits for infrastructure, impact on citizens/tourists, revenue, lower heating/cooling costs, and sewer fees (I&I) as trees drink a lot of ground water. Concerns include the maintenance and clean-up that comes along with the addition of trees in the community. He gives detailed information on different types of trees and what would be considered acceptable trees with less clean-up vs ones that wouldn't be ideal or appropriate. Public input on ideas for this draft ordinance is encouraged, the current ordinance

says the Public Works crew must be given written permission to plant trees. He is hoping to get this new ordinance drafted to then begin creating a full Street Tree Plan.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – A Citizen reads a piece written by Denny York’s sister, Bev York about the Historical Fire Museum that was built and dedicated to Denny York, who lost his life due to an accident he was responding to in Cosmopolis, in remembrance of his life and legacy as the Cosmopolis Fire Chief. The family requests the Council to continue allowing Engine Company #1 to be the stewards of the museum to bring it back to life and continue recognizing Denny’s life and memory.

Another citizen, with Cosmopolis Community Cares group, gives update on the signs donated by the Daniels Family that they are planning on installing soon. They are working on planning to identify all the spots these will be placed and making sure they are following the correct process.

The newly appointed County Prosecutor came to introduce himself and encourage community members that if they have any questions or concerns about what his office handles for our community his door is always open.

Business owner in the community adds ideas of her husband, along with his friend, and Lions Club member making plans to apply for Grant Funding for the Lions Club Park baseball field. Potential for turfing the field, as well as new crosswalk in the area near the park on First Street. She further gives idea to Council to make time to come up with a plan moving forward for the city with staffing as the mayor has a lot on her plate and is always working.

NEW BUSINESS – Council Action

1. **Confirm the appointment of Cal Erwin-Svoboda to the Planning Commission Board** – Councilmember Davis moves to Confirm the appointment, Councilmember Spargo seconded. Motion passed unanimously
Mayor Springer reads Cal’s appointment letter
2. **Vote to Approve Sealink Franchise Agreement** – Councilmember Skinner moves to Approve the Franchise Agreement with Sealink, Councilmember Darcy seconded.
Discussion: Councilmember Spargo raises concern over current situations in Ocean Shores with a similar business doing similar work. Councilmember Winn in agreement of having concerns about possibility of liability, if issues arise with this work. Further discussion amongst Councilmembers on this issue.
After discussion, Councilmember Skinner moves to table this until next month’s meeting, Councilmember Spargo seconded.
Vote tabled until July 15th, 2026, Council Meeting.
3. **Vote to Approve Ordinance 1404: No Parking Areas – Amending Ord. 1369** – Councilmember Darcy moves to Approve Ord 1404, Councilmember Skinner seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
4. **Vote to Approve Insurance Payment for Cosmopolis Memorial Fire Museum Mitigation and Restoration** – Councilmember Davis moves to authorize payment of 80% until further documentation is provided, no second.
Discussion: Attorney Coker encourages Council to ratify the contract first, then authorize payment for the sake of proper process.
Motion dies for lack of a second.
Councilmember Darcy moves to ratify the contract for the Cosmopolis Memorial Fire Museum Mitigation and Restoration, *further discussion amongst City Attorney and Councilmembers.*
Councilmember Skinner and Winn both Call the Question
Ayes; 3

Nays; 2

Motion passed.

5. **Vote to give authorization to sign five-year lease agreement with Cosmopolis Engine Company #1** – Councilmember Davis moves to give authorization to sign five-year lease with Cosmopolis Engine Company #1, Councilmember Spargo seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

6. **Vote to confirm transition of Deputy Clerk to Interim Clerk/Treasurer: Step 1** –

Councilmember Skinner moves to confirm the transition, Councilmember Darcy seconded.

Discussion: Councilmember Darcy gives support for transition; Councilmember Davis disagrees on qualifications and education on clerking. Mayor Springer gives information on training completed and education. Councilmember Skinner shares thoughts on employee transition also.

Ayes; 4

Nays; 1

Motion passed.

Councilmember Skinner reads Fire Chief Cokers resignation letter effective 7/31/2026

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Citizen gives thanks of behalf of the Engine Company #1 and adds he likes the way this Council is running.

Another citizen gives thanks to Mayor and Councilmembers for all the work and effort going into the city. Business owner in the community adds comment about all the good things happening in this City, and excitement over all the projects happening.

COUNCIL COMMENTS – Councilmember Winn thanks all citizens for attending.

Councilmember Winn moves to Adjourn the meeting; Councilmember Skinner seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 9:03PM.

*****Meeting recording available at www.cosmopoliswa.gov*****