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**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
AGENDA
MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2024
COUNCIL CHAMBERS CITY HALL**

FINANCE COMMITTEE – 6:30 P.M

(Barnhart, Lovering, Robinson)

Contact City Clerk Barb Staland for virtual meeting registration information no later than 6:00 PM the day of the meeting 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 - \$101,269.21 - April 15, 2024
- [2.](#) Approval of Quarterly Payroll Claims - \$24,036.06 - March 31, 2024
- [3.](#) Approval of Special Payroll - \$7,422.06 - Special Payroll
- [4.](#) Approval of Regular Payroll Claims - \$103,552.62 - April 12, 2024
- [5.](#) Approval of April 1, 2024 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
- [6.](#) Approval of Records Destruction Request
- [7.](#) Approval of Temporary Construction Easement - Nagle Family Trust and Authorize City Manager to Execute

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT (Items not on agenda)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- [8.](#) Planning Commission Appointment - Dulcie Berube

REPORTS / BUSINESS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL

CITY MANAGER REPORT

- [9.](#) City Manager's Report

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

MISCELLANEOUS

- [10.](#) Fire Department - March Activity
- [11.](#) Police Department - March Activity
- [12.](#) Correspondence

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Next Scheduled Meetings:

Meet and Greet - City Manager Candidate - 6:00 - 7:00 PM Tuesday, April 16, 2024, City Council Chambers)

Mayor/Council - Interview - 9:00 AM - City Council Chambers

City Council - Special Meeting, Monday, April 22, 2024 - 7:00 PM (Award WWTP Project Bid)

City Council – Regular Meeting, **Monday, May 6, 2024**– 7:00 PM

Planning Board – TBD (No Hearings currently scheduled)

City Planning Commission - Thursday, May 9, 2024 - 6:00 PM (Public Hearing on Public Participation Plan)

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45722		3238 360 OFFICE SOLUTIONS	87.87						
	138462-0	04/01/24 FIN-WHITEOUT	7.44			1000 410500	210		101000
	1384262-0	04/01/24 WTR-WHITEOUT	7.44			5210 430500	210		101000
	1384262-0	04/01/24 SWR-WHITEOUT	7.44			5310 430600	210		101000
	1385301-0	04/04/24 PD-TONER JET BLK	65.55*			1000 420100	210		101000
		Total for Vendor:	87.87						
45682		1774 ADVANCED REFRIGERATION &	505.79						
	125428	03/28/24 FD-COFFEE MACHINE MAINTENANCE	505.79			1000 420400	360		101000
		Total for Vendor:	505.79						
45728		2863 BATES, SHAWN	46.00						
		MRWS CONFERENCE IN GREAT FALLS 3/19/24-3/22/24							
	041124	04/11/24 FIN-MEALS REIMB. MRWS CONF.	46.00			1000 410500	380		101000
45731		2863 BATES, SHAWN	25.00						
	041024	04/10/24 NELSON TECHNOLOGIES REIMBURSE	25.00			1000 410580	212		101000
		Total for Vendor:	71.00						
45721		1700 BRECK LAW OFFICE, PC	9,965.47						
		MAY 2024 FEES							
		MATTER NO 7-20 & 7-21							
	040524	04/05/24 LGL-FEES FOR MAY	2,013.18			1000 411100	350		101000
	040524	04/05/24 CITY COURT-MAY	4,103.48			1000 410365	350		101000
	040524	04/05/24 WTR-FEES MAY	661.52			5210 430500	350		101000
	040524	04/05/24 SWR-FEES MAY	661.52			5310 430600	350		101000
	040524	04/05/24 PLG/ZONING-MAY	330.76			1000 411000	350		101000
	040524	04/05/24 PD-FEES-MAY	133.71			1000 420100	399		101000
	040524	04/05/24 WTR-FEES MAY	29.71			5210 430500	357		101000
	040524	04/05/24 SWR-FEES MAY	43.93			5310 430600	357		101000
	040524	04/05/24 STRS-FEES MAY	59.42*			2500 430200	399		101000
	040524	04/05/24 LGL-ADD'L FEES MAY	178.24			1000 411100	350		101000
	032024	03/31/24 MATTER NO. 7-21	1,700.00			1000 411100	350		101000
	030824	03/31/24 MATTER NO. 7-20	50.00			1000 411000	350		101000
		Total for Vendor:	9,965.47						

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45684		2708 BULLITT COMMUNICATIONS	130.00						
		HEADSETS NOT WORKING - RADIO PROGRAMMING ISSUE - FIXED							
	67613	03/26/24 FD-HEADSETS/PROGRAM RADIO	130.00			1000 420400	361		101000
		Total for Vendor:	130.00						
45723		999999 CENTURYLINK	5,308.57						
	P223898	03/24/24 SPECIAL CONSTRUCTION PROPOSAL	5,308.57			2310 470300	930		101000
		Total for Vendor:	5,308.57						
45733		1145 CITY OF WHITEFISH BUILDING	2,000.00						
		MAR BUILDING PERMITS							
	041224	04/12/24 MINIMUM PERMITS - FOR MAR	2,000.00			2394 420500	398		101000
		Total for Vendor:	2,000.00						
45677		255 COLUMBIA FALLS CHAMBER OF	200.00						
	3846	04/01/24 2024 NONPROFIT CHAMBR MBR	200.00*			1000 410100	335		101000
		Total for Vendor:	200.00						
45707		3120 COLUMBIA FALLS PETERBILT	1,546.84						
	3674CF	03/29/24 SWR-BLUE DUMP TRK -REAR BRAKES	1,546.84			5310 430600	361		101000
		Total for Vendor:	1,546.84						
45685		1646 CONSOLIDATED ELECTRICAL	295.00						
		WWTP- SATCO LED T8 8FT 4000K BYPASS							
		KEYBL-LED T8 4FT BYPASS 40K S+D POWER							
	3510-10803	03/28/24 WWTP-SATCO 8FT BLUBS	220.00*			5310 430600	220		101000
	3510-10803	03/28/24 WWTP-KEYBL 4FT-BLUBS	75.00*			5310 430600	220		101000
		Total for Vendor:	295.00						
45690		3026 DAILY INTER LAKE	946.64						
		ORG CALL FOR BIDS AFFIDAVIT PROJECT FILE							
	0000020366	03/10/24 SWR-WWTP PHASE 2 CALL FOR	946.64			5310 430600	930		101000
		Total for Vendor:	946.64						

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45706	E	1879 EVERGREEN WASTE CONNECTIONS	505.25						
		4580315V41 03/01/24 FAC- 03/01/24-03/31/24	91.65			1000 411200	340		101000
		4580315V41 03/01/24 STRS-03/01/24-03/31/24	184.55			2500 430200	340		101000
		4580315V41 03/01/24 WTR-03/01/24-03/31/24	91.65			5210 430500	340		101000
		4580315V41 03/01/24 SWR-03/01/24-03/31/24	76.30			5310 430600	340		101000
		4580315V41 03/01/24 PRKS-03/01/24-03/31/24	61.10			1000 460400	340		101000
		Total for Vendor:	505.25						
45688		1383 FASTENAL COMPANY	119.18						
		MTKAL27712 03/28/24 STRS-NUTS AND SCREWS	119.18			2500 430200	240		101000
		Total for Vendor:	119.18						
45725		438 FERGUSON WATERWORKS	887.67						
		2492677 04/04/24 WTR-METER SPUDS	26.18			5210 430500	230		101000
		0879697 04/04/24 WTR-METER RADIOS	700.89			5210 430500	230		101000
		0879682 04/03/24 WTR-3/4 IPERL 100GAL 3 WIRE	160.60			5210 430500	230		101000
		Total for Vendor:	887.67						
45726	E	2961 FIRST BANKCARD-ELECTRONIC PYMT	6,220.62						
		022224 02/22/24 SWR-DIAPHRAGM PRESSURE SWITCH	629.10			5310 430600	240		101000
		031824 03/18/24 SWR-RETURN/CREDIT DIAPHRAGM PR	-629.10			5310 430600	240		101000
		032324 02/24/24 FD-INCIDENT SAFETY OFFICER BOO	98.18			1000 420400	380		101000
		022224 02/22/24 FD-DRY ERASE WHITEBRD PAPER	98.85			1000 420400	220		101000
		022824 02/28/24 PD-ICE CLEATS	31.49			1000 420100	220		101000
		022724 02/27/24 PD-KEY TAGS	40.84			1000 420100	220		101000
		WM60941535 03/01/24 FD-WHITEBOARD	424.98			1000 420400	220		101000
		W110252 02/27/24 PD-DNA SWABS/KITS	165.50			1000 420100	220		101000
		W110252 02/27/24 PD-SHIPPING FOR DNA SWABS/SUP	32.51			1000 420100	220		101000
		9825057 02/23/24 PD-USB FLASH DRIVES/BINDERS	71.37*			1000 420100	210		101000
		1473023 02/28/24 WTR-UB CLERK CHAIR	34.99			5210 430500	212		101000
		1473023 02/28/24 SWR-UB CLERK CHAIR	34.99			5310 430600	212		101000
		774337 03/01/24 PD-RICE B HOTEL FOR TRAINING	668.80			1000 420100	380		101000
		WJ50646643 03/01/24 FAC-WASHER	577.00			1000 411200	212		101000
		030224 03/02/24 AMAZON WEB SERVICES	135.00			1000 410580	355		101000
		2024020071 02/29/24 WTR-BACKGROUNCK CHK TOPP.J	197.27			5210 430500	355		101000
		8737025 03/04/24 SWR-CHAIRS QTY4	378.47			5310 430600	212		101000

