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**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
AGENDA
MONDAY, OCTOBER 04, 2021
COUNCIL CHAMBERS CITY HALL**

FINANCE COMMITTEE – 6:30 P.M

(Barnhart, Fisher, Karper)

NOTE: The Council Meeting is held in the Council Chambers as well as by virtual meeting to provide for access and public health. Please contact Barb Staland, City Clerk, no later than 6 pm on the night of the meeting to register for ZOOM meeting access information by calling (406) 892-4391 or email: staalandb@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 - October 4, 2021 - \$85,948.91
2. Approval of Regular Payroll Claims - October 1, 2021 - \$98,489.56
3. Approval of September 20, 2021 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT (Items not on agenda)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS/PUBLIC HEARINGS:

4. Notice of Hearing - October 18, 2021 - Alley Abandonment:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all persons that a petition has been filed with the City Council of the City of Columbia Falls, Montana, requesting the abandonment, discontinuance and vacating of a certain public way in the City of Columbia Falls, Montana, more particularly described as follows:

The 12' undeveloped alleyway in Block 4 of the Hoerner Addition Subdivision. Abandonment of this alleyway will allow the property owner who owns all of the adjacent lots to develop the property without the alleyway encumbrance and will place the property on the tax role.

The benefiting property owner will pay all surveying and recording costs. The abandonment request was reviewed and the existing public utilities, a sewer service line and electrical poles, will be relocated at the expense of the property owner.

The City Council of Columbia Falls is scheduled to act on said petition at the regular meeting of the City Council at 7:00 p.m., on October 18, 2021 in the Council Chambers, 130 6th Street West, Columbia Falls, Montana, at which time and place all persons desiring to be heard on said petition may appear and offer comments on the proposed abandonment. Written comments may be addressed to the City Clerk, 130 6th Street West, Room A, Columbia Falls, Montana 59912 prior to the October 18, 2021 hearing.

5. Notice of Hearing - October 18, 2021 - Public Comment on Comprehensive Transportation Plan:

On October 18, 2021, 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 taking public comment on the Comprehensive Transportation Plan.

The City is preparing the Columbia Falls Comprehensive Transportation Plan with the MT Department of Transportation (MDOT) and Flathead County for the Columbia Falls Urban Transportation Area. The Transportation Plan must meet specific criteria established by MDOT. The City held open houses and work sessions on Monday, September 27th to provide the public with detailed information and the opportunity to review the draft plan. The draft plan and the work session power point are available at: columbiafalls.transportationplan.net. The City Council will formally adopt the Columbia Falls Transportation Plan at their regular meeting on Monday, November 1, 2021.

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

6. Notice of Public Hearing - October 18, 2021 - Parking and Park Municipal Code Text Amendments:

On October 18, 2021, during the 7:00 p.m. regular council meeting, the City Council of the City of Columbia Falls, shall conduct a public hearing for purpose of adopting changes to the Columbia Falls Municipal Code Title 10 Vehicles and Traffic and Title 12 Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places.

City Council will consider text amendments to Title 12 Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places addressing right of way maintenance and encroachments, and an amendment to the City park rules and Title 10 Vehicles and Traffic to address parking issues.

The proposed changes are available for review at the office of the City Clerk, City of Columbia Falls 130 6th Street West, Columbia Falls, MT. 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.

Responses to the public hearing may be in writing addressed to the City Clerk at 130 6th Street West, Columbia Falls, MT 59912 or delivered in person to the City Council during the hearing.

7. Notice of Planning Board and City Council Public Hearings - Text Amendments:

The Columbia Falls City-County Planning Board will hold their regular meeting on Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. The Planning Board will hold a public hearing for the following items and forward recommendations to the Columbia Falls City Council. The Columbia Falls City Council will also hold a public hearing on these items at their regular meeting of Monday, October 18, 2021 beginning at 7 p.m. Both meetings will be held in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 130 6th Street West, Columbia Falls, Montana.

ZONING REGULATIONS TEXT AMENDMENTS: The City proposes to incorporate text amendments to the Columbia Falls Area Zoning Ordinance, Municipal Code Title 18 in regards to adding the definitions and statutory provisions applicable to the regulation of recreational marijuana. The Planning Board and City Council may also consider the implementation of a map amendment with an appropriate overlay zone also related to these provisions.

The Planning Board and City Council will also review Title 17 Subdivision Regulations and Title 18 Zoning Regulations for any required text amendments related to updated statutory regulations in place after the 2021 legislative session.

Persons may testify at the hearing or submit written comments prior to the hearings. For more information contact Susan Nicosia, City Manager, at 892-4384 or email: nicosias@cityofcolumbiafalls.com.

ORDINANCES / RESOLUTIONS:

- 8. Resolution # 1864** - A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Columbia Falls, Montana Authorizing Submission of a CDBG-CV Application

REPORTS / BUSINESS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL

CITY MANAGER REPORT

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

MISCELLANEOUS

9. Fire Department YTD Activity
10. Correspondence

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Next Scheduled Meetings:

City Council – Regular Meeting, **Monday, October 18th**– 7:00 PM

Planning Board – October 12, 2021 - 6:30 pm