



REGULAR COUNCIL AGENDA

**Fire Hall - 111 D Street
October 2nd, 2024, at 7:00 PM**

Regular Council Meeting

- 1. FLAG SALUTE - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 2. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL**
- 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS Limited to Agenda topics**
- 5. CONSENT AGENDA**
 - A. Claims Vouchers
 - B. Meeting Minutes – September 18th, 2024
- 6. COMMITTEE REPORTS**
- 7. CITY OFFICIAL REPORTS**
 - A. Clerk/Treasurer
 - B. Police Chief Report
 - C. Fire Chief Report
 - D. Building Inspector
- 8. MAYOR'S REPORT**
- 9. NEW BUSINESS**
 1. Council Member Winn Proposal for Ordinance change regarding Park Hours

New Business Continued

2. Council Member Winn Proposal for Council Meeting format
3. Proposed Ordinance to create an EMS fund – Chief Falley

10. COUNCIL COMMENTS

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments may be made in-person during the meeting. If unable to attend, please submit comments to mayor@cosmopoliswa.gov by noon on meeting day.

If you are unable to attend the meeting in person, you may join with the following Zoom Information

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REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES

Fire Hall - 111 D Street

September 18th, 2024, at 7:00 PM

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 1st 2022 – December 31st 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. 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month, with the 1st 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 11th, 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 10th-11th. 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 26th. Hoping to get this moved to the Cosmopolis School as the weather turns. Any-time Storytime every 2nd 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 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. ****



COSMOPOLIS POLICE DEPARTMENT

PO Box 478 / 1312 First Street Cosmopolis, WA. 98537

Heath Layman, Chief of Police

Council Report 10/02/2024

Financial Reimbursement

I'm pleased to report we received a portion (approximately \$9,000) of our request from CJTC to reimburse the city for money spent on training Officer Bailey at the Basic Law Enforcement Academy.

FBI Released National Crime Data; Comparing National and Washington State Data for 2022-23 and for the last five years (2019-2023)

See the next two pages attached for information provided to us by the FBI via WASPC.

PD VOICEMAIL – REPEATING INFORMATION!

Please DO NOT report incidents to the police department voicemail! We do **not** have a full-time police clerk and officers may be on days off or vacation etc. Please call the non-emergency dispatch phone number, 360.533.8765 to report non-emergency police matters and an officer will be dispatched. Call 911 if it is an emergency.

Respectfully submitted,



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September 24, 2024

Statement Attributed to
Steven D. Strachan, Executive Director
Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs

FBI Releases National Crime Data; Comparing National and Washington State Data for 2022-23 and for the last five years (2019-2023)

(Lacey, WA) The FBI released its Crime in the US 2023 data on Monday, September 23, 2024; data for Washington State had previously been released by the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs (WASPC) in July 2024, and that data is used by the FBI to create its national report.

	Crime Totals			Crime Rates Per 100,000		
	2022	2023	% Difference	2022	2023	% Difference
Violent Crime (US)	1,256,671	1,218,467	-3.0%	377.1	363.8	-3.5%
Violent Crime (WA)	29,041	27,641	-4.8%	370.7	351.5	-5.2%
Murder (US)	21,781	19,252	-11.6%	6.5	5.7	-12.3%
Murder (WA)	377	371	-1.6%	4.8	4.7	-2.0%
Rape (US)	140,384	127,216	-9.4%	42.1	38.0	-9.7%
Rape (WA)	3,015	2,880	-4.5%	38.5	36.6	-4.8%
Robbery (US)	223,511	222,795	-0.3%	67.1	66.5	-0.9%
Robbery (WA)	6,745	6,371	-5.5%	86.1	81.0	-5.9%
Aggravated Assault (US)	909,929	884,550	-2.8%	273.0	264.1	-3.3%
Aggravated Assault (WA)	18,904	18,019	-4.7%	241.3	229.1	-5.0%
All Property Crimes (US)	6,578,281	6,419,149	-2.4%	1973.8	1916.7	-2.9%
All Property Crimes (WA)	258,949	223,535	-13.7%	3305.4	2842.4	-14.0%
Burglary (US)	908,900	839,563	-7.6%	272.7	250.7	-8.1%
Burglary (WA)	43,194	37,176	-13.9%	551.4	472.7	-14.3%
Larceny-Theft (US)	4,721,262	4,512,064	-4.4%	1416.6	1347.2	-4.9%
Larceny-Theft (WA)	166,227	133,379	-19.8%	2121.8	1696.0	-20.1%
Vehicle Theft (US)	948,119	1,067,522	12.6%	284.5	318.7	12.0%
Vehicle Theft (WA)	49,528	52,980	7.0%	632.2	673.7	6.6%

Note: Population data is from 2023 FBI Crime in the United States report

Source: <https://cde.ucr.cjis.gov/LATEST/webapp/#/pages/downloads>

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Comparing 2019 to 2023 data for the last five years shows that:

- In Washington State, the increase in murders is more than five times higher than the national trend (87.4% vs. 17.2%), and the murder rate has increased more than 80% since 2019.
- Violent crime rates have increased 19.6% in the last five years in WA State, while they have decreased 4.1% nationally.
- Aggravated assault rates have increased 27.3% since 2019 in WA State, while they have increased 5.6% nationally.
- Vehicle theft rates have increased 110.2% since 2019 in WA State, while rising 44.9% nationally.
- The vehicle theft rate in WA State is more than twice the national rate (318.7 per 100,000 nationally vs. 673.7 per 100,000 in WA State).
- While the rate of robberies in WA State has increased 19.8% over the past five years, they have decreased nationally by 18.5%.

