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**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
AGENDA
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 03, 2024
COUNCIL CHAMBERS CITY HALL**

FINANCE COMMITTEE – 6:30 P.M

(Barnhart, Piper, Shepard)

For zoom meeting registration please contact City Clerk Staland at 406-892-4391 or via email staalandb@cityofcolumbiafalls.com, before 5:30 p.m. the day of the meeting.

REGULAR MEETING – 7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of September 3rd Claims: 211,766.14
2. Approval of Payroll Claims August 20, 2024 - \$29,446.01
3. Approval of Payroll Claims August 30, 2024 - \$191,001.91
4. Street Department Job Descriptions - Updated for CBA Grade Changes

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT (Items not on agenda)

NEW BUSINESS:

5. Announcement of Hiring of Chief of Police Chad Stephens
6. Approval of Interim City Manager Contract

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS/PUBLIC HEARINGS:

7. Public Hearing Continued - 24-25 FY Budget

Nicosia will present the 24-25 FY Budget to council. By law the council must adopt the taxes and assessment by resolution.

ORDINANCES / RESOLUTIONS:

- [8.](#) RESOLUTION #1930 - A RESOLUTION OF THE *CITY* OF COLUMBIA FALLS, MONTANA, LEVYING ASSESSMENTS UPON PROPERTY WITHIN SPECIAL IMPROVEMENTS DISTRICTS TO DEFRAY THE *COST* OF SAID SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-25
- [9.](#) RESOLUTION #1931 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA FALLS, MONTANA, REDEFINING THE AREA INCLUDED WITHIN THE COLUMBIA FALLS STREET MAINTENANCE DISTRICT AND METHOD OF ASSESSMENT.
- [10.](#) RESOLUTION #1932 - A RESOLUTION OF THE *CITY* COUNCIL OF THE *CITY* OF COLUMBIA FALLS, MONTANA, SETTING *AND* ADOPTING THE *MILL* LEVIES ON *ALL REAL AND* PERSONAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE *CITY* OF COLUMBIA FALLS; APPROVING SPECIAL LEVIES FOR SPECIAL PURPOSES ON PROPERTY WITHIN THE *CITY* OF COLUMBIA FALLS FOR THE 2024-25 FISCAL YEAR

REPORTS / BUSINESS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

MISCELLANEOUS

- [11.](#) Correspondence

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Next Scheduled Meetings:

City Council – Regular Meeting, **Monday, September 16, 2024** – 7:00 PM

Planning Commission - **THURSDAY September 12, 2024 - WORKSHOP Housing Study - 6:00 PM, Council Chambers**

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46332		3238 360 OFFICE SOLUTIONS	782.96						
	14258370	08/07/24 POOL-PSQ	85.87*			1000 460445	220		101000
	14390320	08/07/24 PD-TONER	71.66*			1000 420100	210		101000
	14400550	08/08/24 FIN-BOXES/SHARPIES	41.23*			1000 410500	210		101000
	14400550	08/08/24 WTR-BOXES/SHARPIES	41.23*			5210 430500	210		101000
	14400550	08/08/24 SWR-BOXES/SHARPIES	41.23*			5310 430600	210		101000
	14403080	08/09/24 PD-TONER	158.99*			1000 420100	210		101000
	14415050	08/12/24 FIN-SHARPIE	3.56*			1000 410500	210		101000
	14415050	08/12/24 WTR-SHARPIE	3.57*			5210 430500	210		101000
	14415050	08/12/24 SWR-SHARPIE	3.57*			5310 430600	210		101000
	14417950	08/13/24 FIN-RECEIPT BOOKS	20.21*			1000 410500	210		101000
	14417950	08/13/24 WTR-RECEIPT BOOKS	20.22*			5210 430500	210		101000
	14417950	08/13/24 SWR-RECEIPT BOOKS	20.22*			5310 430600	210		101000
	14446160	08/19/24 FIN-PENCILS/PADS	14.37*			1000 410500	210		101000
	14446160	08/19/24 WTR-PENCILS/PADS	14.38*			5210 430500	210		101000
	14446160	08/19/24 SWR-PENCILS/PADS	14.38*			5310 430600	210		101000
	14390321	08/20/24 PD-TONER	208.72*			1000 420100	210		101000
	14446161	08/20/24 FIN-CORRECTION TAPE	5.77*			1000 410500	210		101000
	14446161	08/20/24 WTR-CORRECTION TAPE	5.75*			5210 430500	210		101000
	14446161	08/20/24 SWR-CORRECTION TAPE	5.75*			5310 430600	210		101000
	14461700	08/26/24 FIN-CHAIN PEN	0.76*			1000 410500	210		101000
	14461700	08/26/24 WTR-CHAIN PAIN	0.76*			5210 430500	210		101000
	14461700	08/26/24 SWR-CHAIN PEN	0.76*			5310 430600	210		101000
		Total for Vendor:	782.96						
46360		3112 406 CLEANING OF COLUMBIA FALLS	3,400.00						
	438	08/25/24 FAC- AUG JANITORIAL SERVICE	3,400.00*			1000 411200	399		101000
		Total for Vendor:	3,400.00						
46334		3271 BAIAR INDUSTRIES, INC.	343.75						
	2419	08/13/24 FD-WELDING/FAB LABOR	343.75*			1000 420400	361		101000
		Total for Vendor:	343.75						

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46333		999999 BEN BILLINGSLEY	1,394.89						
		REFUND TRAVEL EXPENSES - CITY MANAGER CANDIDATE							
		42421046 07/24/24 ADMN-RENTAL REIMBURSEMENT	471.94*			1000 410100	390		101000
		072424 07/24/24 ADMN-FLIGHT REIMBURSEMENT	922.95*			1000 410100	390		101000
		Total for Vendor:	1,394.89						
46369		1700 BRECK LAW OFFICE, PC	445.00						
		233 08/08/24 ADD'L SERVICES	445.00*			1000 411000	350		101000
		Total for Vendor:	445.00						
46365		3028 CENTURYLINK - BUSINESS SERVICES	375.13						
		700705334 08/16/24 COMP-7/16/24 - 8/15/24	374.79*			1000 410580	345		101000
		707741186 08/20/24 COMP-LONGDISTANCE	0.34*			1000 410580	345		101000
		Total for Vendor:	375.13						
46366	E	997 CENTURYLINK - ELECTRONIC PAY	792.00						
		081824 08/18/24 CRTS-JULY/AUG	32.56*			1000 410360	345		101000
		081824 08/18/24 PD-JULY/AUG	131.58*			1000 420100	345		101000
		081824 08/18/24 FD-JULY/AUG	71.48*			1000 420400	345		101000
		081824 08/18/24 POOL-JULY/AUG	71.48*			1000 460445	345		101000
		081824 08/18/24 STRTS-JULY/AUG	134.17*			2500 430200	345		101000
		081824 08/18/24 WTR-JULY/AUG	205.16*			5210 430500	345		101000
		081824 08/18/24 SWR-JULY/AUG	145.57*			5310 430600	345		101000
		Total for Vendor:	792.00						
46355	E	2852 CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	314.95						
		AUTO PAY							
		080124 08/01/24 PD-INTERNET 7/1-7/31	159.98*			1000 420100	345		101000
		080124 08/01/24 SWR-INTERNET 7/1-7/31	154.97*			5310 430600	345		101000
		Total for Vendor:	314.95						
46356		14 CITY OF COLUMBIA FALLS	4,306.95						
		082624 08/26/24 FAC-7/19-8/17/24	155.75*			1000 411200	342		101000
		082624 08/26/24 FD- 7/19-8/17/24	47.17*			1000 420400	342		101000
		082624 08/26/24 PRKS-7/19-8/17/24	3,361.82*			1000 460400	342		101000
		082624 08/26/24 STRS-7/19-8/17/24	99.55*			2500 430200	342		101000

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	082624	08/26/24 WTR-7/19-8/17/24	54.50*			5210 430500	342		101000
	082624	08/26/24 SWR-7/19-8/17/24	105.00*			5310 430600	342		101000
	082624	08/26/24 POOL-7/19-8/17/24	483.16*			1000 460445	342		101000
		Total for Vendor:	4,306.95						
46335		3026 DAILY INTER LAKE	644.20						
		ORG CALL FOR BIDS GRIT CLASSIFIER							
	000025625	07/21/24 SWR- BID GRIT CLASSIFIER	315.20*			5310 430600	930		101000
	0000025627	07/21/24 PRK-BID SKATE PARK	329.00*			1000 460400	930		101000
		Total for Vendor:	644.20						
46337		2877 DE NORA WATER TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	552.37						
	9200091799	08/09/24 SWR-2 WIRE HARNESS(6)	552.37*			5310 430600	240		101000
		Total for Vendor:	552.37						
46347		1797 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION	44.80						
	SITSD52122	07/31/24 PD-ITSD/EMAIL 71 - 731	44.80*			1000 420100	355		101000
		Total for Vendor:	44.80						
46336		3160 DPHHS EMSTS	35.00						
	082124	08/21/24 FD-EMS SERVICE LICENSE FEE	35.00*			1000 420730	380		101000
		Total for Vendor:	35.00						
46338		438 FERGUSON WATERWORKS	6,790.60						
	0899107	08/16/24 WTR-ANNUAL SFTWR	1,850.00*			5210 430500	355		101000
	0899107	08/16/24 SWR-ANNUAL SFTWR	1,850.00*			5310 430600	355		101000
	0898427	08/08/24 WTR- METERS	2,645.47*			5210 430500	230		101000
	0898445	08/13/24 PRKS-FENHOLT BATHROOM	424.40*			4010 460400	930		101000
	0898445-1	08/15/24 PRKS-FENHOLT BATHROOM	9.45*			4010 460400	930		101000
	0897736	08/16/24 WTR-METER PARTS	11.28*			5210 430500	230		101000
		Total for Vendor:	6,790.60						
46373		2813 FIRE CATT, LLC	4,534.40						
	14847	08/23/24 FD-11,175 FT FIRE HOSE TEST	3,687.75*			1000 420400	394		101000
	14847	08/23/24 FD-287 GROUND LADDER TEST	846.65*			1000 420400	394		101000
		Total for Vendor:	4,534.40						