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	2701802232	03/05/24 ADOBE SUBSCRIPTION PW	239.88			1000 410580	355		101000
	3354515	03/06/24 GRANT SPONSORSHIP	37.09			1000 410100	399		101000
	17596	03/07/24 FD-WHITE BOARD	154.99			1000 420400	220		101000
	17596	03/07/24 FD-CR WHITE BOARD RTRN	-154.99			1000 420400	220		101000
	1981818	03/12/24 FD-FD SAFETY OFFICER BOOK	72.99			1000 420400	380		101000
	11242	03/12/24 FD-DIGITAL INTERCOM	1,482.85			1000 420400	220		101000
	ADS1376	03/13/24 PD-THERMAL BLANKETS	139.76			1000 420100	220		101000
	598206	03/13/24 PRK-HANDLE BAG CASE OF 2400	519.88			1000 460400	220		101000
	25972	03/14/24 SWR-DIFFERENTIAL PRESSURE SWIT	891.00			5310 430600	240		101000
	102661	03/15/24 MONTANA SKY NET	81.95			5210 430500	345		101000
	9985	03/20/24 FD-FACEPIECE NAME PLATE	36.98			1000 420400	220		101000
	032024	03/20/24 PD-B2G TRN REFUND	-225.00			1000 420100	380		101000
	030124	03/01/24 AMAZON WHITEBRD RETURN	-47.00			1000 420400	220		101000
		Total for Vendor:	6,220.62						
45678		3104 FIRST CALL COMPUTER SOLUTIONS,	1,800.00						
	95646	04/01/24 COMP-APRIL IT SERVICES	1,800.00			1000 410580	355		101000
45701		3104 FIRST CALL COMPUTER SOLUTIONS,	58.80						
	96019	03/31/24 COMP - MARCH IT SERVICES	58.80			1000 410580	355		101000
		Total for Vendor:	1,858.80						
45687		1892 FLATHEAD COUNTY	75.00						
		APPLIED EPERIENCE ENTERPRISE TRUST							
		TRAT 6C 193020							
	6274	04/02/24 OWNERSHIP LIST-ENTERPRISE TRUS	75.00			1000 411000	390		101000
		Total for Vendor:	75.00						
45700		22 FLATHEAD COUNTY CLERK & RECORDER	56.00						
		DOC# 202400004272							
	1075602	03/08/24 PLN-SUBDIVISION IMPROVEMENT	56.00			1000 411000	331		101000
		Total for Vendor:	56.00						
45710		2569 FLATHEAD COUNTY OES - FECC	1,642.74						
		4th QTR FY24							
		NETMOTION/TICKET WRITER ANNUAL RENEWAL							
		FIELD MOBILE/MAPPING/MOBILITY HOSTING							
	202402	04/09/24 PD-NETMOTION/TICKET WRTR	1,642.74			1000 420100	335		101000
		Total for Vendor:	1,642.74						

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45691		663 FLATHEAD COUNTY SOLID WASTE	2,650.43						
	13314	04/24/24 SWR-SLUDGE HAUL 03/05-03/28	2,650.43			5310 430600	395		101000
		Total for Vendor:	2,650.43						
45679		24 FLATHEAD COUNTY TREASURER	607.50						
	040324	04/03/24 CRT-TECH SUR 03/24	278.00			1000 212201			101000
	040324	04/03/24 CRT-LEA/CRIM CONV SURCHRG 3/24	329.50			1000 212201			101000
		Total for Vendor:	607.50						
45720		21 FLATHEAD ELECTRIC COOP INC	14,409.69						
	040924	04/09/24 FAC-02/25/24-03/25/24	383.17			1000 411200	341		101000
	040924	04/09/24 PD-02/25/24-03/25/24	40.73			1000 420100	341		101000
	040924	04/09/24 FD-02/25/24-03/25/24	381.75			1000 420400	341		101000
	040924	04/09/24 PRKS-02/25/24-03/25/24	452.74			1000 460400	341		101000
	040924	04/09/24 POOL-02/25/24-03/25/24	72.97			1000 460445	341		101000
	040924	04/09/24 LIGHTING-02/25/24-03/25/24	2,537.82			2400 430200	341		101000
	040924	04/09/24 STRS-02/25/24-03/25/24	144.48			2500 430200	341		101000
	040924	04/09/24 WTR-02/25/24-03/25/24	3,706.89			5210 430500	341		101000
	040924	04/09/24 SWR-02/25/24-03/25/24	6,689.14			5310 430600	341		101000
		Total for Vendor:	14,409.69						
45719		3239 FLATHEAD ELECTRIC COOP/ WORK	1,576.00						
		BRESNAN COMMUNICATIONS LLC 20240358							
	20240358	03/28/24 POLE/CLEVIS/CONDUIT/RISER	1,576.00			2310 470300	930		101000
		Total for Vendor:	1,576.00						
45689		3019 FLATHEAD PUBLISHING GROUP	1,454.00						
	14093	03/13/24 SWR- WWTP OPERATOR - JOB AD	1,454.00*			5310 430600	331		101000
		Total for Vendor:	1,454.00						
45727		3163 HANLEY, CHRIS	46.00						
		MRWS CONFERENCE IN GREAT FALLS 3/19/24-0/22/24							
	041124	04/11/24 WTR-MEALS REIMB	23.00			5210 430500	380		101000
	041124	04/11/24 SWR-MEALS REIMB	23.00			5310 430600	380		101000
		Total for Vendor:	46.00						

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45708		2806 HANSON'S HARDWARE	736.98						
	609833	04/01/24 FAC-BATTERIES PUBLIC BATHROOM	7.99			1000 411200	220		101000
	609899	04/05/24 WTR- H2O PARTS	29.01			5210 430500	220		101000
	609806	03/29/24 FAC- FD KITCHEN FAUCET	229.99*			1000 411200	240		101000
	609924	04/08/24 WTR- 40 GAL WTR HEATER	469.99			5210 430500	240		101000
		Total for Vendor:	736.98						
45724		2845 HEARTWOOD TREE SERVICE	500.00						
	031324	03/13/24 SWR-FALLING/RIGGING/BUCKING	500.00			5310 430600	399		101000
		Total for Vendor:	500.00						
45681		3153 LEXIPOL, LLC	1,302.95						
		CONTRACT TERM 12/1/23-11/30/2024							
	INVPR1202	11/01/23 PD-POLICEONE ACADEMY CONTR	1,302.95		2	1000 420100	335		101000
		Total for Vendor:	1,302.95						
45675		162 LOGAN HEALTH - WHITEFISH	40.00						
	040324	03/18/24 PD-EVIDENCE	20.00			1000 420100	390		101000
	040324	03/10/24 PD-EVIDENCE	20.00			1000 420100	390		101000
		Total for Vendor:	40.00						
45695		916 MID-AMERICAN RESEARCH CHEMICAL	242.35						
	0815085-IN	03/22/24 SWR-BREAKAWAY OIL	242.35*			5310 430600	220		101000
		Total for Vendor:	242.35						
45686		631 MONTANA DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENTAL	1,500.00						
		MT0020036-OUTFALL CHARGE							
	5L2401649	03/29/24 Swr-Annual Permit MT0020036	1,500.00			5310 430600	391		101000
		Total for Vendor:	1,500.00						
45703		43 MONTANA ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORY	459.00						
	2401938	03/05/24 SWR-AMMONIA/NITRATE/TKN	67.00			5310 430600	394		101000
	2401939	03/11/24 SWR-ALUMINUM DISSOLVED	15.00			5310 430600	394		101000
	2401938	03/12/24 SWR-AMMON/NITRATE+NITRITE,TKN	92.00			5310 430600	394		101000
	2402222	03/19/24 SWR-NITRATE+NITRITE, TKN	67.00			5310 430600	394		101000
	2402430	03/25/24 SWR-NITRATE/NITRITE/TKN	67.00			5210 430500	394		101000

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	2402027	03/08/24 WTR-COLIFORM/COPIES	151.00			5210 430500	394		101000
		Total for Vendor:	459.00						
45696		3213 MONTANA FENCE	1,961.00						
	52406	03/29/24 STR-PIPE FOR SIGN POLES	1,961.00*			2500 430200	242		101000
		Total for Vendor:	1,961.00						
45702		103 MONTANA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY	1,500.00						
	24048	04/04/24 PD-LODGING & MEALS, HALL,TODD	1,500.00			1000 420100	380		101000
		Total for Vendor:	1,500.00						
45713		3119 MONTANA TRUCK WORKS, LLC	1,954.25						
		2012 ROSENBAUER CUMMINS ANNUAL SERVICE							
		2009 KENWORTH REPLACEMENT OF 4.5" GAUGE							
	211645	04/08/24 FD-2012 ROSENBAUER ANNUAL MAIN	1,548.78			1000 420400	361		101000
	211647	04/08/24 FD-2009 KENWORTH 4.5" GAUGE	405.47			1000 420400	361		101000
		Total for Vendor:	1,954.25						
45692		908 NEWMAN SIGNS, INC.	476.97						
	TRFINV0530	04/03/24 STRS-PARKING/SPECIAL TRAFF	476.97*			2500 430200	242		101000
		Total for Vendor:	476.97						
45676		520 NORCO, INC.	40.05						
	40303036	03/31/24 STR-CYLNDR RENT MARCH	12.71			2500 430200	220		101000
	40100010	03/05/24 STR-OXYGEN CYLINDERS	27.34			2500 430200	220		101000
		Total for Vendor:	40.05						
45729		3231 NORTHERN ROCKIES FIRE	174.00						
	318	04/09/24 FD-FULL BRIM HAT RED QTY 2	174.00			1000 420400	226		101000
		Total for Vendor:	174.00						
45711		1437 NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	2,155.27						
		NATURAL GAS SERVICE 02/20/24-03/25/24							
	032724	03/27/24 FAC-02/20/24-03/25/24	439.37			1000 411200	344		101000
	032724	03/27/24 PD-02/20/24-03/25/24	76.78			1000 420100	344		101000
	032724	03/27/24 FD-02/20/24-03/25/24	402.53			1000 420400	344		101000
	032724	03/27/24 STRS-02/20/24-03/25/24	281.75			2500 430200	344		101000

