



# **MEETING MINUTES FOR PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**Council Chambers – 1300 First Street**

**July 15, 2026 at 6:00 PM**

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**PUBLIC HEARING** – Chief Golding with the Aberdeen Fire Department does presentation on the EMS Rate Increase for citizens

## **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 Justin Spargo Councilmember Steve Davis, Councilmember Sue Darcy

**ABSENT:** Councilmember Jeremy Winn; Councilmember Davis moves to excuse Councilmember Winn's absence, Councilmember Skinner seconds.  
Motion passes

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Councilmember Skinner moves to approve the consent agenda; Councilmember Darcy seconded.  
Discussion: Councilmember Davis states he would like to get the information included in the agenda packet earlier for review.  
Ayes; 4  
Nays; 1  
Motion passes

**COUNCIL COMMENTS** – Councilmember Davis would like the council to consider bringing forward a Policy and Procedure Committee, he requests this be added to next months Agenda.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Auditing & Finance** – Councilmember Darcy reviewed vouchers with no concerns reported.

**Parks** – Councilmember Spargo reports of new play structure installed at Lions Park, a clean-up party at Highlands Park, and Public Works keeping up with growing grass and weeds in the community.

**Public Safety** – Councilmember Skinner reports they are still working on the Traffic Calming Plan and that Chief Green will report on data from the Speed Radars installed earlier this year. Councilmember Davis reports on discussion about the Cosmo property and what is currently happening there.

**Public Works** – Councilmember Darcy reports Public Works helped get the Lions Park ready for the installation of the playground equipment, they’ve been busy with summer work keeping up with mowing and weeding and cleaning up the main streets.

## **CITY OFFICIAL REPORTS**

**Clerk/Treasurer** – No report.

**Police Chief Report** – Chief Green reports there has been an increase in calls mostly relating to animals, parks, and vehicles. Out of the 10 cars cited only 1 had to be impounded. He reported on the data gathered from the speed radar signs. Aberdeen VIPS contributed 145.5 hours of service between the City of Aberdeen and City of Cosmopolis. National Night Out is coming up, Chief states if anyone is interested and would like your neighborhood included in the event to contact Ross Lampky in Aberdeen.

**Fire Chief Report** – Chief Coker reports there has been a total of 178 calls for service so far in 2026. 2 members will be attending Fire 2 Academy; both members are excited to serve the community better.

**MAYOR'S REPORT** – Mayor Springer gives reminder of Festival in the Park happening August 23<sup>rd</sup>, at Lions Club Park. The city is still accepting vendor applications and welcome citizens to spread the word. She gives a special thank you to Fire Chief Jacob Coker who will be finishing his career as Fire Chief of Cosmopolis at the end of July. She gives further information on continuing meetings with the Department of Ecology and the EPA on the status at the Cosmo Mill site.

## **NEW BUSINESS DISCUSSION**

1. **Mid-Year Budget Presentation, Tara Dunford; CPA** – Tara gives full presentation on current budget status.
2. **2026 Budget Amendment – First Reading Ordinance No. 1405** – Tara gives detail on this Ordinance and the different items included in this amendment to the 2026 Budget.
3. **2026-2028 Emergency Medical Services Agreement** – Councilmember Davis states that he feels the rate should stay at the 80% rather than the 100%. Disagrees with verbiage in the contract under 2.2 on billing and believes according to their scope of work there is no real guarantee that Aberdeen will respond because their first due is their city and because of that the 80% rate makes more sense to him. Chief Golding makes clarification that they cannot cherry pick calls, response is in the order of call received, regardless of location. Councilmember Spargo questions if Cosmopolis Volunteer Fire Department can increase their response percentage what would be the process to decrease the rate, Chief Golding says if that were the case they would be able to look at the contract and begin the process of curtailing that. Further discussion with Fire Chief Coker and Councilmember Spargo on response within the city and the difficulty of 24/7 coverage with

volunteer time on/off as well as budgeting regarding paying Aberdeen and potential of subsidizing these fees with the Fire budget. Councilmember Spargo has questions for Tara regarding the potential of subsidizing.

4. **Resolution 2026-01 – Setting the date for Public Hearing on Petition to Vacate Alley ROW** – Building Inspector Bill Sidor asks council to approve setting this hearing date for the Public Hearing on vacating the Alley ROW adjacent to Lots 1-20, blk 49, Ruel Nims additions to the City of Cosmopolis.
5. **Sealink Franchise Agreement** – Councilmember Darcy states there was a Council of Governments meeting that her and the mayor had the opportunity to speak with the Mayor of Westport at regarding the project being completed out there. She says the Mayor of Westport had no problems with subcontractors that did their work, and the project went smoothly as a whole.
6. **Part-time City Administrator Position Information** – Mayor Springer informed the Council that she is appointing an interim part-time City Administrator, Jon Martin to the City of Cosmopolis. Councilmember Darcy gave her thoughts on the appointment and her support on this. Mayor Springer gives further information on why this position is a priority and states he will begin work next week. Further discussion amongst Councilmembers, Tara Dunford, and Attorney Chris Coker on moving forward with this position and the process of setting this position, either through Ordinance or Budget Amendment.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS – No comments.**

#### **NEW BUSINESS – Council Action**

1. **Vote to Approve the 2026-2028 Emergency Medical Services Agreement with Aberdeen** – Councilmember Skinner moves to Approve the Agreement, Councilmember Darcy seconded.  
*Discussion:* Councilmember Spargo believes the Council should look into areas of how to help citizens with this rate, so it is not the full 100% match. Councilmember Darcy agrees that the Public Safety Committee and Finance Committee can schedule a meeting to discuss ideas for this. Councilmember Skinner asks Chief Golding, who in Aberdeen creates the rates and decides how much Cosmopolis should be paying, he responds that multiple people are involved in the decision. Chief Golding refers Councilmember Skinner to the City Administrator to collaborate in the future.  
Motion passed unanimously
2. **Vote to Approve Resolution 2026-01 – Public Hearing on Petition to Vacate Alley ROW** – Councilmember Davis moves to Approve Resolution 2026-01, Councilmember Skinner seconded.  
Motion passed unanimously
3. **Vote to Approve Sealink Franchise Agreement** – Councilmember Darcy moves to Approve the Sealink Franchise Agreement, Councilmember Skinner seconded.  
*Discussion:* Councilmember Spargo states that fiber optics are cheap to install, but expensive to repair. He believes the installation is putting the citizens at financial risk if any of these cables are damaged, and that it would bankrupt the citizen involved in the damage or business loss if a business owner happens to cause damage.  
Ayes; 4  
Nays; 1  
Motion passes

**PUBLIC COMMENTS – No comments.**

**COUNCIL COMMENTS** – Councilmember Spargo comments that Traffic Calming measures will soon be taking place, he refers to Mayor Springer potentially applying for grants if there are any available. He is aware there are multiple areas that need crosswalks added or repainted, they have made a list of high impact areas to focus on first. Moving forward they will continue compiling a list of areas to work on for both stop lines and crosswalks. He adds of the speed limit changes near Highland Park to be brought to the next Council meeting. Councilmember Davis comments on his support for bringing in the Part-Time City Administrator as soon as possible. Councilmember Darcy adds she believes Jon Martin will be a great asset to our community.

**Councilmember Davis moves to Adjourn the meeting; Councilmember Darcy seconded.**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:32PM.**

***\*\*Meeting recording available at [www.cosmopoliswa.gov](http://www.cosmopoliswa.gov)\*\****