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46359		3113 GLOBAL ARCHIVES INC	166.32						
	2024027	08/25/24 WTR-MONTHLY STORAGE AS BUILTS	83.16*			5210 430500	363		101000
	2024027	08/25/24 SWR-MONTHLY STORAGE AS BUILTS	83.16*			5310 430600	363		101000
		Total for Vendor:	166.32						
46340		2806 HANSON'S HARDWARE	550.65						
	611806	08/01/24 STR-ADHESIVE LNR	10.28*			2500 430200	240		101000
	611904	08/07/24 WTR-FLASHLIGHT	22.99*			5210 430500	220		101000
	611905	08/07/24 WTR-W2RK GLOVES	20.99*			5210 430500	226		101000
	612026	08/15/24 STR-EXT CORD	16.49*			2500 430200	220		101000
	612028	08/15/24 WTR-MISC PARTS	81.41*			5210 430500	230		101000
	612033	08/15/24 WTR-MISC PRTS	61.95*			5210 430500	230		101000
	612039	08/15/24 PRKS-SM ENGINE FUEL	30.99*			1000 460400	231		101000
	612039	08/15/24 PRK-MOP HEAD	25.99*			1000 460400	220		101000
	612039	08/15/24 PRK-GRASS SEED	106.99*			1000 460400	225		101000
	612045	08/16/24 STR-MISC SMALL TOOLS	27.68*			2500 430200	220		101000
	612100	08/20/24 WTR-PUTTY KNIFE/EPOXY	23.97*			5210 430500	240		101000
	612087	08/19/24 STR-HEADLAMP	29.99*			2500 430200	220		101000
	612132	08/22/24 PRKS-PLIERS	36.99*			1000 460400	212		101000
	612133	08/22/24 WTR-MARKING PAINT	53.94*			5210 430500	220		101000
		Total for Vendor:	550.65						
46367		3273 JOHN JONES CHRYSLER DODGE JEEP	39,532.50						
		NEW 2023 CHARGER AWD V6							
		VIN 2C3CDXKG3PH405292							
	PH705292	08/23/24 PD-2023 DODGE CHARGER	39,532.50*			4020 420100	940		101000
		Total for Vendor:	39,532.50						
46372		999999 JOHN PALIGA	35.00						
	103924	08/26/24 MAKITA DRILL/1ST NATL PAWN	35.00*			5310 430600	220		101000
		Total for Vendor:	35.00						
46379		97 KNIFE RIVER	97,862.07						
		BUSINESS DISTRICT PARKING AND SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT. CONTRACT #28233030							
	22811	07/31/24 PAY APP 4-SIDEWALK PROJECT	98,850.58*			2310 470300	930		101000
	22811	07/31/24 1% WITHHOLDING	-988.51*			2310 470300	930		101000
		Total for Vendor:	97,862.07						

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46341		2984 LAW ENFORCEMENT SEMINARS, LLC	425.00						
		SEXUAL ASSULT INVESTIGATION							
	2028888	08/15/24 PD-TRAINING MCCONNEL	425.00*			1000 420100	380		101000
		Total for Vendor:	425.00						
46378		707 MONTANA DEPT. OF REVENUE	988.51						
	22811	07/31/24 1% W/HOLDING-KNIFE RIVER	988.51*			2310 470300	930		101000
		Total for Vendor:	988.51						
46342		3119 MONTANA TRUCK WORKS, LLC	1,402.22						
	105	08/14/24 FD-433 ENGINE LIGHT REPAIR	1,402.22*			1000 420400	361		101000
		Total for Vendor:	1,402.22						
46343		2707 MOUNTAIN ALARM	120.75						
		ALARM MONITORING SERVICES THROUGH SEPT 18TH 2024							
	5094776	09/01/24 FAC-CITY HALL SEPT 24	57.35*			1000 411200	366		101000
	5093879	09/01/24 FAC-FD SEPT 24	63.40*			1000 411200	366		101000
		Total for Vendor:	120.75						
46344		1247 MURDOCH'S RANCH & HOME	120.95						
	2246665	08/02/24 STR-TAPE	11.99*			2500 430200	220		101000
	2246665	08/02/24 STR-BLOW GUN EXT	14.99*			2500 430200	220		101000
	2243146	08/12/24 STR-SM ENG FUEL	53.98*			2500 430200	220		101000
	9245952	08/19/24 SWR-GAS CAN 5GAL	39.99*			5310 430600	220		101000
		Total for Vendor:	120.95						
46348		52 NAPA AUTO PARTS	97.53						
	89931	07/31/24 SWR-RAM 5500 OIL FILTER	6.06*			5310 430600	232		101000
	89931	07/31/24 SWR-RAM 5500 OIL	91.47*			5310 430600	231		101000
		Total for Vendor:	97.53						
46364		2816 O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	138.82						
	485338	08/01/24 STR-TAPE/JB	32.98*			2500 430200	220		101000
	485886	08/05/24 STR-PAINT FOR SIGNS	105.84*			2500 430200	220		101000
		Total for Vendor:	138.82						

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46374		3085 ORTHOPEDIC REHAB INC	200.00						
	081924	08/19/24 FD-JEREMIAH PRE EMPLOY	200.00*			1000 420400	390		101000
		Total for Vendor:	200.00						
46345		3132 PINNACLE PAVING	28,483.50						
		PREP AND PAVE VARIOUS LOCATIONS WITH IN THE CITY.							
	1657	08/13/24 PRKS-PATCH WORK AT PARK	28,483.50*			1000 460400	360		101000
		Total for Vendor:	28,483.50						
46358		1495 PLATT ELECTRIC SUPPLY	67.79						
	5L81273	08/22/24 FAC-LGD LED LIGHTS	67.79*			1000 411200	240		101000
		Total for Vendor:	67.79						
46357		3192 POP A SQUAT PORTABLES	760.00						
	16986	08/23/24 PRKS-8 PORTA POTTIES	760.00*			1000 460400	399		101000
		Total for Vendor:	760.00						
46362		66 POSTMASTER	2,000.00						
	UB22123001	08/23/24 SWR-BILL CARD POSTAGE	1,000.00*			5310 430600	310		101000
	UB22123001	08/23/24 WTR-BILL CARD POSTAGE	1,000.00*			5210 430500	310		101000
		Total for Vendor:	2,000.00						
46363		2846 RDO EQUIPMENT CO	80.40						
	P4677269	08/22/24 STR-BLADES	80.40*			2500 430200	220		101000
		Total for Vendor:	80.40						
46354		2769 RESPONSE EQUIPMENT SPECIALISTS,	8,526.00						
	6526	08/21/24 PD-23 DRNGO PRST UPFIT	8,526.00*			4020 420100	940		101000
		Total for Vendor:	8,526.00						
46361		1042 SANDS SURVEYING, INC.	1,207.50						
	38910	08/21/24 P/Z-ROUTINE SRVS 7/22-8/15	1,207.50*			1000 411000	399		101000
		Total for Vendor:	1,207.50						

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46346		2755 SHERWIN-WILLIAMS CO	158.97								
	8782-5	08/20/24 SWR-OIL PAINT(2GAL)TAN	105.98*			5310		430600	240		101000
	8816-1	08/21/24 SWR-OIL PAINT(1GAL)TAN	52.99*			5310		430600	240		101000
		Total for Vendor:	158.97								
46377		1978 STAALAND, BARB	31.98								
		Clint Peters retirement.									
		08/29/24 CLINT P RETIREMENT CAKE	31.98*			1000		410100	220		101000
		Total for Vendor:	31.98								
46380		3124 STUFFLEBEEM, WAYNE	531.08								
	083024	08/30/24 PD-SERGEANTS ACADEMY	531.08*			1000		420100	380		101000
		Total for Vendor:	531.08								
46349		3226 SUCCESSFUL SIGNS AND AWARDS	60.00								
		NAME PLATES FOR NEW CITY MANAGER, BEN BILLINGSLEY									
	11891	08/15/24 ADMN-NAME PLATE BILLINGSLEY	60.00*			1000		410100	210		101000
		Total for Vendor:	60.00								
46350		1653 SUPER 1 FOODS	50.57								
	3615846	08/02/24 FD-CLEANING SUPPLIES	30.71*			1000		420400	224		101000
	2141541	08/13/24 SWR-DRINKS(WATER)	19.86*			5310		430600	210		101000
		Total for Vendor:	50.57								
46370		2699 THE MAIL ROOM, INC	157.15								
	D121272	08/26/24 PD-MAIL SRVS 8/12-8/23	8.22*			1000		420100	310		101000
	D121272	08/26/24 FIN-MAIL SRVS 8/12-8/23	45.36*			1000		410500	310		101000
	D121272	08/26/24 WTR-MAIL SRVS 8/12-8/23	13.01*			5210		430500	310		101000
	D121272	08/26/24 SWR-MAIL SRVS 8/12-8/23	13.01*			5310		430600	310		101000
	D121272	08/26/24 CRT-MAIL SRVS 8/12-8/23	74.26*			1000		410360	310		101000
	D121272	08/26/24 PNZ-MAIL SRVS 8/12-8/23	3.29*			1000		411000	310		101000
	D121272	08/26/24 FD-MAIL SRVS 8/12-8/23	0.00*			1000		420400	310		101000
		Total for Vendor:	157.15								