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	032724	03/27/24 SWR-02/20/24-03/25/24	881.61			5310 430600	344		101000
		Total for Vendor:	2,155.27						
45694		801 PACIFIC STEEL & RECYCLING	771.68						
		20' SQUARE TUBE,HR FLAT 20', 20' ANGLE							
		4X4 SQ.PLATES FOR SIGN BASES							
		SAW PROCESSING							
	1474374	03/28/24 STR- SQ/FLAT/ANGLE FOR SIGNS	225.18			2500 430200	240		101000
	1474261	04/28/22 STR -4X4 SQ PLATES/SAW PROCES	546.50*			2500 430200	242		101000
		Total for Vendor:	771.68						
45717		3193 POMP'S TIRE SERVICE INC	213.36						
	2090006955	04/03/24 WTR-TPRES HYDRANT METER TR	213.36			5210 430500	240		101000
		Total for Vendor:	213.36						
45693		2769 RESPONSE EQUIPMENT SPECIALISTS,	13,601.31						
	6314	03/29/24 PD-2023 DODGE DURANGO UPFIT	13,601.31			4020 420100	940		101000
		Total for Vendor:	13,601.31						
45709		299 SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.6	6,000.00						
	1571	04/02/24 YTH REC PROGRAM YR 2023/2024	6,000.00			1000 460400	399		101000
		Total for Vendor:	6,000.00						
45732		999999 SHARON SUE HAYS	1,462.80						
	041124	04/11/24 REFUND HAYS SUE SHARON	1,462.80			5210 214010			101000
		Total for Vendor:	1,462.80						
45697		2755 SHERWIN-WILLIAMS CO	259.88						
	5495-4	04/02/24 FAC-PAINT ALABASTER/GRAY	259.88*			1000 411200	240		101000
		Total for Vendor:	259.88						
45674		3175 SIGN SOLUTIONS USA, LLC	519.23						
	410849	03/26/24 STR-SIGNS	519.23*			2500 430200	242		101000
		Total for Vendor:	519.23						

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Claim/	Check	Vendor #/Name/ Invoice #/Inv Date/Description	Document \$/ Line \$	Disc \$	PO #	Fund Org Acct	Object	Proj	Cash Account
45730		862 SUCCESSFUL SIGNS AND AWARDS	18.00						
	11351	03/28/24 PLG-PING J. NAME PLATE	18.00			1000 411000	210		101000
		Total for Vendor:	18.00						
45714		1653 SUPER 1 FOODS	684.60						
		HACH TOTAL PHOSPHATE							
		HR TOTAL PHOSPHORUS							
		SEROLOGICAL PIPET 5ML LARGE							
	00318376	03/27/24 SWR-HACH PHOSPHATE SET	226.00			5310 430600	222		101000
	00318376	03/27/24 SWR- HR PHOSPHORUS TEST TUBE	173.00			5310 430600	222		101000
	00318376	03/27/24 SWR- 3-SEROLOGICAL PIPET LAR	142.80			5310 430600	222		101000
	00318810	03/27/24 SWR- 3-SEROLOGICAL PIPET LAR	142.80			5310 430600	222		101000
		Total for Vendor:	684.60						
45715		2699 THE MAIL ROOM, INC	286.50						
		INVOICE #D119341							
	D119341	03/31/24 PD-MAIL SRVS 03/18/24-3/29/24	12.49			1000 420100	310		101000
	D119341	03/01/24 FIN-MAIL SRVS 03/18/24-3/29/2	38.85*			1000 410500	310		101000
	D119341	03/01/24 WTR-MAIL SRVS 03/18/24-3/29/2	71.91			5210 430500	310		101000
	D119341	03/01/24 SWR-MAIL SRVS 03/18/24-3/29/2	71.91			5310 430600	310		101000
	D119341	03/01/24 CRT-MAIL SRVS 03/18/24-3/29/2	53.14			1000 410360	310		101000
	D119341	03/01/24 PLN-MAIL SRVS 03/18/24-3/29/2	38.20			1000 411000	310		101000
		Total for Vendor:	286.50						
45718		1623 THE UPS STORE #4515	77.63						
	020984	04/05/24 PD-EVIDENCE SHIPPING CR-2617	12.67			1000 420100	310		101000
	021023	04/08/24 PD-EVIDENCE SHIPPING CR-2670	12.67			1000 420100	310		101000
	020815	03/27/24 PD-EVIDENCE SHIPPING	22.24			1000 420100	310		101000
	020903	04/01/24 PD-INTOX TO CRIME LAB	30.05			1000 420100	310		101000
		Total for Vendor:	77.63						
45698		3016 TRANSUNION RISK AND ALTERNATIVE	100.00						
	202403-1	03/01/24 PD- CONTRACT 03/01/24-03/31/	100.00			1000 420100	335		101000
		Total for Vendor:	100.00						

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Claim/	Check	Vendor #/Name/ Invoice #/Inv Date/Description	Document \$/ Line \$	Disc \$	PO #	Fund Org Acct	Object	Proj	Cash Account
45716		3063 UTILITIES UNDERGROUND LOCATION	68.80						
		MONTH OF SERVICE MARCH							
		40 TOTAL							
	4035076	03/31/24 WTR-MAR 2024 UDIGS	22.94			5210 430500	318		101000
	4035076	03/31/24 SWR-MAR 2024 UDIGS	22.93			5310 430600	318		101000
	4035076	03/31/24 STRS-MAR 2024 UDIGS	22.93			2500 430200	318		101000
		Total for Vendor:	68.80						
45680		1134 VICTIM-WITNESS ADVOCATE PROGRAM	260.00						
	040324	04/03/24 CRTS-MARCH 2024	260.00			2917 410360	356		101000
		Total for Vendor:	260.00						
45699		84 WESTERN BUILDING CENTER	127.83						
	41738222	03/28/24 FAC- FD PAINTING SUPPLES	25.65			1000 411200	220		101000
	41739852	03/29/24 FD-BRUSH/CADDY/SPRAY BOTTLE	18.17			1000 420400	220		101000
	41746963	04/03/24 FD-BASKET/ADHESIVE/STAPLE GU	58.75			1000 420400	220		101000
	41743058	04/01/24 FAC-FLANGE/WAX RING	15.68*			1000 411200	240		101000
	41735595	03/27/24 STR-DRILL BIT	9.58			2500 430200	220		101000
		Total for Vendor:	127.83						
45712	E	2733 WEX Fleet Universal	5,783.71						
		STATEMENT ENDING 03/31/24							
	96139658	03/31/24 PD-MAR FUEL	2,476.34			1000 420100	231		101000
	96139658	03/31/24 FIRE-MAR FUEL	971.82			1000 420400	231		101000
	96139658	03/31/24 PRKS-MAR FUEL	143.65			1000 460400	231		101000
	96139658	03/31/24 WTR-MAR FUEL	177.14			5210 430500	231		101000
	96139658	03/31/24 SWR-MAR FUEL	300.09			5310 430600	231		101000
	96139658	03/31/24 STRS-MAR FUEL	1,288.72			2500 430200	231		101000
	96139658	03/31/24 PD-TRAINING	425.95			1000 420100	380		101000
		Total for Vendor:	5,783.71						
45704		3235 Z&M ENTERPRISE, LLC	4,825.00						
	751	04/02/24 SWR-REPLACEMENT LAMP/SLEEVE	4,825.00*			5310 430600	220		101000
		Total for Vendor:	4,825.00						
		# of Claims	58	Total:	101,269.21	# of Vendors	53		
		Total Electronic Claims			12,509.58				
		Total Non-Electronic Claims			88759.63				

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Fund/Account	Amount
1000 GENERAL FUND	
101000 CASH/CASH EQUIVALENTS	36,677.31
2310 TAX INCREMENT DISTRICT FUND	
101000 CASH/CASH EQUIVALENTS	6,884.57
2394 BUILDING CODE ENFORCEMENT FUND	
101000 CASH/CASH EQUIVALENTS	2,000.00
2400 SPECIAL LIGHTING DISTRICT FUND	
101000 CASH/CASH EQUIVALENTS	2,537.82
2500 SPECIAL STREET MAINTENANCE DISTRICT FUND	
101000 CASH/CASH EQUIVALENTS	5,879.54
2917 CRIME VICTIMS ASSISTANCE FUND	
101000 CASH/CASH EQUIVALENTS	260.00
4020 CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND - General	
101000 CASH/CASH EQUIVALENTS	13,601.31
5210 WATER ENTERPRISE FUND	
101000 CASH/CASH EQUIVALENTS	8,460.47
5310 SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND	
101000 CASH/CASH EQUIVALENTS	24,968.19
 Total:	 101,269.21

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Council Meeting Date: April 15, 2024

Claims Submitted to Council: \$ 101,269.21

Claims Denied/Withheld by Council Finance Committee: \$ _____ Claim #'s: _____

Prepared By: Shawn Bates, Finance Director

S. Bates

Approved by Susan M. Nicosia, City Manager

S. Nicosia

City Council to Approve by motion on consent agenda

Mayor and Council -

This is the 5th month this fiscal year that the City has had to submit the minimum \$2k payment to Whitefish for building permits. The City is paying SD 6 the \$6,000 contribution toward the rec programs. The School District reported significantly increased participation this year. Also in the claims is a payment to RES for \$13.6 for the 2023 Durgano parts for the new police vehicle. We will get the bill for installation once it is complete.

Other claims are routine or planned. Please contact me should you have any questions.

