

**CITY OF COLUMBIA FALLS
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
HELD FEBRUARY 18, 2020**

FINANCE COMMITTEE – 6:30 P.M

Claims Review - Barnhart, Piper, Robinson

REGULAR MEETING – 7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor Don Barnhart
Councilor Darin Fisher
Councilor Doug Karper
Councilor Paula Robinson
Councilor Jenny Lovering
Councilor John Piper
Councilor Mike Shepard

Also present were City Manager Nicosia, Finance Director Carlson, City Attorney Breck, Police Chief Peters and Fire Chief Hagen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Councilor Lovering, Seconded by Councilor Robinson.

Voting Yea: Mayor Barnhart, Councilor Fisher, Councilor Karper, Councilor Robinson, Councilor Lovering, Councilor Piper, Councilor Shepard

CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion made by Councilor Piper, Seconded by Councilor Robinson.

Voting Yea: Mayor Barnhart, Councilor Fisher, Councilor Karper, Councilor Robinson, Councilor Lovering, Councilor Piper, Councilor Shepard

1. Approval of Claims - \$111,980.68
2. February 7, 2020 Payroll - \$112,437.28
3. Council Minutes February 3, 2020
4. Approve Amended Easement Agreement - Williams and authorize City Manager to sign.

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5. Approve Department of Commerce Tourism Grant Contract # 20-51-088 and Authorize City Manager to sign.

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT (Items not on agenda)

No Public Comment

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS/PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Mayor Barnhart read the notice of Public Hearings: Planned Unit Development, Ruis Holdings 540 Nucleus Ave LLC, Planning Board March 10th and City Council April 6th

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Sandy Carlson, Finance Director presented an overview of the financials through January 2020.

City Manager Nicosia recommended approval of FOP Collective Bargaining Agreement. Motion made to approve the FOP Collective Bargaining Agreement July 1, 2019 – June 20, 2022 by Councilor Fisher, Seconded by Councilor Shepard. Voting Yea: Mayor Barnhart, Councilor Fisher, Councilor Karper, Councilor Robinson, Councilor Lovering, Councilor Piper, and Councilor Shepard.

Mayor Barnhart thanked the City Manager and Assistant City Attorney for their work on the negotiations.

ORDINANCES / RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution # 1815 Calling for Resort Tax Election

City Manager Nicosia reviewed the time line to determine the earliest effective date. She also indicated that the City Attorney suggested changing the wording on 4c to include Property Tax Reduction.

Mayor Barnhart asked if the effective date allowed the businesses to be prepared in time. Council discussed and Councilor Fisher made a motion to amend the effective date to October 1st. Seconded by Councilor Lovering. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Motion made to adopt resolution #1815 as amended by Councilor Fisher, Seconded by Councilor Shepard. Voting Yea: Mayor Barnhart, Councilor Fisher, Councilor Karper, Councilor Robinson, Councilor Lovering, Councilor Piper, Councilor Shepard.

Councilor Shepard suggested meeting with small groups to provide the facts. Manager Nicosia stated she already spoke with the Lions club and is scheduled to speak at the Chamber and Rotary luncheons. Nicosia will prepare and distribute a one page fact sheet.

Mayor Barnhart said he would do a presentation to the fireman and spouses at their next meeting on March 4th.

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REPORTS / BUSINESS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL

Councilor Shepard stated 6th Ave EN had two neighbors complaining about mud from the construction traffic.

Councilor Shepard asked if there were complaints about Grizzly Bears being disturbed on park service paths. Manager Nicosia stated she had not heard anything at the City. Councilor Fisher indicated that comment period ends the end of February on the Crystal Cedar Creek project.

Mayor Barnhart asked City Manager Nicosia if there was any update on business proposals within the City. Nicosia said the planned unit development for the bank block is coming to Planning in March and Council in April. Nicosia stated she is currently working on an EDA Grant for Glacier Medical. Their goal for occupation is September 1st.

Mayor Barnhart asked City Manager Nicosia when the next report from the EPA is due on CFAC. Nicosia thought sometime this spring.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager's Project and Program Update

- Nicosia stated that this is the first packet using the new Municode Meetings software.
- Updated web pages are still a work in progress.
- Morrison & Maierle are about 90% complete with the design phase of Well #3. The City will received \$125,000 in RRGL Funding.
- On March 3rd there will be a debriefing on the Build Grant selection process. She stated she hoped to learn how the City ranked and what we could have done to improve our application.
- RFP for the Urban Transportation Plan is due Feb 20th. Nicosia asked for volunteers to review proposals. Councilor Shepard volunteered. We will receive a \$75,000 Grant and the City share would be \$50,000.
- We will start advertising for a new Pool Manager, Seasonal Park person, lifeguards and cashiers. The pool manager job description is being updated to conform to the new format.
- Planning Board now has a full board. Kurt Nelson was reappointed and newly appointees are Robert Smith and Claudette Byrd Rink (all County positions). The next meeting is March 10th.
- Nicosia stated we are working with NW Community Land Trust to rollover \$120,000 into affordable housing.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

City Attorney Breck indicated that the objection to the Beneficial Water Permit for Rivers Edge fishing pond has been dismissed. A pre-conference hearing took place on Feb 11th and Mr. Bell did not appear. The Judge issued default against Mr. Bell and dismissed the objection.

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MISCELLANEOUS

Rick Hagen expressed his thanks for Council support over his term as Fire Chief. Rick will be retiring the end of February. Council thanked him for his service and wished him well in his retirement.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn was made by Councilor Lovering, seconded by Councilor Shepard. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Next Scheduled Meetings:

City Council – Regular Meeting, **March 2, 2020** – 7:00 PM

Planning Board – March 10, 2020

Council Workshop – **Extraterritorial Jurisdiction/Ext of Services** – TBD