



REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES

Council Chambers – 1300 First Street

December 06, 2023 at 6:30 PM

6:30 p.m. - Budget Workshop

Finance Director Pope, City Administrator Raines, and Mayor Pauley discussed the 2024 draft budget.

CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Councilmember Candice Makos
Councilmember Jim Ancich
Councilmember Raymond Robinson

ABSENT

Councilmember Stana Carlisle
Motion made by Councilmember Ancich to excuse Councilmember Carlisle, Seconded by Councilmember Robinson.
Voting Yea: Councilmember Makos, Councilmember Ancich, Councilmember Robinson

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Councilmember Ancich to approve the agenda, Seconded by Councilmember Robinson. Voting Yea: Councilmember Makos, Councilmember Ancich, Councilmember Robinson

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion made by Councilmember Ancich to approve the consent agenda, Seconded by Councilmember Robinson. Voting Yea: Councilmember Makos, Councilmember Ancich, Councilmember Robinson

CITY OFFICIAL REPORTS

City Administrator - Rognlin's will be pouring the concrete foundation on Monday. The Shoreline Master Plan has been approved. The hazardous mitigation plan has been submitted. It is waiting for final review. We have not received the Parks Maintenance Grant paperwork from RCO. We should have it for the next Council meeting.

Police Chief - We applied for the grants that were approved from last meeting. We hope to know by the end of the month.

Fire Chief - There is a second part to the FEMA grant that we applied for. Chief Falley would like to apply for the SAFER side of grant.

Motion made by Councilmember Ancich to authorize Chief Falley to apply for the grant, Seconded by Councilmember Robinson. Voting Yea: Councilmember Makos, Councilmember Ancich, Councilmember Robinson

Chief Falley has an Interlocal agreement for structure fire response that will be presented at the next Council meeting. We have 3 new applicants pending confirmation from the Public Safety Committee.

Public Works Superintendent - We have had 7.5 inches of rain since Friday. The culvert that was replaced at county shop has helped a lot. Thank you to Adam Johnson and Keaton Bradley for allowing us to use man lift to put up the Christmas lights.

City Attorney - The Comprehensive Stormwater Plan Update Interlocal Agreement will go before the Hoquiam City Council on Monday and will be before the Aberdeen City Council next Wednesday. It will come back to Cosmopolis on the 20th. All entities will have to approve it for it to become final.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Congratulations to the incoming administration. The Cosmopolis recount was conducted today and there were no changes. Mark Collett was confirmed as the winner for Council Position 4 and will be sworn in at the next meeting. Thank you to everyone who stepped up to run for office. Cosmopolis had a 53 percent voter turnout.

Lynette Buffington is stepping down from Greater Grays Harbor Inc.

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. Long Beach PD Memorandum of Understanding

Motion made by Councilmember Robinson to approve the MOU with Long Beach, Seconded by Councilmember Makos. Voting Yea: Councilmember Makos, Councilmember Ancich, Councilmember Robinson

11. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Robinson - He commended all department heads that worked on budget. He thanked Jeff and the individuals who donated truck to put up the lights.

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Maurice Fox - He discussed the narrow streets with parking on both sides.

Michelle Fogus - She stated her concerns of cuts to the police budget.

Kim Gherna - She stated her concerns of cuts to the police budget.