S. Bates

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Payroll Summary For Payrolls from 03/31/24 to 03/31/24

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Total for Payroll Checks

	Employee	Employer	Amount
Total		0.00	
Total Payroll Expense (Gross Pay + Employer Contributions):		0.00	

Check Summary

Payroll Checks Prev. Out.	\$71,021.08
Payroll Checks Issued	\$20,930.24
Payroll Checks Redeemed	\$9,827.04
Payroll Checks Outstanding	\$82,124.28
Electronic Checks	\$3,105.82

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Quarterly
Reports
\$24,036.00

	Carried Forward From Previous Month	Deduction Checks Issued	Difference	Liab Account
Deductions Accrued				
Total Ded.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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Total for Payroll Checks

	Employee	Employer	Amount
ADDL HOURS (Additional)	0.00		1,885.33
SICK HOURS (Sick Time)	3.69		149.08
VACA HOURS (Vacation Time Used)	140.51		5,676.60
GROSS PAY	7,711.01	0.00	
NET PAY	5,081.92	0.00	
FIT	879.68	0.00	
FLEX ALLEGIANCE	133.33	2.50	
HEALTHINS/PRE	117.18	1,055.00	
MEDICARE	108.18	108.18	
P.E.R.S.	609.17	699.39	
SIT	319.00	0.00	
SOCIAL SECURITY	462.55	462.55	
UNEMPL. INSUR.	0.00	34.70	
WORKERS' COMP	0.00	109.73	
FIT/SIT BASE	6,851.33	0.00	
MEDICARE BASE	7,460.50	0.00	
PERS BASE	7,711.01	0.00	
SOC SEC BASE	7,460.50	0.00	
UN BASE	7,711.01	0.00	
WC BASE	7,711.01	0.00	
Total		2,472.05	
Total Payroll Expense (Gross Pay + Employer Contributions):			10,183.06

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 Final pay
 \$ 7422.06
 Bob Staaland

Check Summary

Payroll Checks Prev. Out.	\$82,124.28
Payroll Checks Issued	\$5,081.92
Payroll Checks Redeemed	\$60,674.44
Payroll Checks Outstanding	\$26,531.76
Electronic Checks	\$2,340.14

Deductions Accrued	Carried Forward From Previous Month	Deduction Checks Issued	Difference	Liab Account
Social Security	925.10	925.10		212260
Medicare	216.36	216.36		212260
P.E.R.S.	1308.56	1644.56	2953.12	212270
Unempl. Insur.	34.70	34.70	69.40	212210
Workers' Comp	109.73	109.73	219.46	212220
FIT	879.68	879.68		212260
SIT	319.00	319.00		212260
HEALTHINS/PRE	1172.18	1172.18	2344.36	212400
FLEX ALLEGIANCE	135.83	135.83	271.66	212285
Total Ded.	5101.14	3097.00	5858.00	

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Total for Payroll Checks

	Employee	Employer	Amount
COMA HOURS (Comp Time Accumulated)	12.00		
COMP HOURS (Comp Time Used)	8.00		240.80
OTHE HOURS (Other Time Used)	80.00		3,329.60
OVER HOURS (Overtime)	39.50		1,830.37
PERS HOURS (Personal Time Used)	10.00		360.60
REG HOURS (Regular Time)	2,331.75		72,154.85
SFTO HOURS (Shift Sup/FTO - \$1.5/hour)	48.00		72.00
SHFN HOURS (Shift B)	347.50		695.00
SHFQ HOURS (OVT B)	2.00		6.00
SICK HOURS (Sick Time)	87.25		2,224.25
VACA HOURS (Vacation Time Used)	260.00		8,330.89
GROSS PAY	89,244.36	0.00	
NET PAY	61,416.56	0.00	
AFLAC-POSTTAX	86.97	0.00	
AFLAC-PRETAX	165.04	0.00	
CHILD SUPPORT P	206.76	0.00	
CITY OF CF ELEC	1,948.00	0.00	
CITY OF COLUMBI	20.00	0.00	
FIT	6,962.75	0.00	
FLEX ALLEGIANCE	649.00	20.00	
FOP	450.00	0.00	
HEALTHINS/PRE	2,806.54	24,732.50	
MEDICARE	1,241.27	1,241.27	
MT ST FIRE ASSO	102.99	0.00	
NATIONWIDE/CITY	0.00	1,929.11	
NATIONWIDE/EMP	238.33	0.00	
P.E.R.S.	3,479.71	3,995.06	
PERS RETIREE	0.00	97.96	
PERS/FURS	1,101.88	1,478.80	
PERS/POLICE	2,809.46	4,498.22	
SIT	2,353.00	0.00	
SOCIAL SECURITY	2,766.05	2,766.05	
TEAMSTERS DUES	297.00	0.00	
UNEMPL. INSUR.	0.00	401.59	
UNUM LIFE INS.	143.05	0.00	
WORKERS' COMP	0.00	2,727.29	
CHARLES SCHWAB	1,728.39	0.00	
FIRST INTERSTAT	1,163.79	0.00	
FREEDOM BANK	3,574.63	0.00	
GLACIER BANK KA	7,956.23	0.00	
GLACIER BANK MS	2,948.67	0.00	
GLACIER BANK/CF	18,114.57	0.00	
GLACIER BANK/WF	1,903.83	0.00	
NAVY FEDERAL CR	1,924.49	0.00	
PARKSIDE CR U	5,497.58	0.00	
REGIONS BANK	2,139.54	0.00	
STRIDE BANK	1,154.29	0.00	
USAA FEDERAL	1,435.02	0.00	

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 Payroll
 \$103,552.42
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USBANK.	803.65	0.00
WELLS FARGO	2,116.52	0.00
WELLS FARGO, TX	1,682.28	0.00
WFISH CR UNION	7,273.08	0.00
FIT/SIT BASE	76,046.40	0.00
MEDICARE BASE	85,604.89	0.00
PERS BASE	86,640.99	0.00
SOC SEC BASE	44,613.61	0.00
UN BASE	89,244.36	0.00
WC BASE	88,634.23	0.00

Total 43,887.85
Total Payroll Expense (Gross Pay + Employer Contributions): 133,132.21

Check Summary

Payroll Checks Prev. Out.	\$87,206.20
Payroll Checks Issued	\$2,497.19
Payroll Checks Redeemed	\$60,674.44
Payroll Checks Outstanding	\$29,028.95
Electronic Checks	\$101,055.43

Deductions Accrued	Carried Forward From Previous Month	Deduction Checks Issued	Difference	Liab Account
Social Security	5532.10	5532.10		212260
Medicare	2482.54	2482.54		212260
P.E.R.S.	7474.77	1644.56	9119.33	212270
Unempl. Insur.	401.59	436.29	837.88	212210
Workers' Comp	2727.29	2837.02	5564.31	212220
FIT	6962.75	6962.75		212260
SIT	2353.00	2353.00		212260
AFLAC-PRETAX	165.04	165.04	330.08	212230
NATIONWIDE/EMP	238.33	238.33		212280
Teamsters dues	297.00	297.00	594.00	212310
PERS/Police	7307.68	7307.68		212240
NATIONWIDE/CITY	1929.11	1929.11		212280
AFLAC-POSTTAX	86.97	86.97	173.94	212230
PERS/FURS	2580.68	2580.68		212275
MT ST FIRE ASSO	102.99	102.99		212315
HEALTHINS/PRE	27539.04	28711.22	56250.26	212400
CITY OF COLUMBI	20.00	20.00		212450
UNUM LIFE INS.	143.05	143.05	286.10	212400
FLEX ALLEGIANCE	669.00	135.83	804.83	212285
CHILD SUPPORT P	206.76	206.76		212330
FOP	450.00	450.00		212335
CITY OF CF ELEC	1948.00	1948.00		212450
PERS RETIREE	97.96	97.96		212270
Total Ded.	71715.65	34456.98	42136.06	64036.57

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CITY OF COLUMBIA FALLS
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
HELD APRIL 1, 2024

Mayor Barnhart called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Councilor King, Councilor Lovering, Councilor Piper, Councilor Robinson, Councilor Shepard, and Mayor Barnhart. Absent: Councilor Price.

Also present: City Manager Nicosia, Public Works Clerk Sobczak, City Attorney Breck via Zoom, and Police Chief Peters.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Robinson made motion to approve the agenda, motion seconded by Piper. Motion carried with all present voting in favor.

CONSENT AGENDA: Councilor Piper made motion to approve the consent agenda noting all claims appeared to be in order, seconded by Councilor Lovering with Council voting as follows. Ayes: Robinson, Shepard, King, Lovering, Piper and Barnhart.

Approval of Claims - \$106,038.31 - April 1, 2024

Approval of Special Payroll Claims - March 28, 2024 - \$1,537.69

Approval of Payroll Claims - March 29, 2024 - \$172,590.23

Approval of March 18, 2024, Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

Approval of Memorandum of Understanding - Flathead County EMS and City of Columbia Falls - Non-Transport Agencies (QRU) and authorize City Manager to execute.

Approval of Records Destruction Request

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT (Items not on agenda)

Darin Fisher, 303 3rd Avenue West, Columbia Falls. Mr. Fisher noted that he received professional assistance from Police Officer Stufflebeem. Columbus Park is being used a lot immediately after the nets were put up and the courts were opened. It was great to see the courts open as soon as the weather permitted. Lastly, he had a good interaction with the Water Department when his meter was not working, in 20 minutes it was replaced.

PRESENTATIONS:

5 Year Pin - John Paliga - WWTP Operator 2

Mayor Barnhart presented a 5-years of service pin to John Paliga in the Sewer Department.

Fish, Wildlife & Parks - Justine Vallieres, Bear Conflict Management Specialist and People and Carnivores - Ryan Wilbur: Update on Mitigating Conflict/City Partnership

Justine Vallieres presented a power point on Bear Conflict Management recapping last year in Columbia Falls. She showed recorded collared bears in a 10-to-15-year window in the Flathead Valley, Columbia Falls and surrounding areas showing the area is a funnel for bears moving down the Flathead River. The goal is to mitigate human-bear conflicts such as managing attractants and enforcement of ordinances. Vallieres sought feedback on the effectiveness of the ordinance and Chief Peters answered that there were no reports of grizzly bears and only a few reports of black bears. Mayor Barnhart mentioned that the changing of garbage pickup time on the east side of town seems to have helped the problem a lot. Mayor Barnhart also about the

chances of a grizzly bear encounter at River's Edge Park. Vallieres said that it is minimal since bears are primarily active at night, especially in public places. Councilor Lovering was wondering if there are packets available for vacation rentals. Vallieres said they are available from People and Carnivores.

