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**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
AGENDA
MONDAY, MAY 15, 2023
COUNCIL CHAMBERS CITY HALL**

FINANCE COMMITTEE – 6:30 P.M

(Barnhart, Hamilton, Lovering)

Regular Meeting available virtually by contacting City Clerk Barb Staalnd before 6:00 pm the night of the meeting by calling (406) 892-4391 or via email: staalndb@cityofcolumbiafalls.com

REGULAR MEETING – 7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of Claims - May 15, 2022 - \$779,238.91 and May 4, 2023 - \$174,922.79
2. Approval of Special Payroll - May 5, 2023 - \$2,122.09
3. Approval of Payroll Claims - May 12, 2023
4. Approval of Regular City Council Meeting Minutes - May 1, 2023
5. Approval of Change Order # 1 - NCC Neumann Construction Co - WWTP Ph 1 ARPA Project and authorize City Manager to execute
6. RAISE Grant Letter of Commitment - \$500,000 - Authorize Mayor's signature

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT (Items not on agenda)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS/PUBLIC HEARINGS:

7. Public Hearing - Animal Conflict Prevention:

On Monday May 15, 2023 during the 7:00 p.m. regular council meeting, the City Council of the City of Columbia Falls, shall conduct a public hearing for the purpose of discussing animal control prevention measures.

Last year due to the significant increase in bear activity within the City, the Council enacted an emergency ordinance defining preventative measures that applied to all residences and businesses within the City to reduce animal encounters. The measures included securing or storing garbage and attractants inside, storing bird feeders and domestic animal food inside at night, securing chicken coops and storing other attractants. In addition to the emergency ordinance, the City also helped push out the "Bear Aware" program. Fish, Wildlife and Parks reported a reduction in bear conflicts after these measures were put in place.

City Council is now reviewing the emergency ordinance and evaluating whether a permanent ordinance or policy should be adopted to continue the preventative measures started last year. City Council is encouraging residents and business owners to attend the hearing.

Persons may contact the City Clerk or City Manager at 406-892-4391 or 130 6th Street West, Columbia Falls, MT for more information about the hearing.

Comments regarding this matter may be made in writing addressed to the City Clerk at 130 6th Street West, Columbia Falls, MT 59912, or email: staalandb@cityofcolumbiafalls.com or delivered in person to the City Council during the hearing.

NEW BUSINESS:

8. Approval of Indemnification Agreement - Flathead Emergency Communication Center and City of Columbia Falls

ORDINANCES / RESOLUTIONS:

9. Second and Final Reading - Ordinance # 825:

An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Columbia Falls, Montana, Amending the Columbia Falls Zoning Map from CSAG-5 Suburban Agricultural to CSAG-10 Suburban Agricultural at 270 Jorgensen Trail, Further Described as Parcel G Of COS 10557, Assessor's Tract 1E, in Section 19, T30N, R20W, P.M.M., Flathead County

REPORTS / BUSINESS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL

- Council Workshop June 5th 6 pm – 7pm for Urban Development Discussion

CITY MANAGER REPORT

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

MISCELLANEOUS

10. Police Department - April 2023 Activity
11. Fire Department - April 2023 Activity

ADJOURN

Next Scheduled Meetings:

City Council – Regular Meeting, **June 5, 2023** – 7:00 PM

Planning Board – TBD

City Council Workshop - Tour of City Facilities - Monday, May 22, 2023 - 5 - 8 pm