



## **SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

**Council Chambers – 1300 First Street**

**January 24, 2024 at 6:00 PM**

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### **FLAG SALUTE - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Councilmember Kim Skinner, Councilmember Jeremy Winn, Councilmember Justin Spargo, Councilmember Mark Collett, and Councilmember Jim Ancich

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

Voting Yea: Councilmember Skinner, Councilmember Winn, Councilmember Spargo, Councilmember Collett, Councilmember Ancich

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A. CITY OF WESTPORT INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT**

Chief Layman stated Westport is no longer interested.

#### **B. CITY OF OAKVILLE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT**

Chief Layman stated that this is still in the planning process.

Motion made by Councilmember Winn to continue looking into this, Seconded by Councilmember Skinner.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Skinner, Councilmember Winn, Councilmember Collett, Councilmember Ancich. Voting Nay: Councilmember Spargo. Motion carried.

#### **C. 2024 COUNCIL MEETING LOCATION**

Motion made by Councilmember Skinner to approve the ordinance, Seconded by Councilmember Spargo.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Skinner, Councilmember Winn, Councilmember Spargo, Councilmember Collett, Councilmember Ancich. Motion carried.

#### **D. TERMINATE LANDSCAPING CONTRACT**

Public Works Superintendent Nations explained the necessity of the agreement. No action was taken.

#### **E. CITY ADMINISTRATOR PAY ALLOCATION**

Administrator Raines explained the need to change his pay allocation allowing for up to \$10,000 of his wages to be put into the Stormwater Fund due to his work on the Stormwater Management Plan.

Motion made by Councilmember Ancich to approve the allocation, Seconded by Councilmember Skinner.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Skinner, Councilmember Winn, Councilmember Spargo, Councilmember Collett, Councilmember Ancich. Motion carried.

## **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

**Councilmember Winn** stated he appreciates everyone's efforts regarding the City's financial woes.

**Councilmember Spargo** stated he appreciates everyone's patience as they all learn their new positions.

**Councilmember Collett** apologized for being late.

**Councilmember Ancich** apologized for being late also. He stated that last week former Cosmopolis Volunteer Firefighter, Jerry Shapansky, passed away. He asked for a moment of silence in his honor.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Vickie Raines** commented on the Oakville and Westport agreements. She stated this would be logistically difficult and we have ran with 3 and 4 officers in the past. She stated in the past they had looked at contracting out police services. The City could possible save \$400-\$500 thousand by contracting services. Something beyond one position needs to be done. Mayor Springer encouraged citizens to speak with her and the council regarding these issues.

**Michelle Fogus** stated we need more revenue, but she supports the police. She has issues with contracting with Aberdeen for police services due to the other contracts we have with them.

**Candice Makos** stated that through her 50 years in the City, we have gone from 3 to 5 officers many times and we have survived. We need to do something other than trying to rob Peter to pay Paul. Mayor Springer stated that things are different now and that we don't have the same issues as Aberdeen because of our department. We are trying to do our best and tough decisions are coming.

**Cheryl Turner** stated the B&O in 2022 was \$357,458 in 2023 it was \$87,525. The loss was huge because of the mill. If Pape comes in, it will not come close to what the mill provides.