Ryan Wilbur, People and Carnivores, continued the presentation with another power point and passed out examples of the packets that are available to the Council. The packets are helpful reminders of the ways property owners or renters can mitigate attractants for wild animals. Wilbur went over bear behavior, attractants, and the tools that People and Carnivores have available for the public such as education and resources, garbage management, and the packets. Wilbur then asked if there were any questions. Lovering asked if they have reached out to property managing companies? Wilbur said not yet but he is interested in doing that. Wilbur continued with his presentation going over his attractant assessment in Columbia Falls. He has worked with the City and has helped increase the amount of bearproof trash cans in the parks. He finished by asking if there were any more questions. Lovering asked how much they work with the schools. Wilbur said that they have not tapped into the schools, but they would like to start thinking about creating an educational kit for students. Nicosia reminded Council that they had put funding in the budget to work with Ryan Wilbur's group therefore the City has been working with them on increasing the bear proof trash cans in the parks and Wilbur performed the attractant assessment to help identify the problem areas.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Amended Call for Bids - WWTP Phase 2 Project

Nicosia said that during the pre-bid meeting for this project the contractors present requested another week before bid opening, so bid opening would be on April 16th, 2024. This requires the City to advertise the bid opening one more time to meet the statutory requirements for advertising and bid openings. Nicosia is recommending a special Council Meeting on April 22nd to award the bid so the project will remain on time. Nicosia is seeking a commitment from the Council for a special meeting on the 22nd of April at the regular meeting time of 7:00 PM. Councilor King made a motion to amend the call for bids to April 16th, 2024, and to schedule a special meeting on April 22nd to award the bid, motion seconded by Councilor Lovering with Council voting as follows. Ayes: Robinson, Shepard, King, Lovering, Piper and Barnhart.

Railroad Street Park/Affordable Housing Discussion

Nicosia reported that the City Council set a priority goal of working on affordable housing during this fiscal year. Council requested City staff to evaluate all city-owned properties for the possibility of building affordable housing, in partnership with NW Montana Land Trust and Habitat for Humanity. Nicosia noted the City Council requested staff to review the property owned by the City on Railroad Street, currently used as a ball field. Nicosia noted that the property was deeded to the City by MT DOT (1978) and is not dedicated parkland. Nicosia reported that she has talked to SD #6 Athletic Director and the Baseball Association President and there are alternate locations for the baseball field currently utilized by t-ball or rookie league. Nicosia reported that any development proposal must go through a planning process whereby applications for growth map amendment, zoning and subdivision approval will be submitted and will go in front of both the Planning Board and Council. Nicosia noted that in the Title 17 Subdivision Regulations, there must be 11% open space or cash-in-lieu. 11% in this case is almost a standard city lot, 6,255 square feet; therefore, part of this acreage is required to be parkland. Nicosia said unfortunately there has been considerable misinformation about this proposal. The City is not putting in apartments for the homeless, that was never the goal, the goal is these units will be affordable, single-family homes. The City does not own other parcels of land that are not used for facilities or dedicated park land. The Northwest Community Land Trust found and purchased the most affordable city lot they could find in the fall of last year and a lengthy analysis is required, by the State before

the City can use the HOME program income to reimburse the Land Trust for that single lot. The money set aside for affordable housing must be used in Columbia Falls and the City has been hard pressed to find a place where it is usable. With respect to Railroad Street Park, an irrigation system was installed in the park in 2020 but a majority of that system will be reused. The goal of tonight's agenda item is for the Council to determine if they want to move forward with this project, knowing that a complete planning process is required.

Mayor Barnhart asked for public comment on the proposal.

Mary-Beth Morand, Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity Flathead Valley, stated that they build nice, affordable houses that are not just given away. Anyone who wants to purchase a house must qualify and jump through all the hoops. Most of their homeowners are middle class that have slipped through the cracks in the current housing market. There are other housing programs for low-income people, Habitat is not that. People can no longer "flip" Habitat houses, equity is capped, and Habitat gets the first right of refusal. They build attractive, energy-efficient houses, there is a current build project in Somers if the Council is interested in seeing examples. Habitat wants to boost communities and build for keeps, making houses that are permanently affordable. 60% of people living in Habitat houses are children so they are very happy to have plenty of green space for a safe place to play.

Darin Fisher, 303 3rd Ave E Columbia Falls. He is an advocate for green space and an advocate for affordable housing in town. He was on the Parks Committee when the irrigation system was installed at this park. The installation was for cost saving since employees did not need to pull hoses and set up sprinklers. He noted the announcement that Pyramid Lumber in Seeley Lake is shutting down due in a large part they could not find employees since employees could not find a house.

Shirley Folkwein, 285 Shooting Star Drive, Columbia Falls, speaking for the Flathead Neighborhood Association. Painful to think that a neighborhood is losing a park, but their mission statement says that they support sensible housing, and this is a good idea to put these two organizations together to find a solution for affordable housing.

Mayor Barnhart asked the Council for their thoughts.

Lovering stated that she would love to move forward on this project. Believing they all understood that when this comes forward and a formal application there is a desirability in green space around homes. She believes this is a homerun.

Shepard stated it is an issue when teachers retire, and they cannot get any new teachers to replace them since there is no affordable housing in this town. This will degrade our education system. Based on current statistics we could be looking at 30,000 more people in the Flathead Valley within 10 years. There are not support systems for this. It is time to do something about this. He supports this project.

Robinson stated that she is in favor of moving forward and there can be some greenspace on this lot with housing on the rest. The baseball situation seems to be taken care of satisfactorily. Change is hard but will happen and she is hoping that a compromise can be reached.

King noted that while she hates to give up a park she also does not like how families are moving away because they cannot afford to live here. The Council must do something to help our families. She is pro sport and pro

housing, and this is actually an affordable housing project, this is what she and the council have been striving for with the goal of affordable housing. We have other areas where we can put a baseball field but there are not other areas to put housing.

Piper agrees there are other places to put a baseball field, especially in the massive soccer fields at the Jr. High. To nurture baseball teams, you need to start them young, in tee ball, which he has coached, they do not need much of a field for tee ball, if you have a backstop. The City rarely gets these opportunities and he believes this project needs to go forward.

Mayor Barnhart said the undeveloped street to the west is 70 feet wide. His thought is to use the first proposed lot and the undeveloped street to give us two lots and develop two single family houses. He has worked with Habitat for 40 years and is a proponent of affordable housing, but he would like to see this reviewed again. Another point noted by Mayor Barnhart is that Columbia Falls does not have housing for employees, and we should rethink the housing situation. In Kalispell there are many apartment buildings, Columbia Falls employees could live in Kalispell and commute to Columbia Falls. There are lots of different ways to look at this, he does not want to lose the green space. He would like to see this green space developed with more parking and irrigation to make it a more usable community park. He does not think baseball is an issue and has been solved but he does not want to lose an existing park.

Shepard asked how many parks the city has. Nicosia answered that there are 14 parks on the City's map. Shepard responded saying there isn't another City that has that many parks. This park has been underused for many years.

Robinson asked about lot size for a Habitat home. Morand answered that she is not sure on the Railroad Street property but using the undeveloped road as a park she believes they could easily get 6 bungalows with enough yard space and garages. Robinson, what is the square footage? Morand, two-bedrooms are about 1300 square feet and three-bedrooms are about 1700 square feet including the garage. Robinson stated that she does not want to postpone this, the longer it is postponed the more time everything will take and there is a lot of hoops to go through.

Nicosia said that the City can start by vetting it through planning. Most lots in the City are platted at 50 feet wide, decades before zoning; the CR-3 zone sets a minimum lot width at 80 feet and all of the setbacks must be met even if a lot is unconforming. The City Planner can meet with Habitat and pencil out a conceptual subdivision design based on the consensus of the council to provide housing and green space.

Shepard asked about the Mitchell Way lot sizes. Nicosia answered that they are CR-5 zoning with townhouses and are small lots with the required green space in the northwest corner. Morand said it would not be a problem for Habitat to bring forward a design. She stated there was a lesson learned from Mitchell Way about storage space and green space as well as parking. Nicosia the City can look at what is proposed here based on this discussion and will bring forward a plan. Barnhart noted that alternatives need to be looked at as well.

NEW BUSINESS:**Award Bid - WWTP Scum Pump and Controls Project - Highgrade Construction - \$109,788**

Nicosia reported that this is one of the projects with HB 355 funding. City staff recommends Council award the bid to Highgrade Construction for \$109,788. Lovering made a motion to award bid to Highgrade Construction for \$109,788, seconded by Shepard with Council voting as follows. Ayes: Robinson, Shepard, King, Lovering, Piper and Barnhart.

REPORTS / BUSINESS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL

Piper began by asking when the volleyball net would be going up at Columbus Park. Nicosia answered they will get the net up ASAP.

King reported that April 6th is the Falls Community cleanup day.

Shepard said the City needs to fill in potholes especially the one next to Mike's Conoco. Nicosia said the cold-mix does not stay in place as long but as soon as the temperature is warmer the hot-mix will be used. Shepard talked about the deer in town and how a mountain lion was filmed taking down a doe and the neighbor might be feeding them. Vallieres mentioned that feeding wildlife is illegal and if seen please report it to a Game Warden.

Mayor Barnhart wondered when the bathroom at Columbus Park would be opened. Nicosia is not sure what was being worked on at that bathroom, but it should be open soon, noting there is no heat at that bathroom. Barnhart then mentioned that Nicosia had said that they are working on getting the River's Edge bathroom back open after freezing in the winter. He was hoping that when it is back operational after repairs that they can post that. Nicosia said that it was not posted online but a sign can be posted on the door and a seasonal use sign can be posted at Columbus Park. Barnhart then mentioned that Parkside Credit Union is beginning construction and wondered if a light will be installed. Nicosia said that it is DOT's call but has not heard anything on their decision and analysis. Nicosia noted that during the Urban Transportation Coordination Meeting that intersection was discussed as it is dysfunctional. Barnhart said every time we mention that the intersection is our priority at those meetings they do not seem to respond. Nicosia said the City will follow up. Barnhart asked when they plant fish into the pond at River's Edge. Nicosia said she does not know but they contact the City when they do, she will ask. Barnhart then mentioned that we really need to get the word out for the need for a 5th member on the Planning Commission. Nicosia said an individual reached out this weekend and it should be on the next Council meeting agenda.