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46351		1623 THE UPS STORE #4515	12.67						
	364430	08/07/24 PD-EVIDENCE SHIPPING	12.67*			1000 420100	310		101000
		Total for Vendor:	12.67						
46352		3200 USABLUBOOK	61.95						
	444109	08/06/24 SWR-BRASS HYDRNT ADPTR	61.95*			5310 430600	220		101000
		Total for Vendor:	61.95						
46376	E	1218 VERIZON WIRELESS	1,919.00						
	9971365742	08/12/24 ADMIN-7/13/24-8/12/24	19.94*			1000 410400	345		101000
	9971365742	08/12/24 FIN-07/13/24-8/12/24	19.94*			1000 410500	345		101000
	9971365742	08/12/24 FIRE-7/13/24-8/13/24	120.42*			1000 420400	345		101000
	9971365742	08/12/24 FAC-07/13/24-8/12/24	12.44*			1000 411200	345		101000
	9971365742	08/12/24 STRS-7/13/24-8/12/24	113.03*			2500 430200	345		101000
	9971365742	08/12/24 PD-7/13/24-8/12/244	982.62*			1000 420100	345		101000
	9971365742	08/12/24 PRKS-7/13/24-8/12/24	49.73*			1000 460400	345		101000
	9971365742	08/12/24 WTR-7/13/24-8/12/24	181.59*			5210 430500	345		101000
	9971365742	08/12/24 SWR-7/13/24-8/12/24	82.11*			5310 430600	345		101000
	9971365742	08/12/24 CRT-07/13/24-8/12/24	49.74*			1000 410360	345		101000
	9971365742	08/12/24 PD-EQUIP FEES	287.44*			1000 420100	345		101000
		Total for Vendor:	1,919.00						
46375		999999 VICKI QUINN	24.99						
	082624	08/27/24 REFUND WTR OVRPAY	24.99			5210 214010			101000
		Total for Vendor:	24.99						
46353		84 WESTERN BUILDING CENTER	1,235.27						
	41961731	08/07/24 STR-LEVEL	27.99*			2500 430200	220		101000
	41967431	08/09/24 STR-HYDRO CEMENT/PAIL	33.27*			2500 430200	220		101000
	41977109	08/16/24 STR-SPRAYER PARTS	24.54*			2500 430200	240		101000
	41979379	08/16/24 FAC-GROUNDS MAINT SUPPLIES	36.56*			1000 411200	220		101000
	41981756	08/19/24 PRK-FENHOLT RR	569.68*			1000 460400	240		101000
	41981855	08/19/24 PRK-GROUT	23.98*			1000 460400	220		101000
	41983557	08/19/24 PD-FLUX BRUSH	2.79*			1000 420400	220		101000
	41984248	08/20/24 SWR-PENCILS	13.49*			5310 430600	220		101000
	41984248	08/20/24 SWR-LEVEL/SQUARE	15.99*			5310 430600	220		101000

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Claim/	Check	Vendor #/Name/ Invoice #/Inv Date/Description	Document \$/ Line \$	Disc \$	PO #	Fund Org Acct	Object	Proj	Cash Account
41985376	08/20/24	STR-DRILL BITS	20.98*			2500 430200	220		101000
41985594	08/20/24	STR-SCREWS/BITS	56.33*			2500 430200	220		101000
41985705	08/20/24	SWR-PAINT SUPPLIES	25.56*			5310 430600	220		101000
41987153	08/21/24	WTR-TAPE/PVC PIPE	24.78*			5210 430500	220		101000
41988922	08/22/24	SWR-CHIP BRUSH	4.58*			5310 430600	220		101000
41990331	08/22/24	FD-WTR STNR SALT	89.90*			1000 420400	220		101000
41992520	08/23/24	WTR-TOOLS	84.92*			5210 430500	220		101000
41992520	08/23/24	PRKS-FENHOLT RR REPAIRS	43.50*			4010 460400	930		101000
41994531	08/26/24	SWR-WSHR/NUT/BOLT	10.60*			5310 430600	240		101000
41996012	08/26/24	SWR-2X10 SELECT STRUC	75.86*			5310 430600	240		101000
41996907	08/27/24	SWR-TORX SCREWS	24.98*			5310 430600	220		101000
41983147	08/16/24	STR-HEADLAMP	24.99*			2500 430200	220		101000
Total for Vendor:			1,235.27						
# of Claims			46	Total:	211,766.14	# of Vendors	43		
Total Electronic Claims					3,025.95				
Total Non-Electronic Claims					208740.19				

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Fund/Account	Amount
1000 GENERAL FUND	
101000 CASH/CASH EQUIVALENTS	51,958.56
2310 TAX INCREMENT DISTRICT FUND	
101000 CASH/CASH EQUIVALENTS	98,850.58
2500 SPECIAL STREET MAINTENANCE DISTRICT FUND	
101000 CASH/CASH EQUIVALENTS	919.47
4010 CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND - Parks	
101000 CASH/CASH EQUIVALENTS	477.35
4020 CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND - General	
101000 CASH/CASH EQUIVALENTS	48,058.50
5210 WATER ENTERPRISE FUND	
101000 CASH/CASH EQUIVALENTS	6,530.02
5310 SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND	
101000 CASH/CASH EQUIVALENTS	4,971.66
Total:	211,766.14

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Council Meeting Date: 09/03/2024

Claims Submitted to Council: \$ 211,766.14

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

Prepared By: Shawn Bates, Finance Director

Shawn Bates

Approved by Clint Peters, Acting City Manager

Clint Peters

City Council to Approve by motion on consent agenda

The following claims are significant:

John Jones Chrysler - \$39,532.50 PD 2023 Dodge Charger patrol car. (Fund 4020)
Knife River - \$98,850.58 Pay app #4 biz district parking and sidewalk project. (Fund 2310)

The remaining claims are routine. Please let me know if you have any questions.
Shawn

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Total for Payroll Checks

	Employee	Employer	Amount
J001 HOURS (CLOTH ALLOW)	0.00		28,275.00
VOLN HOURS (Not in use)	23.00		1,150.00
GROSS PAY	28,275.00	0.00	
NET PAY	25,895.13	0.00	
NET PAY (CHECKS)	906.78		
NET PAY (DIRECT DEPOSIT)	24,988.35		
FIT	877.86	0.00	
MEDICARE	409.96	409.96	
SIT	331.00	0.00	
SOCIAL SECURITY	761.05	761.05	
WORKERS' COMP	0.00	83.95	
FREEDOM BANK	2,298.46	0.00	
GLACIER BANK KA	3,831.22	0.00	
GLACIER BANK MS	946.59	0.00	
GLACIER BANK/CF	3,317.54	0.00	
GLACIER BANK/WF	646.59	0.00	
NAVY FEDERAL CR	1,178.60	0.00	
PARKSIDE CR U	2,738.81	0.00	
REGIONS BANK	1,170.91	0.00	
STOCKMAN BANK	946.59	0.00	
USAA FEDERAL	877.90	0.00	
WELLS FARGO	1,178.60	0.00	
WELLS FARGO, TX	1,084.91	0.00	
WFISH CR UNION	4,771.63	0.00	
FIT/SIT BASE	28,275.00	0.00	
MEDICARE BASE	28,275.00	0.00	
SOC SEC BASE	12,275.00	0.00	
WC BASE	1,150.00	0.00	

Clothing
allowance

\$29,446.01
Barb Sealand

Total 1,254.96
Total Payroll Expense (Gross Pay + Employer Contributions): 29,529.96
*** PAYROLL REGISTER + VOLUNTEER PAYROLL REGISTER = PAYROLL SUMMARY ***

Check Summary

Payroll Checks Prev. Out.	\$83,390.90
Payroll Checks Issued	\$906.78
Payroll Checks Redeemed	\$77,550.67
Payroll Checks Outstanding	\$6,747.01
Electronic Checks	\$28,539.23

	Carried Forward From Previous Month	Deduction Checks Issued	Difference	Liab Account
Social Security	1,522.10	1,522.10		212260
Medicare	819.92	819.92		212260
Unempl. Insur.	0.00	2,073.96	2,073.96	212210
Workers' Comp	83.95	15,065.80	15,149.75	212220

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FIT	877.86		877.86	212260
SIT	331.00		331.00	212260
AFLAC-PRETAX	0.00			212230
Teamsters dues	0.00			212310
PERS/Police	0.00			212240
TEAMSTERS INIT	0.00			212310
NATIONWIDE/CITY	0.00			212280
AFLAC-POSTTAX	0.00			212230
PERS/FURS	0.00			212275
MT ST FIRE ASSO	0.00			212315
HEALTHINS/PRE	0.00	32,069.20	32,069.20	212400
CITY OF COLUMBI	0.00			212450
UNUM LIFE INS.	0.00	143.05	143.05	212400
FLEX ALLEGIANCE	0.00			212285
CFP ASSOCIATION	0.00			212325
FOP	0.00			212335
CITY OF CF ELEC	0.00			212450
MUTUAL OF OMAHA	0.00	286.30	286.30	212400
Total Ded.	3,634.83	49,638.31	3,550.88	49,722.26

**** Carried Forward column only correct if report run for current period.

CITY OF COLUMBIA FALLS**POSITION DESCRIPTION**

POSITION: Street Maintenance Operator - Grade 10

DEPARTMENT: Street Maintenance

ACCOUNTABLE TO: Street Lead and Public Works Director

SUMMARY OF WORK: Non-exempt position which under general supervision operates a variety of equipment in the construction, operation, repair, maintenance and replacement of city street facilities and systems. Work varies little following established guidelines.

NATURE OF WORK: This position performs a variety of skilled and unskilled technical and labor duties for the department. Position is on-call for emergencies. Hazards of position include working near traffic, in excavation sites, with moving parts of machinery, in dust and fumes, near utility lines, and with hazardous lubricants and wastes. May work in adverse weather, extreme temperatures, and adverse physical conditions. Position may work in confined or tight spaces for repairs and maintenance; operates machinery on all types of terrain. Position requires adherence to safety procedures.

PERSONAL CONTACTS: Daily limited contact with the public to respond to work orders.

SUPERVISION EXERCISED: None.

ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS: Ability to communicate orally and in writing; operate and maintain equipment. Possession of valid CDL with proper endorsements, or ability to obtain within three (3) months of employment. **Physical Requirements:** Ability to lift heavy objects weighing up to 50 pounds (greater with assistance); bend; stoop; getting in and out of vehicles; work in confined areas; walk and crawl on uneven ground; use hand tools; climb stairs and ladders. Potentially exposed to chemicals and hazardous materials.

AREAS OF JOB ACCOUNTABILITY AND PERFORMANCE:

- ◆ Loads, hauls and unloads various equipment, gravel, sand and for plowing snow.
- ◆ Maintains streets; patches potholes, installs traffic markings and signs.
- ◆ Inspects and maintains all equipment used. Does basic repairs; reports defects and needed repairs to supervisor.
- ◆ Preventative maintenance of equipment and vehicles.
- ◆ Maintenance, construction and repair to street, sidewalk, and storm drainage facilities.
- ◆ Performs other duties as required.

Equipment Used: Trucks, loader, backhoe, grader, paving equipment, sewer rodder, and roller; hand tools including welder, cutting torch, leak detector and line locator.

