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**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING- MOVED DUE TO HOLIDAY
AGENDA
TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2025
COUNCIL CHAMBERS CITY HALL**

FINANCE COMMITTEE – 6:30 P.M

(Barnhart, King and Lovering)

Contact City Clerk Barb Staalnd for virtual meeting registration information no later than 6:00 p.m. the day of the meeting by calling (406) 892-4388 or email: staalandb@cityofcolumbiafalls.com for the Regular City Council Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING – 7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of the January 06, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of the Jan. 21, 2025 Claims - \$108,574.98
3. Approval of Payroll Claims - January 17, 2025 - \$127,146.65
4. Change Order #1 - WWTP Grit Classifier
5. Plant Investment Fee Agreement - Bob and Gina Turner

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT (Items not on agenda)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS/PUBLIC HEARINGS:

6. Meadow Lake Blvd Combined Staff Report and Application
7. Correspondence after the Planning Commission Meeting
8. December 12, 2024 Draft City Planning Commission Minutes

NEW BUSINESS:

9. Request to hire a 4th FTE hourly Firefighter in FY 25/26

NFPA 1710 and 1720 define response and staffing standards for all fire departments. One of the requirements in this code is having an engine staffed with a minimum of 4 firefighters. Adding a 4th career firefighter will address this issue and will also help to cover vacation and sick days for staff. NFPA 1710 and 1720 is one of the main factors that is considered when ISO reviews are conducted so adding this firefighter will help us to maintain or improve our ISO rating, which is currently a 5.

- 10. Approval of Probationary Volunteer Firefighter - Craig Weber
- 11. DEQ Compliance Inspection Report
- 12. 24/25 Budget Amendments

The City is proposing amending the following funds budgeted revenue and/or expenditures: Fund 2100 Resort Tax, Fund 2310 Tax Increment District, Fund 2311 TEDD Industrial Park, Fund 2312 TEDD – Columbia Rising Industrial Park, Fund 2392 Building Code Enforcement Fund and Fund 2991 ARPA of 2021. These amendments are proposed to account for revenues not known when the original budget was adopted in September 2024 and for additional unanticipated activity that has occurred during the first half of the year.

ORDINANCES / RESOLUTIONS:

- 13. Ordinance # 831 - Approving the Petition for Annexation

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA FALLS, MONTANA, APPROVING THE PETITION OF TOBY AND MINDY GILCHRIST FOR ANNEXATION AND INITIAL ZONING OF 274 MEADOWLAKE BLVD, DESCRIBED AS PARCEL B OF COS NO. 225 IN THE NE1/4 SW1/4 IN SECTION 7, TOWNSHIP 30 NORTH, RANGE 20 WEST, P.M.M., FLATHEAD COUNTY, MONTANA.

- 14. Ordinance # 832 PUD at 274 Meadowlake Blvd.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA FALLS, MONTANA, AMENDING THE COLUMBIA FALLS ZONING MAP TO ALLOW THE DEVELOPMENT OF A PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD) OVERLAY AT 274 MEADOWLAKE BLVD DESCRIBED AS PARCEL B OF COS NO. 22075 IN THE NE1/4 SW1/4 IN SECTION 7, TOWNSHIP 30 NORTH, RANGE 20 WEST, P.M.M., FLATHEAD COUNTY, MONTANA.

- 15. Resolution # 1935 – Approving the Preliminary Plat of 274 Meadowlake Blvd. Subdivision

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF COLUMBIA FALLS, MONTANA CONDITIONALLY APPROVING THE PRELIMINARY PLAT OF 274 MEADOWLAKE BLVD SUBDIVISION A TEN PARENT LOT AND 20 SUBLOT RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION LOCATED AT 274 MEADOWLAKE BLVD, FURTHER DESCRIBED AS PARCEL B, COS 22075 IN THE NE1/4 SW1/4 IN SECTION 7, TOWNSHIP 30 NORTH, RANGE 20 WEST, P.M.M., FLATHEAD COUNTY, MONTANA.

REPORTS / BUSINESS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL

CITY MANAGER REPORT

16. City Manager Search - Tentative Schedule
17. Legislative Update
18. FY 24-Pro Housing Overview

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

MISCELLANEOUS

19. Fire Department Reports
20. Police Department Reports

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Next Scheduled Meetings:

City Council – Regular Meeting, **02/03/25**– 7:00 PM

Planning Board – TBD