Lovering asked about the box in Columbus Park, noting it is open and wires exposed. Nicosia said that it is a CenturyLink Lumen box, they have been notified multiple times and they do not care that it is open.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Nicosia said the City staff submitted 4 separate House Bill 355 applications, the Wastewater Treatment Plant, Meadow Lake Flow Meter, Water Fire Hydrant replacement and the Veterans Dr Bike Path repair. Nicosia will be meeting with Sandry Construction and the EDA project engineer as Sandry has requested to be released from the contract due to the delay of another year due to the BNSF/MT DOT signal project. EDA is willing to work with the City and it would be ideal if the same contractor accepted the change order. BNSF would not give us the sidewalk easement and EDA will not reimburse without the easement, but their legal department reviewed the letter from BNSF stating that they will give the City an easement so EDA will release funds. The good news is there is movement towards completion. The RAISE Grant Request for Engineering Proposals will

be sent to the project point person for approval and next step is to call for engineering proposals. Historically City Officials and Public Works Committee will review proposals to select an engineer. There has been quite a bit of talk about property tax increased and she has heard from some taxpayers that they have gone up 50%. There was a glitch in the Property Tax Assistance Program that they are not fixing until 2024. If your income qualified you got 80% of the taxable value, but it was limited to the first \$200,000 of your property. Many people’s property valuation had gone above that with the two-year reappraisal, and they were taxed more even though the City and County reduced mills. The community members that were most affected were the ones who qualified for the income-based reduction. The Department of Revenue, for the 2024 year, will have that deduction go up to the first \$350,000. Unfortunately, it will not be fixed until next year. Nicosia reported that Police Chief Peters is retiring in August. The City will be speaking at the next Chamber Meeting and the Mayor and Council members are invited as well. The meet and greet for the City Manager candidates is scheduled for Tuesday night from 6 to 7 with interviews the next day.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORT

Police Chief Peters stated that his retirement is not for negative reasons but is all for positive reasons. This position was a challenge, but it was the most fun he has had in law enforcement. The department is in a perfect place right now for someone new to come in and put the finishing touches on. There will be 10 officers on the road upon completion of training. Chief Peters is very proud of his department and thanked the Manager and Council for their support.

ADJOURN

Councilor Piper motioned to adjourn, seconded by Councilor Lovering and the meeting was adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk

Request for Records Disposal or Transfer Authorization RM60

ENTITY: City of Columbia Falls	PHONE: 406-8924392	E-MAIL: ubclerk@cityofcolumbiafalls.com
CONTACT: Shassity Murphy		2024-03-21
ADDRESS: 130 6th St W, Columbia Falls, MT 59937		DISPOSAL NUMBER:

E-MAIL COMPLETED FORM TO: SOSLocalGovtRecCom@mt.gov OR Mail to the Local Government Records Committee, c/o Department of Administration-Local Government Services, P.O. Box 200547, Helena, MT 59620-0547

***Confidential:** The local government entity must determine if records are confidential or sensitive and mark accordingly.

Schedule #	Item #	Page #	Description of Records (Include description from schedule along with the case # or other identifying information pertinent to your office)	Inclusive Dates		Confidential *	50 Year Rule	Disposal Approval (Committee only)		Agency Comments	Audit History or Committee Comments
				MONTH AND YEAR				Yes	No		
				From	To						
4	4		Example: Bank Statements	10/2001	10/2002		X	X			
8	32	MR13	Example: Commission Records-Minutes	01/1950	10/1990		X	X		Microfilmed	
12	41e		Example: Marriage Licenses	08/1907	09/1972		X		X		
8	7	MR58	Incident Reports	01/1978	01/1998	✓					

emailed to state 3/21/2024

In accordance with 2-6-1202, 7-5-2132, 7-5-4124 and 20-1-212 and upon the order of the governing body, we the undersigned affirm the records listed on this disposal request are not subject to any litigation, legal or regulatory hold, and any financial records listed have been audited. See Notification on Central Registry (Fifty Year Rule) below. Typed name below is acceptable as the signature.

Authorized Local Government Representative: Name: <u>Barb Staalant</u> Title: <u>city clerk</u>	Date: <u>3-21-24</u>	Phone: <u>406-892-4388</u>
Records Custodian: Name: <u>Shassity Murphy</u> Title: <u>UB clerk / Deputy City Clerk</u>	Date: <u>3-21-24</u>	Phone: <u>(406) 892-4392</u>

LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUBCOMMITTEE SIGNATURES REQUIRED FOR DISPOSAL APPROVAL

Department of Administration Committee Member: Name: Signature:	Date:
Montana Historical Society Committee Member: Name: Signature:	Date:
Local Government Committee Member: Name: Signature:	Date:

NOTIFICATION ON CENTRAL REGISTRY

Per MCA 2-6-1205, public records listed on this form that are more than fifty (50) years old and are approved for disposal may not be destroyed until they have been listed on a central registry and offered to various agencies and the public for 30 days.

Request for Records Disposal or Transfer Authorization have been listed on the central registry. Completed by Name: _____ Signature: _____	Unclaimed records may be disposed 30 days after this date:
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FIFTY YEAR RULE:
 Public records more than fifty (50) years old approved for destruction may not be destroyed for 30 days after the date listed on the central registry.

Certificate of Transfer/Destruction/Disposition Comments

I hereby attest that I have destroyed, transferred or retained records as designated by the Local Government Subcommittee. If transferred, I have noted in the "Comments" field above, the entity to which the records have been relocated.

Name: _____	Title: _____	Date: _____
Signature: _____		

RM60 Rev 7 10/1/2023

AGREEMENT FOR TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into this _____ day of _____, 2020, by and between the City of Columbia Falls, 130 6th St West, Columbia Falls, MT 59912, hereafter referred to as the City, and the Nagle Family Trust, hereafter referred to as the Owner.

WHEREAS, the City is in the process of adding concrete sidewalk, curb, and gutter within the established City right-of-way on 2nd Street West in Columbia Falls, Montana, fronting the property owned by the Owner herein;

WHEREAS, the parties hereto desire to mutually agree upon the conditions, requirements and understandings for the establishment of a temporary construction easement as shown in the attached Figure Number 3 upon the property of Owner;

NOW THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein, and other good and valuable considerations, the parties agree as follows:

1. The Owner does hereby grants to the City, its agents, contractors, or assigns permission to enter upon Owner's real property for purposes of constructing new concrete sidewalk, curb, and gutter; asphalt paving; concrete approach aprons, and other improvements as shown in the attached figure.

2. **WORK TO BE ACCOMPLISHED**: The City shall exercise the permission granted herein by removing existing asphalt driveway pavement, removing existing fence, and excavating within existing vegetated lawn areas in accordance with the uniform codes of the State of Montana and local jurisdiction. The disturbed property will then be reasonably restored as shown on the attached figure. Where shown on the attached figure, gravel surfacing shall be placed to a depth of 6 inches and topsoil shall be placed to a depth of 4 inches for restoration purposes. Topsoil areas included in the restoration shall be seeded.

3. **WARRANTY**: The City shall warrant to the Owner, his/her heirs, successors and assigns, for a period of two years following completion of the work described in paragraph 2 herein, that said work has been done in a workmanlike manner and that the Owner's property had been restored to at least its prior condition. It shall be the responsibility of the Owner to notify the City of any settling or other problem during the warranty period. Upon conclusion of said two year period, the City shall have no further responsibility or liability with regard to the work accomplished.

4. **LAYOUT OF THE TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT:** The proposed temporary construction easement shall be established as shown on the attached figure.

5. In the event legal action, including litigation, is undertaken to interpret or enforce any aspect of this agreement, the prevailing party shall be entitled to attorney's fees and court costs.

6. Any modifications of this agreement or additional obligation assumed by either party in connection with this agreement shall be binding only if evidenced in writing signed by each party or an authorized representative of each party.

7. This Agreement shall be construed, interpreted and enforced in accordance with and shall be governed by the laws of the State of Montana applicable to agreements entered into and wholly to be performed therein. In the event of any conflict between any provisions hereof and any applicable laws to the contrary, the latter shall prevail, but this Agreement shall be deemed modified only to the extent necessary to remove such conflicts.