JOB REQUIREMENTS:

Knowledge: This position requires you to acquire knowledge of road maintenance, materials used and mechanics of equipment.

Skills: This position requires skills in maintenance, and operation of equipment including loader, snow-removal equipment, dump truck, pickup truck, utility truck, street sweeper, backhoe, tamper, plate compactor, saws, pumps, compressors, sanders, and other hand and power tools.

Abilities: This position requires the ability to: follow safety procedures; be on-call for emergencies; keep accurate records; follow verbal and written instructions; establish effective working relationships with fellow employees, supervisors, and the public.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:

The above knowledge, skills, and abilities are typically acquired through a combination of education and experience equivalent to:

- ◆ A High School diploma.
- ◆ The operation and capacities of at least five (5) pieces of maintenance and construction equipment; front end loader, backhoe, sweeper, dump truck, or distributor.
- ◆ Snow Plowing, Sanding and deicing knowledge is preferred.
- ◆ Must possess a valid state of Montana Commercial Driver's license, CDL Class B, type I
- ◆ Two or more years experience operating heavy equipment preferred.

JOB PERFORMANCE STANDARDS:

Evaluation of this position will be based primarily upon performance of the preceding requirements and duties. Examples of job performance criteria include, but are not limited to, the following:

- ◆ Capably operates and maintains heavy equipment.
- ◆ Follows safety procedures in operating equipment and working near the public.
- ◆ Effectively performs road construction and maintenance duties.
- ◆ Is able to be on-call and respond to emergencies.

CITY OF COLUMBIA FALLS

POSITION DESCRIPTION

POSITION: Street Maintenance Operator - Grade 11

DEPARTMENT: Street Maintenance

ACCOUNTABLE TO: Street Department Lead Operator and the Public Works Director

SUMMARY OF WORK: Non-exempt position which under general supervision operates a variety of equipment in the construction, operation, repair, maintenance and replacement of city street facilities and systems. Work varies little following established guidelines.

NATURE OF WORK: This position performs a variety of skilled and unskilled technical and labor duties for the department. Position is on-call for emergencies. Hazards of position include working near traffic, in excavation sites, with moving parts of machinery, in dust and fumes, near utility lines, and with hazardous lubricants and wastes. May work in adverse weather, extreme temperatures, and adverse physical conditions. Position may work in confined or tight spaces for repairs and maintenance; operates machinery on all types of terrain. Position requires adherence to safety procedures.

PERSONAL CONTACTS: Daily limited contact with the public to respond to work orders.

SUPERVISION EXERCISED: None.

ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS: Ability to communicate orally and in writing; operate and maintain equipment. Possession of valid CDL with proper endorsements, or ability to obtain within three (3) months of employment. **Physical Requirements:** Ability to lift heavy objects weighing up to 50 pounds (greater with assistance); bend; stoop; getting in and out of vehicles; work in confined areas; walk and crawl on uneven ground; use hand tools; climb stairs and ladders. Potentially exposed to chemicals and hazardous materials.

AREAS OF JOB ACCOUNTABILITY AND PERFORMANCE:

- ◆ Loads, hauls and unloads various equipment, gravel, sand and for plowing snow.
- ◆ Maintains streets; patches potholes, installs traffic markings and signs.
- ◆ Inspects and maintains all equipment used. Does basic repairs; reports defects and needed repairs to supervisor.
- ◆ Preventative maintenance of equipment and vehicles.
- ◆ Maintenance, construction and repair to street, sidewalk, and storm drainage facilities.
- ◆ Performs other duties as required.

Equipment Used: Trucks, loader, backhoe, grader, paving equipment, sewer rodder, roller; hand tools including welder, cutting torch, leak detector and line locator.

JOB REQUIREMENTS:

Knowledge: This position requires you to acquire knowledge of road maintenance, materials used and mechanics of equipment.

Skills: This position requires skills in maintenance, and operation of equipment including loader, snow-removal equipment, dump truck, pickup truck, utility truck, street sweeper, backhoe, tamper, plate compactor, saws, pumps, compressors, sanders, and other hand and power tools.

Abilities: This position requires the ability to: follow safety procedures; be on-call for emergencies; keep accurate records; follow verbal and written instructions; establish effective working relationships with fellow employees, supervisors, and the public.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:

The above knowledge, skills, and abilities are typically acquired through a combination of education and experience equivalent to:

- ◆ A High School diploma.
- ◆ The operation and capacities of at least five (5) pieces of maintenance and construction equipment; front end loader, backhoe, sweeper, dump truck, or distributor.
- ◆ Snow Plowing, Sanding and deicing knowledge is preferred.
- ◆ Must possess a valid state of Montana Commercial Driver's license, CDL Class B, type I
- ◆ Five or more years' experience operating heavy equipment preferred.

JOB PERFORMANCE STANDARDS:

Evaluation of this position will be based primarily upon performance of the preceding requirements and duties. Examples of job performance criteria include, but are not limited to, the following:

- ◆ Must have the knowledge and ability to perform Grade 10 duties.
- ◆ Recognize and evaluate street issues; pot holes, pavement spider-webbing, sink holes and loose manhole lids.
- ◆ Recognize improper decayed sign installations, cutting and shaping wood for sign backing bases.
- ◆ Recognize possible issues with private construction that may cause damage to streets or alleys.
- ◆ Acquire proficiency welding and cutting metal.
- ◆ Submit U-Dig requests.
- ◆ Document all training of new hires.
- ◆ Crosstrain with the Water and Wastewater Departments.
 - ◆ Use of jet rodder, mobile generator for emergency pumping of lift stations.
 - ◆ Types of water valves, keys and how to operate them.

CITY OF COLUMBIA FALLS

POSITION DESCRIPTION

POSITION: Street Maintenance Operator - Grade 12

DEPARTMENT: Street Maintenance

ACCOUNTABLE TO: Street Department Lead Operator and Public Works Director.

SUMMARY OF WORK: Non-exempt position which under general supervision operates a variety of equipment in the construction, operation, repair, maintenance and replacement of city street facilities and systems. Work varies little following established guidelines.

NATURE OF WORK: This position performs a variety of skilled and unskilled technical and labor duties for the department. Position is on-call for emergencies. Hazards of position include working near traffic, in excavation sites, with moving parts of machinery, in dust and fumes, near utility lines, and with hazardous lubricants and wastes. May work in adverse weather, extreme temperatures, and adverse physical conditions. Position may work in confined or tight spaces for repairs and maintenance; operates machinery on all types of terrain. Position requires adherence to safety procedures.

PERSONAL CONTACTS: Daily limited contact with the public to respond to work orders.

SUPERVISION EXERCISED: None.

ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS: Ability to communicate orally and in writing; operate and maintain equipment. Possession of valid CDL with proper endorsements, or ability to obtain within three (3) months of employment. **Physical Requirements:** Ability to lift heavy objects weighing up to 50 pounds (greater with assistance); bend; stoop; getting in and out of vehicles; work in confined areas; walk and crawl on uneven ground; use hand tools; climb stairs and ladders. Potentially exposed to chemicals and hazardous materials.

AREAS OF JOB ACCOUNTABILITY AND PERFORMANCE:

- ◆ Loads, hauls and unloads various equipment, gravel, sand and for plowing snow.
- ◆ Maintains streets; patches potholes, installs traffic markings and signs.
- ◆ Inspects and maintains all equipment used. Does basic repairs; reports defects and needed repairs to supervisor.
- ◆ Preventative maintenance of equipment and vehicles.
- ◆ Maintenance, construction and repair to street, sidewalk, and storm drainage facilities.
- ◆ Performs other duties as required.

Equipment Used: Trucks, loader, backhoe, grader, paving equipment, jet rodder, and roller; hand tools including welder, cutting torch, leak detector and line locator.

JOB REQUIREMENTS:

Knowledge: This position requires you to acquire knowledge of road maintenance, materials used and mechanics of equipment.

Skills: This position requires skills in maintenance, and operation of equipment including loader, snow-removal equipment, dump truck, pickup truck, utility truck, street sweeper, backhoe, tamper, plate compactor, saws, pumps, compressors, sanders, and other hand and power tools.

Abilities: This position requires the ability to: follow safety procedures; be on-call for emergencies; keep accurate records; follow verbal and written instructions; establish effective working relationships with fellow employees, supervisors, and the public.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:

The above knowledge, skills, and abilities are typically acquired through a combination of education and experience equivalent to:

- ◆ A High School diploma.
- ◆ The operation and capacities of at least five (5) pieces of maintenance and construction equipment; front end loader, backhoe, sweeper, dump truck, or distributor.
- ◆ Snow Plowing, Sanding and deicing knowledge is preferred.
- ◆ Must possess a valid state of Montana Commercial Driver's license, CDL Class B, type I
- ◆ Ten or more years' experience operating heavy equipment preferred.

JOB PERFORMANCE STANDARDS:

Evaluation of this position will be based primarily upon performance of the preceding requirements and duties. Examples of job performance criteria include, but are not limited to, the following:

- ◆ Must have the knowledge and ability to perform Grade 10 and Grade 11 duties.
- ◆ Recognize and evaluate hazards, and safety issue with workers and the public.
- ◆ Plan and schedule street maintenance projects.
- ◆ Coordinate projects with other departments and the public.
- ◆ Make sure equipment maintenance and records are current.
- ◆ Acquire understanding of rules, regulations, policies and procedures.
- ◆ Obtain the ability to interact with city employees and the public respectfully and diplomatically.

CITY OF COLUMBIA FALLS

POSITION DESCRIPTION

POSITION: Lead Person – Grade 13

DEPARTMENT: Street Maintenance and Public Works Equipment

ACCOUNTABLE TO: Public Works Director

SUMMARY OF WORK: Non-exempt position which under administrative supervision maintains city streets; schedules public works equipment for construction, operation, repair, maintenance, and replacement of city streets and storm drainage facilities and systems and other work as assigned by the Public Works Superintendent. Work varies considerably under established guidelines.