	Crime Totals			Crime Rates Per 100,000		
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Violent Crime (US)	1,245,410	1,218,467	-2.2%	379.4	363.8	-4.1%
Violent Crime (WA)	22,377	27,641	23.5%	293.9	351.5	19.6%
Murder (US)	16,425	19,252	17.2%	5.0	5.7	14.0%
Murder (WA)	198	371	87.4%	2.6	4.7	80.8%
Rape (US)	139,815	127,216	-9.0%	42.6	38.0	-10.8%
Rape (WA)	3,332	2,880	-13.6%	43.8	36.6	-16.4%
Robbery (US)	267,988	222,795	-16.9%	81.6	66.5	-18.5%
Robbery (WA)	5,147	6,371	23.8%	67.6	81.0	19.8%
Aggravated Assault (US)	821,182	884,550	7.7%	250.2	264.1	5.6%
Aggravated Assault (WA)	13,700	18,019	31.5%	179.9	229.1	27.3%
All Property Crimes (US)	6,925,977	6,419,149	-7.3%	2109.9	1916.7	-9.2%
All Property Crimes (WA)	204,224	223,535	9.5%	2681.9	2842.4	6.0%
Burglary (US)	1,117,696	839,563	-24.9%	340.5	250.7	-26.4%
Burglary (WA)	34,540	37,176	7.6%	453.6	472.7	4.2%
Larceny-Theft (US)	5,086,096	4,512,064	-11.3%	1549.5	1347.2	-13.1%
Larceny-Theft (WA)	145,282	133,379	-8.2%	1907.9	1696.0	-11.1%
Vehicle Theft (US)	721,885	1,067,522	47.9%	219.9	318.7	44.9%
Vehicle Theft (WA)	24,402	52,980	117.1%	320.5	673.7	110.2%

Source: <https://ucr.fbi.gov/crime-in-the-u.s/2019/crime-in-the-u.s.-2019>

WASPC calls on our state's policy makers to provide balanced public safety approaches that respect victims, provide for adequate and meaningful consequences for criminal behavior, support fair and transparent policing, and increase staffing and support for law enforcement.

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Councilmember Winn's proposal for changing Park Operating Hours CMC 9.84.060 – Hours

Current: 9.84.060 - Hours.

All *parks* within the City of Cosmopolis shall be open to the public from six a.m. until ten p.m. All unattended vehicles left in a *park* between ten p.m. and six a.m. shall be subject to being towed and impounded.

(Ord. 659 §§ I and 2, 1977; Ord. No. 1291, § 1, 5-6-2015; Ord. No. 1336, § 1, 8-21-2019)

Proposed: 9.84.060 Hours

9.84.060 - Park hours.

All *parks* within the City of Cosmopolis shall be open to the public **at the posted hours**, or from six a.m. until ten p.m. where no hours are posted. All unattended vehicles left in a *park* between ten p.m. and six a.m. shall be subject to being towed and impounded.

(Ord. 659 §§ I and 2, 1977; Ord. No. 1291, § 1, 5-6-2015; Ord. No. 1336, § 1, 8-21-2019)



CITY OF ABERDEEN FIRE DEPARTMENT

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OFFICE OF THE FIRE CHIEF

CITY OF COSMOPOLIS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AGREEMENT PROPOSAL

July 15, 2024

Services Provided - Aberdeen

Aberdeen will be the primary provider of EMS responses to Cosmopolis for treatment and transport of medical patients. The level of response will be in accordance with Aberdeen Fire Department operating procedures. Additional resources may be assigned to the response at the discretion of the Aberdeen Fire Department. Aberdeen will stand-by until it is determined if a response is needed for the following types of incidents:

- Unknown if injury motor vehicle accidents
- Public assists/lift assists
- Unknown if injured falls
- Medical alarm activations without a known medical issue

If Aberdeen is unavailable to respond due to lack of resources, Aberdeen will coordinate the need for any mutual aid response required.

Services Provided - Cosmopolis

Cosmopolis will provide an initial response for EMS incidents within their jurisdictional boundaries. If no initial response was provided by Aberdeen following the above guidelines and Cosmopolis deems that a response from Aberdeen is warranted, Aberdeen will respond with the most appropriate resources upon request.

If no response is provided for incidents that Aberdeen stands-by on, Aberdeen will respond to cover the response after the second tone-out for Cosmopolis.

Base Compensation

Cosmopolis will compensate Aberdeen as follows:

Mid 2024 - December 31, 2024	Aberdeen Monthly Utility Rate: \$31.87
	80% of Utility Rate: \$25.50
	Utility Units: 753
	Cosmopolis Monthly Rate: \$19,201.50

Performance Review

In October 2024 Aberdeen and Cosmopolis Fire Chiefs will meet to review the level of response provided by Cosmopolis to determine if the level of EMS responses has been adequate and to assist in determining how an EMS agreement for 2025 should be constructed.