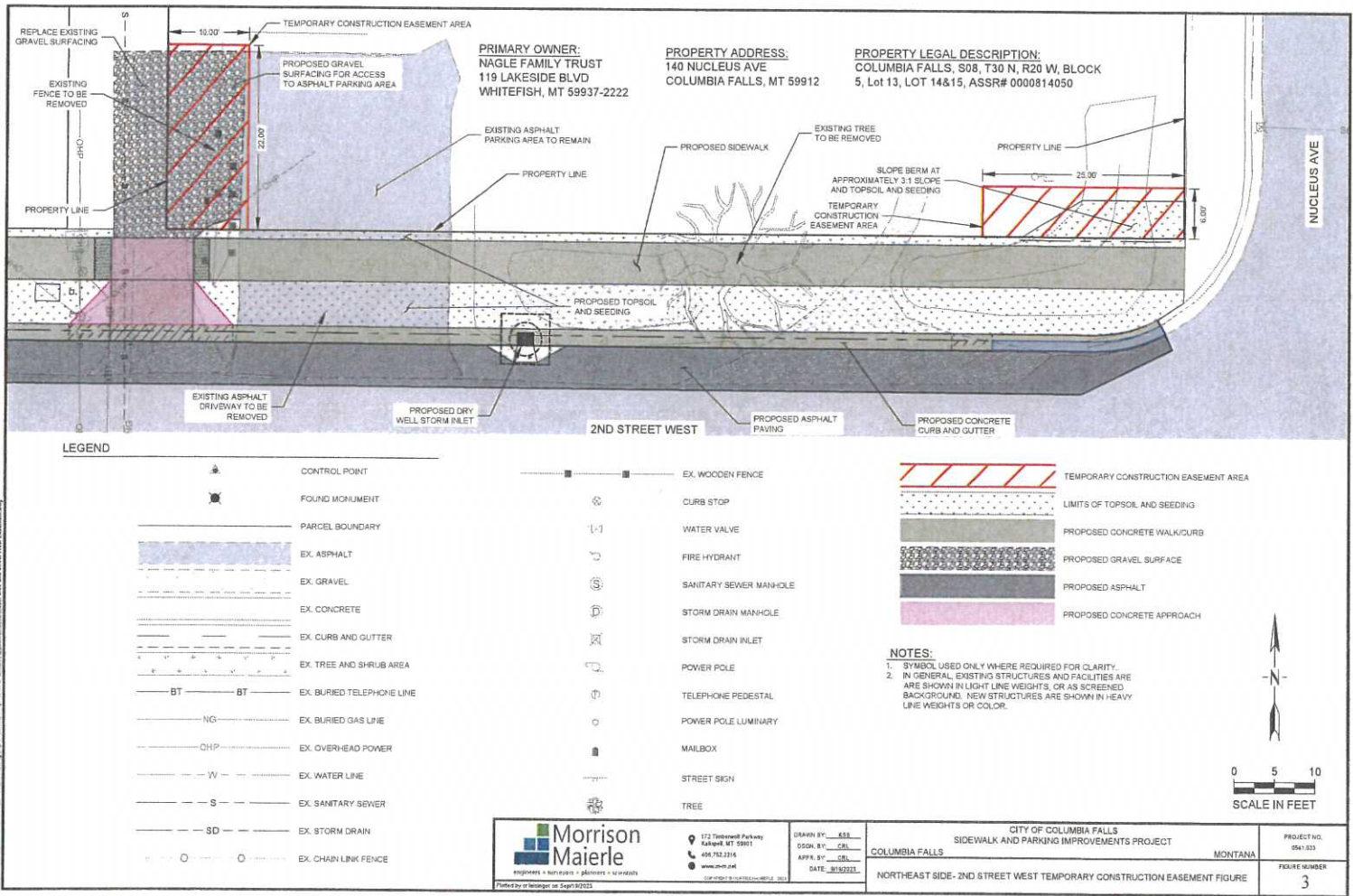
IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties have affixed their signatures on date and year first above written.

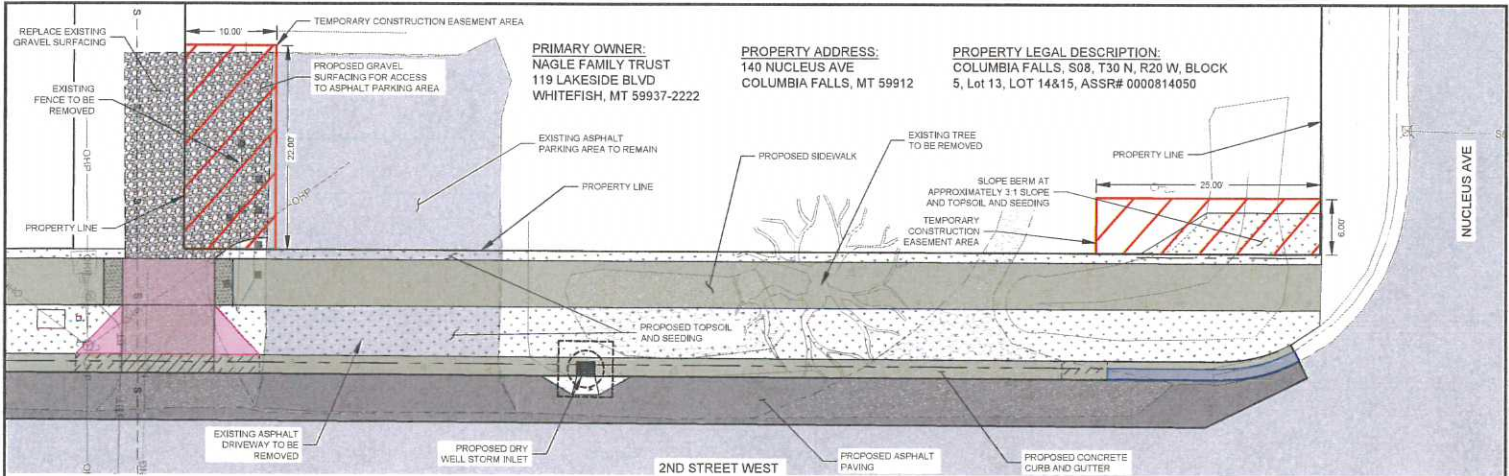
CITY OF COLUMBIA FALLS

OWNER

City Manager

Attest:





LEGEND

	CONTROL POINT
	FOUND MONUMENT
	PARCEL BOUNDARY
	EX. ASPHALT
	EX. GRAVEL
	EX. CONCRETE
	EX. CURB AND GUTTER
	EX. TREE AND SHRUB AREA
	EX. BURIED TELEPHONE LINE
	EX. BURIED GAS LINE
	EX. OVERHEAD POWER
	EX. WATER LINE
	EX. SANITARY SEWER
	EX. STORM DRAIN
	EX. CHAIN LINK FENCE

	EX. WOODEN FENCE
	CURB STOP
	WATER VALVE
	FIRE HYDRANT
	SANITARY SEWER MANHOLE
	STORM DRAIN MANHOLE
	STORM DRAIN INLET
	POWER POLE
	TELEPHONE PEDESTAL
	POWER POLE LUMINARY
	MAILBOX
	STREET SIGN
	TREE

	TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT AREA
	LIMITS OF TOPSOIL AND SEEDING
	PROPOSED CONCRETE WALK/CURB
	PROPOSED GRAVEL SURFACE
	PROPOSED ASPHALT
	PROPOSED CONCRETE APPROACH

NOTES:
 1. SYMBOLS USED ONLY WHERE REQUIRED FOR CLARITY
 2. IN GENERAL, EXISTING STRUCTURES AND FACILITIES ARE SHOWN IN LIGHT LINE WEIGHTS, OR AS SCREENED BACKGROUND. NEW STRUCTURES ARE SHOWN IN HEAVY LINE WEIGHTS OR COLOR.



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			COLUMBIA FALLS, MONTANA		NORTHWEST SIDE - 2ND STREET WEST TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT FIGURE

B Staaland

From: Dulcinea Berube <dulcieberubecf@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 4, 2024 3:35 PM
To: B Staaland
Subject: City Planning Commission

Good Afternoon

First off, I want to thank Susan Nicosia for taking the time to speak with me the other day regarding this commission; her insight and thoughts were very helpful in solidifying my decision to apply and to hopefully assist in the growth and development plan for the city of Columbia Falls.

As an (almost) lifelong resident of Columbia Falls, as well as having both a family and businesses that operate in the city, I have a very vested interest in both the past as well as the future of our town. We have come to a unique time frame where we have already experienced significant change and are on the cusp of even more. I believe that the right individuals and insight can help guide our town to help maintain its character, integrity, and unique lifestyle while still moving forward with a growth mindset.

In my opinion, growth is critical to any entity, whether that be a child, a business or a town. Growth is the development of new and unique ideas and the expansion of the current space or skill set. In all spaces, if you are not growing and evolving, you are in fact, dying. There is a myth of maintaining a status quo, and that is actually just very small growth measures. Our town is resilient (as can be seen by the changing of our industries over the past 20 years) and now has an opportunity to direct the growth and options vs. being drug behind the proverbial runaway horse as we have seen in other communities in this valley. Growth will need to look like new industrial opportunities, technologies and housing options. Our businesses, schools and communities need to have family-friendly options both in number and cost, to allow the vitality of the next generations to live and sustain in our area. Growth will be guided by a general vision but with the flexibility to allow creative solutions as they become available. That being said, there needs to also be a weather eye to the past and the current culture as what we are attempting to "grow" is the unique/different pace of life and values that we all choose to live within and hope to sustain for generations to come.

The vision of our community is generally laid down with the overall zoning and regulations that are put on the various areas. My understanding is that zoning dictates that type and speed of development as well as what types of funding and opportunities are available. Zoning is done to allow thoughtful growth with an eye towards both past and future projects and needs.

The final question that was to be addressed in this letter -- What approach should the Planning Commission use in engaging the community in the new planning process? -- I think is a complex one.

We are at a place and time where the voices of the few often out-shout the opinions of many. I think there are many media options (letters, print, social media, etc) that will need to be utilized, but also face to face conversations are critical to thoughtful discussion. There are many who are anxious and fearful of change but often have less than accurate information. It will be critical that we have multiple opportunities to share the thoughts/plans of this board with the community at large, but also with individuals to make sure all know this is not some faceless "they" who are making decisions, but in actuality are friends and neighbors with a vested interest in guiding a well thought out and creative plan that still gives plenty of room for the values and culture that are such a part of our town.

I hope these thoughts bring some clarity to my motives...and are not too rambling. I would be happy to speak with anyone who had further questions or concerns.

Item No.8.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Dulcie Berube
Cell 406 461-1195

April 15, 2024

To: Mayor & Council

From: City Manager Nicosia

RE: Manager's Report

1. The EDA meeting held to discuss the 12th Ave West completion was productive. The City will complete the contract change documents and release Sandry Construction from the remainder of the project, the paving at the RR crossing and the RR ROW sidewalk completion, an estimated \$67k on the current project documents.
2. The Parks Department had to order poles for the Volleyball pit at Columbus Park so the installation of the net has been delayed. Additionally, tragedy struck the River's Edge Park bathroom sensors (contractor vehicle caught on fire), so new sensors are enroute. Porta potty folks moved the park porta potty to the river location despite being told to keep in place.
3. The County's switch to the new tax system resulted in tax and assessment collections being reported in the wrong fund/type. Therefore, the Finance Director and I have held off submitting a financial report to Council as they revenues funds and sources must be corrected.
4. The City erred on the Sidewalk and Parking Improvements Project. There was not a public open house to review the project with the property owners before work began. I have corrected this serious oversight, and the City is holding an open house on the evening of April 17th at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers.
5. Bid opening for the WWTP Project will be Tuesday, April 16th, 2 pm. There were 5-6 contractors at the pre-bid meeting so we are optimistic that we will get several bids.