NATURE OF WORK: This position performs administrative, supervisory, skilled and unskilled technical duties in the operation of the Street Maintenance department. Requires adherence to safety standards. Hazards of position include working with moving parts of machinery, near traffic, in dust and fumes, near utility lines, dangers of excavation cave-ins, working on slopes with equipment, and working with hazardous materials. Position may work in tight or confined spaces for repairs and maintenance. May work in adverse weather and extreme temperatures. Position is on-call for emergencies.

PERSONAL CONTACTS: Frequent contact with other city department staff; frequent contact with the public to provide information and handle problems or complaints.

SUPERVISION EXERCISED: Daily supervision of operations of the Street Maintenance and Public Works department.

ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS: Ability to plan and direct activities; communicate orally and in writing; read and understand complex laws and regulations; calculate. Possession of valid CDL with proper endorsements, or ability to obtain within three (3) months of employment.

Physical Requirements: Ability to lift heavy objects weighing up to 50 pounds (greater with assistance); bend; stoop; getting in and out of vehicles; work in confined areas; walk and crawl on uneven ground; use hand tools; climb stairs and ladders. Potentially exposed to chemicals and hazardous materials.

AREAS OF JOB ACCOUNTABILITY AND PERFORMANCE:

- ◆ Plans, schedules and implements construction, maintenance and operation and construction activities designed to provide quality Street, sidewalk and drainage service for the city. Oversees reviews, inspects, and provides guidance for construction work to comply with local, state, and federal regulations. Enforces rules, regulations, policies and procedures.
- ◆ Instructs and assists assigned crew in maintenance, construction and repair to street, sidewalk and storm drainage facilities. Monitors work. Assigns personnel as needed for special maintenance of facilities, including City Hall.

- ◆ Supervises the control and use of all public works heavy equipment. Supervises preventative maintenance of equipment and vehicles. Inspects and evaluates equipment for most cost-effective means of maintenance, repair or replacement. Assures equipment and tools are in proper working order.
- ◆ Advises the Public Works Director, City Manager, and other city officials in matters relating to department activities; provides information to various civic and school groups and the public regarding streets, sidewalk and drainage problems and services as necessary.
- ◆ Oversees the safety of staff, assigned operators; instructs in proper safety procedures. Supervises the location of utilities prior to excavation.
- ◆ Responds to complaints and problems. Contacts residents and business owners in area where services will be temporarily discontinued.
- ◆ Performs other duties as required.

JOB REQUIREMENTS:

Knowledge: This position requires knowledge of equipment, facilities, materials, methods and procedures used in public storm drainage and street systems; thorough knowledge of road construction and maintenance. Knowledge of operation, mechanics, and maintenance of heavy equipment.

Skills: This position requires skills in supervision, operation and maintenance of equipment including loader, snow-removal equipment, dump truck, pickup truck, utility truck, street sweeper, jetter/inductor truck, paver, roller, backhoe, plate compactor, saws, pumps, compressors, sanders, and other hand and power tools.

Abilities: This position requires the ability to: organize and supervise crews; analyze; plan, implement, and coordinate; inspect; evaluate; have diplomacy; follow and explain safety procedures; maintain records and prepare reports; read and interpret regulations; be on-call for emergencies; visually inspect; follow verbal and written instructions; establish effective working relationships with fellow employees, supervisors, and the public.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:

The above knowledge, skills, and abilities are typically acquired through a combination of education and experience equivalent to:

- ◆ A High School diploma.
- ◆ Five years of experience in road construction, repair, and maintenance or equivalent education and experience.
- ◆ Five or more years' experience operating heavy equipment required.

JOB PERFORMANCE STANDARDS:

Evaluation of this position will be based primarily upon performance of the preceding requirements and duties. Examples of job performance criteria include, but are not limited to, the following:

- ◆ Effectively plans, schedules and implements construction, maintenance and operation and construction activities.
- ◆ Capably assumes responsibility for all public works equipment operation and maintenance.

- ◆ Competently oversees, inspects, and provides guidance for construction.
 - ◆ Assures compliance of work with local, state, and federal regulations.
 - ◆ Effectively supervises personnel.
 - ◆ Knows, understands, and enforces rules, regulations, policies and procedures.
 - ◆ Capably oversees the safety of staff and contractors on city right of way
 - ◆ Responds to complaints and problems in a timely manner.
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August 29, 2024

To: Mayor/Council

RE: New Business - Interim City Manager Contract

Councilors Robinson and Piper met with Mr. Mark Shrives on Tuesday, August 27, 2024 to review Mr. Shrives' resume and discuss the City's interim city manager position. City Clerk Staal and former City Manager Nicosia also attended the meeting.

Mr. Shrives has over 20 years city manager experience including Montana experience. Mr. Shrives is still active with MMIA through the TSPC Board. The council members were satisfied after meeting with Mr. Shrives that he could capably serve the City in the interim position for approximately 6 months, giving the council time to search for a permanent city manager while ensuring the city was operating smoothly. Councilor advised staff to prepare agreement for agenda for full council approval. Mr. Shrives indicated he could begin Monday, September 9th.

City staff drafted the attached agreement based on one utilized by Mr. Taylor, retired city manager, who has served in an interim capacity for Helena, Bozeman and Whitefish.

Council Recommendation: Approve Interim City Manager Contract

INTERIM EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

EFFECTIVE DATE: This 9th day of September, 2024

EMPLOYER: City of Columbia Falls, 130 6th St. W., Columbia Falls, MT 59912

EMPLOYEE: Mark Shrives, Polson, MT

RECITAL: Employer has extended an offer of interim employment to Employee subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement. Employee expressly acknowledges the temporary nature of the employment offer and accepts interim employment on the terms, covenants, and conditions set forth in this Agreement.

AGREEMENT: In consideration of the foregoing recitals and the covenants and promises contained in this Agreement, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are acknowledged, Employer and Employee agree as follows.

ARTICLE I. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATIONS

1.1 Definitions. As used in this Agreement, the following terms shall have the following meanings: “Cause” shall mean (1) misconduct, negligence, or any gross omission by Employee; (2) an act or acts of dishonesty by Employee involving the Employer; (3) conduct of Employee which is materially injurious to the Employer, monetarily or otherwise; (4) commission by Employee of a criminal offense that, if committed in the State of Montana, would have constituted a felony under the laws of the State of Montana or the United States; or (5) failure to meet the functions and duties specified by section 2.16.110 of the Columbia Falls Municipal Code and state law.

1.2 Interpretation. Unless a clear contrary intention appears, as used in the Agreement (a) the singular includes the plural and vice versa, (b) reference to any document means such document as amended from time to time, (c) “include” and “including” means including without limiting the generality of any description preceding such term, (d) the word “or” is not exclusive, unless otherwise expressly stated, (e) the terms “hereof,” “herein,” “hereby,” and derivative or similar words refer to this entire Agreement, and (f) headings are for convenience only and do not constitute a part of this Agreement.

ARTICLE II. DUTIES AND AUTHORITY

Employer agrees to employ Employee on a temporary basis as City Manager to perform the functions and duties specified by 2.16.110 of the Columbia Falls Municipal Code and state law, and to perform other legally permissible and proper duties and functions.

ARTICLE III. FULL-TIME BEST EFFORTS

Employee shall devote Employee’s full professional time and attention to the performance of Employee’s obligations under this Agreement, and shall at all times faithfully, industriously and to the best of Employee’s ability, experience and talent perform all of Employee’s obligations under this Agreement. Until this Agreement is terminated, Employee shall not be employed or engaged by any other person or firm other than Employer unless otherwise authorized in writing by Employer.

ARTICLE IV. TERM AND TERMINATION

4.1 Term. The term of this Agreement and the Employee's employment shall begin on September 9, 2024. Upon hiring an individual to serve as City Manager in a non-interim capacity (the Permanent City Manager), Employer shall provide Employee written notice of the Permanent City Manager's start date. The term of their Agreement shall end on the Permanent City Manager's start date of no later than seven (7) days thereafter if requested by the Mayor to facilitate transition of authority to the Permanent City Manager; if so. During the transition period the Employee shall receive compensation pursuant to Article V and Business Expenses pursuant to Article VI but shall have no authority to act as City Manager under Article II.

4.2 Probationary Period of Employment. Notwithstanding Section 4.1, the Employee shall have a probationary period beginning on the Effective Date and ending on the end of the day which is twelve(12) months from the Effective Date. During the probationary period of employment, either Employer or Employee may terminate Employee's employment at will on notice to the other for any reason or for no reason.

4.3 Termination. Notwithstanding Section 4.1: (a) This Agreement and the Employee's employment shall terminate immediately upon Employee's death. (b) This Agreement and the Employee's employment shall terminate immediately upon the Employer ceasing to conduct its business. (c) Employer may terminate this Agreement: (i) During the probationary period of employment at will on notice to the other for any reason or for no reason. (ii) Upon 30 days prior written notice for any legitimate business reason; (iii) Upon written notice if Employee is in material breach of any provisions of this Agreement, and fails to cure the breach within 30 days of the date of the Employer's written notice; (iv) Immediately upon a showing of Cause. (d) Employee may terminate this Agreement; (i) Upon 30 days' written notice to Employer; (ii) Immediately if the Employer, citizens or legislature acts to amend any provisions of the Columbia Falls Municipal Code and/or powers, duties, authority, or responsibilities that substantially changes the City of Columbia Fall's form of government; and (e) This Agreement shall terminate automatically: (i) Upon expiration of the term under Section 4.; (ii) If the majority of the governing body adopts a final resolution to remove the Employee at a duly authorized public meeting consistent with the provisions of 2.16.110 City Municipal Code; and (iii) If the City Council requests the Employee to resign under 2.16.110 City Municipal Code and the Employee resigns in writing. (f) Upon termination of Employee's employment under this Agreement, Employer shall have no further obligation to Employee except as specifically provided under this Agreement; provided, however, that: (i) Termination of Employee's employment shall not affect Employee's right to receive accrued but unpaid salary through the date of termination; (ii) Termination of Employee's employment shall not affect Employee's right to be paid for accrued but unpaid leave in accordance with state and federal law. (g) Upon termination of Employee's employment under this Agreement, Employee shall return to Employer all equipment and property, including without limitation, confidential files, proprietary information, client files, investor information, project files, construction files, electronic equipment, keys, credit cards, and the like, owned by Employer and used by Employee.