Columbia Falls Fire Department Incident Breakdown

Item No. 10.

2024	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD	2024
Dispatches	44	17	25										86	Dispatches
ALS Medical Total	2	0	0										2	ALS Medical Total
BLS Medical Total	12	5	9										26	BLS Medical Total
Medical CPR	2	0	0										2	Medical CPR
Medical ALS	0	0	0										0	Medical ALS
Medical BLS	1	0	0										1	Medical BLS
Medical Lift Assist	6	1	6										13	Medical Lift Assist
MVA with injury	1	0	0										1	MVA with injury
Extrication	0	0	0										0	Extrication
Ambulance Driver	0	0	0										0	Ambulance Driver
MVA non injury	4	4	3										11	MVA non injury
Airport Emergency	0	0	0										0	Airport Emergency
Traffic Control	0	0	0										0	Traffic Control
HazMat	8	1	2										11	HazMat
Hazardous Conditions	2	1	3										6	Hazardous Conditions
CO	0	1	0										1	CO
Gas Leak/Odor inside	1	0	1										2	Gas Leak/Odor inside
Gas Leak/Odor outside	1	0	1										2	Gas Leak/Odor outside
Powerline	3	0	1										4	Powerline
Other	0	0	0										0	Other
Service	4	0	0										4	Service
Good Intent	2	2	0										4	Good Intent
Fire Alarm	3	2	1										6	Fire Alarm
False Alarm	3	0	1										4	False Alarm
Illegal burn	0	1	1										2	Illegal burn
Smoke Investigation, outside	0	0	0										0	Smoke Investigation, outside
Smoke Investigation, inside	1	0	0										1	Smoke Investigation, inside
Cancelled enroute	5	4	9										18	Cancelled enroute
Fire, residential	5	0	0										5	Fire, residential
Fire, chimney	0	0	1										1	Fire, chimney
Fire, commercial	1	0	0										1	Fire, commercial
Fire, vehicle	0	1	0										1	Fire, vehicle
Fire, vegetation, grass	0	0	0										0	Fire, vegetation, grass
Fire, vegetation, wildland	0	0	0										0	Fire, vegetation, wildland
Dispatch Totals	44	17	25										86	Dispatch Totals
Structure fires (In District)	2	0	0										2	Structure fires
Structure fires (Mutual aid)	4	0	0										4	
Acres burned	0	0	0										0	Acres burned

**Columbia Falls Police Department
Monthly Activity Report
March 2024**

Police	March					5 Year Average
	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	
Arrests (Total)	23	19	26	35	19	24
Adult	22	10	25	27	13	19
Juvenile	1	9	1	8	6	5
Accidents Investigated	19	15	15	6	7	12
Stolen Property (Value)	4869	593	20661	16543	1030	8739
Stolen Property (Recovered)	144	15	20175	7100	0	5487
Criminal Mischief (Incidents)	12	2	8	4	1	5
Damage Amount	7756	1000	1561	750	200	2253
Misdemeanor Citations Issued	133	73	117	128	57	102
Traffic Offenses	112	53	111	104	51	86
Cell Phone Viol.	2	1	1	13	5	4
DUI Offenses	4	0	4	1	3	2
Drug Offenses	2	0	5	2	1	2
Traffic Stops	190	155	177	211	84	163
Court Fines and Forfeitures	15103	8400	16090	23535	11292	14884
Miles Patrolled	6887	5421	7343	8756	6305	6942
911 Phone Calls	181	79	106	138	60	113
Incident Reports	870	790	819	923	686	818
Domestic Abuse/Assault/Disordely	34	28	26	38	23	30
Felony Investigations	8	5	8	7	3	6
Business Checks	100	67	53	63	51	67
Welfare Checks	11	10	13	14	14	12
Citizen Assist	54	57	97	43	55	61
Agency Assist	41	47	40	43	38	42

**CITY OF COLUMBIA FALLS
CORRESPONDENCE LIST
COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 15, 2024**

04/10/24 Email from Laurel Eastman – Invitation to Earth Day Expo

04/12/24 Email from Kristine Fife – CFAC Public Engagement and Information Sessions

03/30/24 Email from Robert Yeager – oppose to converting the baseball field into housing.

Subject: FW: Join Us for Earth Day Expo 2024 - Sat April 20 - 9am to 4pm at FVCC - A Fun Day to Connect with Community!

I'm so excited to extend a special invitation to you, to join us this year at the Earth Day Expo on Saturday April 20th from 9am to 4pm at Flathead Valley Community College Arts & Technology Building.

This year, we're uniting under the theme "Nature and Technology," showcasing how innovation can drive us towards a clean air, clean water, and affordable/reliable energy future.

What to Expect

- **Engage in Interactive Workshops & Panels:** Explore a wide range of topics from EVs and energy to sustainable agriculture.
- **Connect with the Community:** A perfect opportunity to connect with constituents, have fun together, learn, share, and grow.
- **Family-Friendly Activities:** We've planned a day full of educational fun for all ages, including hands-on learning experiences for the younger attendees.

Get Involved:

- **RSVP:** Let us know you're coming by RSVPing on our Facebook event page.
- **Spread the Word:** Please share this invitation with your friends, family, and colleagues. The more, the merrier!

Thank you so much! I know your presence will enrich the conversation and inspire positivity within our community. Looking forward to hopefully seeing you there!

PS - check out the schedule below

Laurel Eastman
 Citizens' Climate Lobby
 Flathead Valley Chapter & Outdoor Industry National Action Team
 (406) 849-4229
Flathead Valley Earth Day Expo 2024: Uniting Nature & Technology



Earth Day EXPO 2024			Schedule	
	Auditorium Panel Discussions	Room 203 Workshops	Room 204 Workshops	Kids' Activities!
9am	Keynote Speaker Tom McDonald, Vice-Chairman Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes			9:30am Children's Story Time presented by Imagine!F Library (Auditorium)
10am	Preserving Montana's Natural Beauty: Conservation & Climate	Climate Conversations to Change the World Families for a Livable Climate	Flathead Climate Solutions Data-Driven Approaches City of Whitefish Citizens' Climate Lobby	11:00am Montana Wild Wings (EV Showcase parking lot)
11am	Sustainable Agriculture	Community Science in Wilderness Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation	Winterland Solutionist Summit Report Project Winterland	Ask for Time/Loc: Birding with Flathead Audubon
12pm	Youth Roundtable: The Next Generation Speaks	Climate Smart: Local Purchasing & Food Diversion Dirt Rich, Land to Hand, North Valley Food Bank	Financing: How to Pay for Electric Products Flathead Electric Montana DEQ	All Day Activities • Arts: A Mural for Earth • Passport to Education • Augmented Reality Sandbox • Electric School Bus & Boat at EV Showcase • Maker Space
1pm	Economic Benefits of Renewable Energy in Montana	Canaries in the Coal Mine Flathead Audubon	How to Buy Electric Cars, Solar & More Carbon Recall, Flathead Electric, Pioneer Heating & Cooling	
2pm	Local Success Stories: Businesses Leading the way in Sustainability	Having Fun with Climate Advocacy: From Ski Slopes to Capitol Hill Citizens' Climate Lobby	NGO Lightning Round! Local Organizations	
3pm	Building Resilient Communities	Electrification for Nonprofits Montana Interfaith Power & Light	Youth Workshop & Posters Local Students	

Schedule subject to change. Please confirm on day of event. For detailed information, see event website and posting at event.

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From: Kristine Fife <kristine@bigskypublicrelations.com>
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Hello,

The Columbia Falls Aluminum Company, in partnership with the Montana Department of Environmental Quality and Environmental Protection Agency, will host multiple engagement and information sessions on April 24 and 25 at the Hub Downtown in Columbia Falls.

The public is invited to attend any of four sessions. Open house style sessions will be hosted from 12 - 5 p.m. and attendees may stop in at any time to learn about the remediation process and meet with technical experts. A formal presentation will begin at 6:30 p.m. followed by a question-and-answer session. The open house and presentation sessions will be offered both days. An event invitation with additional details is attached. Please reach out if you have any questions. We hope to see you there.

Best regards,

Kristine Fife

On behalf of the Columbia Falls Aluminum Company

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Please Join Us!

April 24 and 25

Afternoon open house: **12 - 5 p.m.**

Evening presentation: **6:30 p.m.** followed by a question-and-answer session.

Interested community members may attend as many sessions as they would like.

All sessions will be held at The Hub Downtown, 533 1st Ave E, Columbia Falls, MT 59912.

Engagement and Information Session About the Columbia Falls Aluminum Superfund Site.

Representatives of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Montana Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), Roux Associates, and Columbia Falls Aluminum Company (CFAC) will provide information about the development of the Remedial Investigation, Feasibility Study, and Proposed Plan and be available to answer any questions that you have about the site, the assessments, the process that has occurred so far, and the steps going forward.

There will be several opportunities to participate. Afternoon open house-style sessions will be held for the community to review information, meet with representatives from CFAC, EPA, and MDEQ, and ask questions in a less formal setting. Attendees may stop in as their schedules allow.

Evening sessions will include a formal presentation followed by a question-and-answer session.

QUESTIONS?

For any further information or inquiries, please contact Kristine Fife at Kristine@bigskypublicrelations.com or 406-207-4484, Dana Barnicoat at Barnicoat.Dana@epa.gov or 406-560-6261, Nolan Lister at Nolan.Lister@mt.gov or 406-444-6469.



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Submitted values are:

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Question/Comment

I'd like to express my opposition to converting the baseball field to a housing project. That field is necessary open space which should be left alone. Years ago, when I was on the city county planning board, the county documents required a specific percentage of a proposed subdivision land be dedicated to open space. Why do we suddenly need to crowd more houses into a space never set aside for that? More houses could mean more children, now with no immediate place to play outside. Don't ignore the wisdom that set aside that space for all those who have ever enjoyed it or will in the future. My four children and i have spent many hours flying kites, air planes and playing ball. Don't give away something that's been a gift to many, for a few.

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