ARTICLE V. COMPENSATION

5.1 Base Pay. Employer shall pay Employee \$5,192.30 bi-weekly (the "Salary") 5.2 Health Insurance. As a temporary employee the Employee is not eligible to participate in the Employer's health, dental, or vision insurance programs. 5.3 Housing Allowance and Residency

Requirement. Employer agrees to pay Employee a housing expense of not more than \$1,500 per month payable directly to the property owner/landlord. Employee agrees to maintain residence within a reasonable response to Columbia Falls. 5.5 Exclusion of Certain Fringe Benefits. The Employee shall not be entitled to participate in any plans, arrangements or distributions by the Employer pertaining to or in connection with life insurance, disability insurance, pension, or retirement plan.

ARTICLE VI. BUSINESS EXPENSES/HOLDING OFFICE

6.1 General Business Expenses. Employer shall reimburse Employee for any approved business-related expenses. The Finance Director is authorized to disburse reimbursement upon receipt of duly executed expense or petty cash vouchers, receipts, statements, or personal affidavits reflecting such expenses.

ARTICLE VII. HOURS OF WORK

Employer recognizes that Employee must devote a great deal of time outside normal office hours on business for the City. To that end, Employee shall be allowed to establish an appropriate work schedule.

ARTICLE VIII. INDEMNIFICATION

Under Montana Code Annotated Section 2-9-305, Employer will indemnify, immunize and prove a defense to Employee if he is civilly sued for action taken within the scope of his employment. Further, Employer agrees that notwithstanding Section 4.3(f), this obligation shall continue beyond Employee's service to Employer as long as litigation is pending. Employer agrees to pay Employee's reasonable consulting fees and travel expenses when Employee serves as a witness, advisor, or consultant to Employer regarding pending litigation.

ARTICLE IX. BONDING

Employer shall bear the full cost of any fidelity or other bonds required of the Employee under any law or ordinance.

ARTICLE X. MISCELLANEOUS.

10.1 Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Montana.

10.2 Severability. The invalidity of any provision of this Agreement or portion of a provision shall not affect the validity of any other provision of this Agreement or the remaining portion of the applicable provision. 10.3 Counterparts and Facsimile signatures. This Agreement and any amendments to this Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original and all of which, taken together, shall constitute one agreement. A facsimile or electronic signature to the Agreement and any amendments to the Agreement shall be deemed an original and binding upon the party against whom enforcement is sought. 10.4 notices. All notices required or permitted under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed effectively given: (i) upon personal delivery to the party to be notified; (ii) when sent by confirmed facsimile or electronic mail if sent during normal business hours of the recipient, if not, then on the next business day; (iii) upon receipt, if sent by registered or certified mail or nationally recognized overnight courier. All notices shall be sent to Employer or Employee at his mailing address. 10.5 Entire Agreement. The terms of this Agreement express and constitute the entire agreement between the parties pertaining to the subject matter of this Agreement and

supersede all prior and contemporaneous agreements, understandings, negotiations and discussions, whether oral or written, of the parties. No supplement, modification, waiver of termination of this Agreement shall be binding, unless executed in writing by the party to be bound. 10.6 Assignment. This Agreement and all rights, entitlements, duties and obligations arising from it shall not be assignable in whole or in part by Employee except with the prior written consent of Employer. 10.7 Public Document. This Agreement is a public document and shall be available for inspection by the public.

The parties have executed this Agreement effective _____, 2024.

EMPLOYER: _____
Mayor

EMPLOYEE: _____
Mark Shrives

Assessed Valuation: \$ 1,004,302,010
Tax Valuation: \$ 12,246,983
1 Mill Yields (10): \$ 12,246,983

FY 2024 - 2025
PRELIMINARY TAX LEVY SCHEDULE

(4)-(2)		[1]	[2]	[3]=[1]+[2]	[4]	[5]	[6]=[4]+[5]	[7]=[3]-[6]	[8]=[6]+[7]	[9]=[7]-[10]
Carry-over	Fund No.	Appropriation	Resources Reserve	Total Requirements	Resources Available (Cash Plus receivables less current liabilities)	Non-Tax Revenues	Total Non-Tax Resources	Property Tax Revenues	Total Resources	Mill Levy
548,777	1000	General Resort Tax offset Net General	5,097,864 1,020,021	6,117,885 6,117,885	1,568,798 1,568,798	3,396,280 3,396,280	4,965,078 4,965,078	1,524,592 (371,785) 1,152,807	6,489,670 -371,785 6,117,885	124.490 -30.360 94.130
0	7120	Fire Relief Pension	67,627	67,627	0	31,219	31,219	36,408	67,627	2.970
SUBTOTAL										1,189,215
See Mill Levy Limitations Schedule										97.100

VOTED & SPECIAL LEVIES																		
12,430	Permissive 2372	Permissive Medical Levy	357,172	4,337	361,509	16,767	4,337	21,104	340,405	361,509	27.800							
	Permissive 2260	Emergency Disaster	23,171		23,171	23,171	0	23,171	-	23,171	0.000							
	Permissive 2350	Local Govt Review	50,000		50,000	0	0	0	50,000	50,000	4.080							
SUBTOTAL -----										\$ 390,405	Special Mill Levies	31.880						
TOTAL -----										\$ 5,595,834	\$ 1,024,358	\$ 6,597,021	\$ 1,608,736	\$ 3,431,836	\$ 5,040,572	\$ 1,579,620	\$ 6,620,192	128.980
Last Year - 23-24 FY										\$ 4,697,009	\$ 889,825	\$ 5,586,834	\$ 1,133,679	\$ 3,366,159	\$ 4,499,838	1,086,996	\$ 5,586,833	90.36
										TOTAL TAX			TOTAL MILLS					

**General Fund Cash Reserve Minimum:
Total Appropriations \$ 5,097,864

Year Change \$ 492,624

38.620

% of Operating \$ 5,097,864
Minimum Reserve 20%
\$ 1,019,573

RESOLUTION NO. 1930

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA FALLS, MONTANA, LEVYING ASSESSMENTS UPON PROPERTY WITHIN SPECIAL IMPROVEMENTS DISTRICTS TO DEFRAY THE COST OF SAID SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-25

WHEREAS, annual special assessments are made on properties within the lighting and city-wide street maintenance districts for the purpose of assessing each property owner therein for the allocated share of the cost of the street lighting and street maintenance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF COLUMBIA FALLS, MONTANA AS FOLLOWS:

Section One: That there is hereby levied and assessed against each lot or parcel of land within each Special Improvement District of the City of Columbia Falls, Montana, a special assessment to defray the costs of the maintenance within such districts for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025. The assessments to defray the costs thereof are against the lots or parcels of land as are designated, described and listed in the resolution of assessment establishing each of said districts and as the same may be expanded, which lots or parcels of land are all described or listed on the Special Assessment Roll which is on file in the office of the City Clerk, City of the Columbia Falls, Montana.

Section Two: That the FY 2024-25 Special Assessments in total amounts are:

Street Lighting District	\$ 30,049
Street Maintenance District	\$346,500

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA FALLS, THIS 3RD DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2024. THE COUNCIL VOTING AS FOLLOWS:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:

City Clerk

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR OF COLUMBIA FALLS, MONTANA, THIS 3RD DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2024.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

HISTORY – SPECIAL MAINTENANCE DISTRICTS

STREET MAINTENANCE DISTRICT		LIGHTING DISTRICT	
City-Wide Square Footage		Front Footing / Specified Areas	
FY 87/88	\$78,000 New/Creation	FY 87/88	\$10,349
FY 88/89	\$ 74,315	FY 88/89	\$14,200
FY 89/90	\$ 77,999	FY 89/90	\$16,000
FY 90/91	\$ 75,000	FY 90/91	\$11,000
FY 91/92	\$105,000	FY 91/92	\$12,000
FY 92/93	\$105,000	FY 92/93	\$ 9,000
FY 93/94	\$110,000	FY 93/94	\$12,000
FY 94/95	\$100,000	FY 94/95	\$11,000
FY 95/96	\$110,000	FY 95/96	\$14,500
FY 96/97	\$136,000	FY 96/97	\$14,500
FY 97/98	\$152,000	FY 97/98	\$14,500
FY 98/99	\$152,000	FY 98/99	\$14,500
FY 99/2000	\$162,990	FY 99/2000	\$15,500
FY 00/01	\$181,281	FY 00/01	\$15,500
FY 01/02	\$194,500	FY 01/02	\$15,800
FY 02/03	\$194,800	FY 02/03	\$15,800
FY 03/04	\$212,000	FY 03/04	\$32,500
FY 04/05	\$228,245	FY 04/05	\$31,500
FY 05/06	\$234,813	FY 05/06	\$27,500
FY 06/07	\$258,260	FY 06/07	\$33,000
FY 07/08	\$279,420	FY 07/08	\$40,000
FY 08/09	\$310,000	FY 08/09	\$40,000
FY 09/10	\$310,000	FY 09/10	\$40,000
FY 10/11	\$301,000	FY 10/11	\$40,000
FY 11/12	\$301,000	FY 11/12	\$40,000
FY 12/13	\$301,000	FY 12/13	\$40,000
FY 13/14	\$301,000	FY 13/14	\$40,000
FY 14/15	\$301,000	FY 14/15	\$40,000
FY 15/16	\$301,000	FY 15/16	\$33,928
FY 16/17	\$301,000	FY 16/17	\$33,928
FY 17/18	\$301,000	FY 17/18	\$33,928
FY 18/19	\$301,000	FY 18/19	\$33,349
FY 19/20	\$316,000	FY 19/20	\$30,049
FY 20/21	\$316,000	FY 20/21	\$30,049
FY 21/22	\$316,000	FY 21/22	\$30,049
FY 22/23	\$316,000	FY 22/23	\$30,049
FY 23/24	\$330,000	FY 23/24	\$30,049
FY 24/25	\$346,500	FY 24/25	\$30,049
302 – Street Maintenance District		301 – Special Lighting District	
= \$0.008122600 per sq. ft.		= \$0.12654610 per front foot	
40,627,407.92 Square Footage		237,454.97 Front Footage	

RESOLUTION NO. 1931

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA FALLS, MONTANA, REDEFINING THE AREA INCLUDED WITHIN THE COLUMBIA FALLS STREET MAINTENANCE DISTRICT AND METHOD OF ASSESSMENT.

WHEREAS, the City of Columbia Falls has created by Resolution No. 794, a city-wide street maintenance district for the maintenance of all the streets, avenues, public ways and public places located therein; and

WHEREAS, certain lots and tracts located within the boundaries of the city-wide street maintenance district are larger in area than one half acre and potentially occupied by a single family residence which receive a benefit from a maintained street network that decreases with areas greater than one half acre;

Whereas, the City Council concluded that it is in the best interests of the public to remove the Municipal Park Land from the Street Maintenance Assessment district;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA FALLS, MONTANA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section One: That lots and tracts, zoned and potentially occupied as single family residence, exceeding ½ acre will be assessed for square footage of ½ acre and 50% of the square footage exceeding ½ acre, as set forth in “Exhibit B”.

Section Two: That Municipal Park Land be removed from the Street Maintenance District as set forth in “Exhibit C.”

Section Three: The remaining provisions of Resolution No.794 creating the Columbia Falls Street Maintenance District shall continue in full force and effect.

Section Four: This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its passage and approval by the City Council.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA FALLS, THIS 3RD DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2024. THE COUNCIL VOTING AS FOLLOWS:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:

City Clerk

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR OF COLUMBIA FALLS, MONTANA, THIS 3RD DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2024.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

EXHIBIT B

Subdivision	Total S.F.	Modified S. F.	Difference
11.1 Lenonville	270,794.50	211,627.25	59,167.25
13 Nucleus Addition	29,900.00	25,840.00	4,060.00
15 Robindal Addition	28,706.00	25,243.00	3,463.00
18 Van's Acres Tracts	21,876.00	21,828.00	48.00
22 River Terrace Est.	278,668.41	268,243.31	10,425.10
27 Peaceful River	108,507.96	65,143.98	43,363.98
28 River Park Est.	371,436.13	347,151.43	24,284.70
31 Riverwood Est.	1,758,669.66	1,173,364.83	585,304.83
34 Van's Riverside Lots	229,561.80	191,011.40	38,550.40
34.1 River Bend Way	74,139.12	58,849.56	15,289.56
39 Talbott Pines	23,929.00	22,854.50	1,074.50
41 Byrd's Addition	30,927.60	26,353.80	4,573.80
44 Riverbend Est.	161,144.00	134,919.30	26,224.70
45 Olie's Acres	22,208.00	21,994.00	214.00
46 Steele Est.	29,205.00	25,492.50	3,712.50
47 The Opalka Addition	27,007.20	24,393.60	2,613.60
5 Bennett's Addition	122,489.65	93,914.83	28,574.82
8 Crescent Addition	54,685.00	49,122.50	5,562.50
7 Clare Tracts 1st Add'n	91,486.00	78,413.00	13,073.00
100 Misc. Tracts	1,765,876.76	990,778.37	775,098.39
1 CF Original	29,950.00	25,865.00	4,085.00
TOTAL	5,531,167.79	3,882,404.16	1,648,763.63

EXHIBIT C

City Parks	Assessor #	Sq. Footage
Falls park (Glacier Base)	E000329	8,875.00
Geen Belt/Veg Buffer	E000903	84,680.64
Toddler Park	E001181	48,012.00
Ball Park	E033159	58,391.50
Clare Park	E033162	117,612.00
Hoerner Park	E033270	58,240.00
Scenic View Park	E033308	94,974.00
Hilltop Park (Horine)	E033406	226,475.00
Pinewood Park	E033610	59,720.00
Fenholt Park	E033700	43,750.00
Schoenberg Park	E033810	62,500.00
Columbus Park	E033925	62,500.00
Marantette Park	E033926	165,635.30
Pinewood Park	E034056	74,670.00
Military Service Park	E034061	31,159.98
Rivers' Edge Park	E001171	1,244,944.80
Welcome Park	E001317	30,017.16
Kreck Riverside Park	E001181	10,846.44
		2,483,003.82

RESOLUTION NO. 1932

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA FALLS, MONTANA, SETTING AND ADOPTING THE MILL LEVIES ON ALL REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF COLUMBIA FALLS; APPROVING SPECIAL LEVIES FOR SPECIAL PURPOSES ON PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF COLUMBIA FALLS FOR THE 2024-25 FISCAL YEAR

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA FALLS, MONTANA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section One: That the levies on real and personal property within the City of Columbia Falls, for meeting the regular expenses of the City of Columbia Falls, and special levies for special purposes, is hereby adopted.

Section Two: The tax levy requirements as expressed in mills, totaling 128.98 mills are as follows: Section 15-10-420, MCA 127.46 less (30.36) Resort Tax offset for a net levy of 97.10 mills; Permissive Medical Levy 27.80 mills and Local Government Review 4.08 mills.

Section Three: Pursuant to Section 7-6-4030, MCA, the City must report the increase in property taxes, including an increase authorized under 15-10-420(1), MCA and any voted or permissive levies on homes valued at \$100,000, \$300,000 and \$600,000. The increase in property taxes on the homes as valued above are \$ 52.14, \$156.41 and \$312.82, respectively.

Section Four: This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its passage and approval by the City Council.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA FALLS, THIS 3rd DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2024. THE COUNCIL VOTING AS FOLLOWS:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

City Clerk

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR OF COLUMBIA FALLS, MONTANA, THIS 3rd DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2024.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

**CITY OF COLUMBIA FALLS
CORRESPONDENCE LIST
COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 3, 2024**

~~08/29/24 Letter dropped off at City Hall – re: BNSF horn~~

08/30/24 Correspondence from Shirley Folkwein – Coalition for Clean
CFAC information.

AUG 29 2017

CITY OF COLUMBIA FALLS

Dear C.F.,

I write to request that the city be included in the BNSF quiet zone regarding horn blowing at crossings.

I don't understand why a train is treated any differently than a truck. It isn't any more threat, yet it sounds the horn at every crossing? This seems a relic of history to blow the horn like that. And a political game which is neither fun, nor necessary.

I understand that the process to address excessive horn blowing is by the city contacting BNSF to request it be regarded as a quiet zone. I've tried contacting them directly at least 4 times, and they haven't responded at all. Their website suggests that they only listen to cities, not individual citizens.

Through the course of a little research, I've concluded that the horn blowing issue dates back to the advent of the rail system and is regulated by the Federal Government. There have been determinations that they should blow as they see fit, and the BNSF suggests that they will not be questioned about these practices. That it is an all-or-nothing issue, either a city puts themselves on the quiet zone list, or not.

Their website states that citizens should have their cities contact BNSF and deem it a quiet zone. There is no need to blow the horns through town. The crossings are clearly labeled, have active barriers, flashing lights, etc. It is no more threat than any truck or anything else.

If they blew the horn minimally, it may not matter, but the blowing is extremely excessive. This summer, on a bluebird afternoon, I was at a crossing sitting in my car, and a BNSF held down the horn for tens of seconds approaching me, and all the way through the crossing. Through, the crossing; as in after the engine crossed. It was clear there was no need for any use of a horn, much less how they did. Amtrak merely toots as minimally as possible, yet BNSF can hold it down all the way through town for approximately 30 seconds, and at 4 am, without concern for the communities they affect. So, it can be done responsibly, but I believe that they direct concerns to the claim that the Federal Agency overseeing them allows them complete discretion. It's really a public health concern, disturbing rest, etc. Nobody else has that latitude, and if the city condones it when it can simply tell the trains to stop, then that liability is on the city.

Thank You.



DATE: August 30, 2024

TO: Mayor Barnhart
City Council Members
Clint Peters, City Manager

FROM: Shirley Folkwein, Coalition for a Clean CFAC Board

In order to keep you updated on the work of the Coalition and other entities concerned with the cleanup of the CFAC Superfund, please find attached a series of documents for your information.

Attached: E-mail to K.C. Becker of the EPA, and others
EPA website page with information regarding their estimated date of the ROD
CSKT Council letter to K.C. Becker
Daily Inter Lake Article, 8-30-24
Coalition for a Clean CFAC Press Release, 8-23-24



Shirley Folkwein <shirlfolk48@gmail.com>

A quick update--Re: Update from the Coalition for a Clean CFAC

Mayre Flowers <Mayre@flatheadcitizens.org>

Fri, Aug 30, 2024 at 12:10 PM

To: becker.kc@epa.gov, "Balliew, Carolina" <Balliew.Carolina@epa.gov>, "Jenkins, Katherine" <jenkins.katherine@epa.gov>, John Muhlfeld <jmuhlfeld@cityofwhitefish.org>, Michelle Howke <mhowke@cityofwhitefish.org>, mjohnson@kalispell.com, publiccomment@kalispell.com, Brad.Abell@flathead.mt.gov, Randy Brodehl <rbrodehl@flathead.mt.gov>, Pam.Holmquist@flathead.mt.gov, cocontactus@flathead.mt.gov, rich.janssen@cskt.org, info@cskt.org, Chelsea Colwyn <Chelsea.Colwyn@cskt.org>, Chauncey Means <Chauncey.Means@cskt.org>, "Erik_Nylund@tester.senate.gov" <Erik_Nylund@tester.senate.gov>, "Chad_Campbell@tester.senate.gov" <Chad_Campbell@tester.senate.gov>, "Devlin, Katie (Daines)" <Katie_Devlin@daines.senate.gov>, Dick Sloan <RSloan@mt.gov>, "Dorrington, Matthew" <dorrington.matthew@epa.gov>, jrankosky@flathead.mt.gov, Tom.bansak@umontana.edu, jim.elser@flbs.umt.edu, Mike Koopal <mike@whitefishlake.org>, casey.lewis@mt.gov, samantha@flatheadcd.org, dougmartin@mt.gov, KHausrath@mt.gov, "Van-Otten, Charles" <VanOtten.Charles@epa.gov>, nolan.lister@mt.gov, Barnicoat.Dana@epa.gov, "Watkins, Kelly" <Watkins.Kelly@epa.gov>

Cc: Mayre Flowers <Mayre@flatheadcitizens.org>, Shirley Folkwein <shirlfolk48@gmail.com>, Del Phipps <edphipp@kalispell.com>, Peter Metcalf <peterwmetcalf@hotmail.com>, Laura Damon <damons2016@gmail.com>, Phil Matson <flbsphil@gmail.com>

Here is a second quick up date—

The Hungry Horse News has corrected their former headline to their story to now read **COALITION FOR CLEAN CFAC Group wants hazardous waste landfill for cleanup**. This correction was made on their web site and in the front page story that ran in today's Daily Interlake attached below. (Previously they had incorrectly said we were advocating for an industrial landfill.)

Additionally, in our on going effort to reach out on a watershed level beyond just Columbia Falls, believing that the final decision on the cleanup of the CFAC site effects all downstream communities and those who highly value this gateway area to Glacier National Park, we presented our tentative findings to the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribal Council on 8/29/24 and have invited their input as well on our tentative findings.

Finally, we appreciate that the EPA on their web site has provided some clarification on future tentative dates for the issuing of a Record of Decision, attached below.

Mayre Flowers, on behalf of the Coalition for a Clean CFAC
Mayre@Flatheadcitizens.org, 406-755-4521 H, 406-253-0872 Cell

On Aug 28, 2024, at 9:09 PM, Mayre Flowers <Mayre@Flatheadcitizens.org> wrote:

Here is our press release regarding our tentative findings and community meetings on the proposed CFAC cleanup plan. It corrects and clarifies some of the information in the HHNews story that ran today (also attached). I have also attached the letter that the CSKT council recently sent EPA regarding CFAC which I am not sure all those copied on this email have seen. As always feel free to call with questions. We will also share with you the video of our August 20th meeting but are still ironing out some technical difficulties with its size. Our next community outreach discussions and presentations will be September 18th and 19th. We are still finalizing the location and agenda for these meetings but will get them to you as soon as possible. Thanks Mayre

Note the use of the term industrial in the HHNews is incorrect

Mayre Flowers, on behalf of the Coalition for a Clean CFAC
Mayre@Flatheadcitizens.org , 406-755-4521 H, 406-253-0872 Cell

6 attachments



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Site Milestones

Milestone	Date(s)
Initial Assessment Completed	03/05/1986
Proposed to the National Priorities List	Not Yet Achieved
Finalized on the National Priorities List	Not Yet Achieved
Remedial Investigation Started	11/30/2015
Remedy Selected	Estimated Dec 2024 - Feb 2025
Remedial Action Started	Not Yet Achieved
Construction Completed	Not Yet Achieved
Deleted from National Priorities List	Not Yet Achieved
Most Recent Five-Year Review	Not Yet Achieved
Achieved Sitewide Ready for Anticipated Reuse	Not Yet Achieved

Cleanup Schedule by Operable Unit

During cleanup, a site can be divided into a number of distinct areas depending on its complexity. These areas, called operable units (OUs), may address geographic areas, specific problems, or areas where a specific action is required. Examples of typical operable units include construction of a groundwater pump and treatment system or construction of a cap over a landfill.

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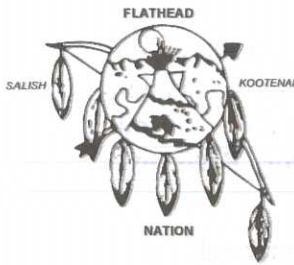
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Administrative Order of Consent (EPA Performed)		07/21/2020
Removal (EPA Oversight)	10/13/2020	10/13/2021
OU 01 - OU 01 (SITEWIDE-1)		
Administrative Order of Consent (EPA Performed)		11/30/2015
Combined Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (EPA Oversight)	11/30/2015	Estimated Dec 2024 - Feb 2025
Record of Decision		Estimated Dec 2024 - Feb 2025
Remedial Design	Estimated Dec 2025 - Feb 2026	

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August 13, 2024

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RE: EPA Proposed cleanup option for Columbia Falls Glencore CFAC site

Dear Administrator Becker,

We are writing in response to the meeting that Allie Archer, Matt Dorrington, and Mackenzie Meter had with the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes ("CSKT") recently. We want to thank the EPA and your staff for coming to speak with CSKT's Tribal Council about the Smurfit Site near Missoula, Montana, and the Glencore-owned Columbia Falls Aluminum Company (CFAC) site in Columbia Falls, Montana. We also wanted to follow up with some additional comments. Both sites are within our ancestral territory, and very close to our Reservation. The CSKT hold a Treaty right to "take fish" as well as hunt and gather at all "usual and accustomed places" in our ancestral territory, including the Clark Fork River near Smurfit and the Flathead River near CFAC. Additionally, any contamination from the CFAC site that makes its way into the Flathead River would then enter into Flathead Lake, and directly into our Reservation waters. Both of these areas include habitat for many species of great importance to CSKT, including the federally designated, threatened bull trout and the federally sensitive westslope cutthroat trout. As such, CSKT is a Natural Resource Trustee for both Smurfit and CFAC.

Ensuring that each site is adequately cleaned up and does not cause ongoing harm to CSKT's Treaty protected resources or Reservation is within EPA's core commitments to environmental protection and justice, and to honoring its obligations to Tribes. First, the federal government, including EPA, has both a trust responsibility and a treaty responsibility to Tribes, both of which include ensuring that pollution levels are safe for people, wildlife, and the environment. EPA has acknowledged its trust responsibility and has pledged to take affirmative steps to assist Tribes in implementing environmental protection programs on Reservations,¹ and to protecting treaty resources, even when they are off-Reservation.² In 1984, the EPA became the first agency to adopt a formal Indian policy, representing their commitment to partnering with federally recognized Tribes in implementing environmental protection programs.³ In 2014, the EPA again recognized its government-to-government relationship

¹ U.S. EPA, *EPA Policy for the Administration of Environmental Programs on Reservations* ("1984 Indian Policy") (Nov. 8, 1984).

² U.S. EPA, Memorandum, *Commemorating the 30th Anniversary of the EPA's Indian Policy* (December 1, 2014) ("30th Anniversary Memorandum"); U.S. EPA, Final Rule, *Water Quality Standards Regulatory Revisions To Protect Tribal Reserved Rights*, 89 FR 35717, 40 CFR 131 (May 2, 2024).

³ U.S. EPA, 1984 Indian Policy.

with, and trust responsibility to Tribes, noting that “EPA has an obligation to honor and respect tribal rights and resources protected by treaties” and that “EPA programs should be implemented to enhance protection of tribal treaty rights and treaty-covered resources when we have discretion to do so.”⁴ And, just a few months ago, the EPA issued its final rule on *Water Quality Standards Regulatory Revisions To Protect Tribal Reserved Rights*⁵, noting:

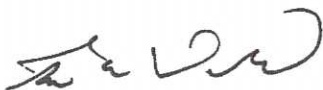
Many Tribes hold rights to natural and cultural resources that are reserved, either expressly or implicitly, through treaties, statutes, or executive orders. Environmental regulatory schemes have often failed to recognize or protect such rights. This places Tribal members who rely on these vital resources for sustenance and to support longstanding cultural practices at disproportionate risk.

Furthermore, the Biden Administration has adopted a whole-of-government approach to advancing environmental justice, and has specifically directed EPA to increase the flow of federal resources in many categories, including remediation and reduction of legacy pollution generally, and remediation of Superfund sites specifically, to disadvantaged communities, including Tribes.⁶ Additionally, the Administration directed agencies to consult with stakeholders, including Tribes, when determining what constitutes the “benefits” of programs, such as remediation of Superfund sites.⁷

As noted in EPA’s presentation to Tribal Council, this was the first time that EPA had come to speak with CSKT about CFAC despite 8 years of work at that site. Your staff noted that additional discussions would likely be necessary. We agree that one meeting in 8 years does not constitute consultation, and that significantly more time is necessary for us to get fully up to speed on the CFAC site and to fully review all of the information so that we can make informed and substantive comments and decisions on the process moving forward. We have substantive concerns regarding the proposal to leave the contamination in place on site, a proposition that potentially risks leaving the legacy smelter waste in the hands of our future generations, rather than ensuring that the Responsible Parties have full accountability for cleaning up the waste. It is critical to us and the long-term protection of our treaty rights and lands that all of the options be comprehensively reviewed, including complete off-site disposal and/or moving the waste out of the critical floodplain corridor of the Flathead River. We want to be absolutely sure that the remedy that is ultimately selected will provide long term effectiveness and protection for our tribal and treaty resources and homeland, as well as the other communities which are invested in the future of this site, Flathead River and Lake, and the broader watershed. Thus, given these concerns, we request that the EPA delay issuing a Final Record of Decision on the CFAC Superfund Site so that we can adequately review and meaningfully participate in this process.

Sincerely,

CONFEDERATED SALISH AND KOOTENAI TRIBES



Michael Dolson, Chairman
Tribal Council

⁴ U.S. EPA, 30th Anniversary Memorandum.

⁵ U.S. EPA, *Water Quality Standards Regulatory Revisions To Protect Tribal Reserved Rights*, May 2, 2024, 89 FR 35717.

⁶ Memorandum for the Heads of Departments and Agencies Re: Interim Implementation Guidance for the Justice40 Initiative (“Justice40 Memo”) from Shalanda D. Young, Acting Dir., Off. of Mgmt. & Budget, Brenda Mallory, Chair, Council of Env’t Quality, Gina McCarthy, Nat’l Climate Advisor (July 20, 2021).

⁷ Justice40 Memo at 7.

CC:

- U.S. Senator Jon Tester
- U.S. Senator Steve Daines
- U.S. Representative Ryan Zinke
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Group wants hazardous waste landfill for cleanup

COALITION FOR CLEAN CFAC

By **CHRIS PETERSON**

Hungry Horse News

The Coalition for the Clean CFAC will urge the Environmental Protection Agency to consider a different cleanup plan for the old aluminum plant.

The EPA's proposed action calls for creating a slurry wall around two leaking dumps, while consolidating contaminated soils at the former Columbia Falls Aluminum Co. site.

The two dumps, the old wet scrubber sludge pond and the west landfill, have been leaking cyanide and fluoride into the groundwater since at the least the 1990s. Both are common pollutants at aluminum plants.

The slurry wall plan has an estimated price tag of roughly \$57 million

and is endorsed by CFAC's parent company Glencore.

But the remedial investigation of the site also looked at several other alternatives and one of those was to consolidate all of the toxic waste at the site into one large hazardous waste landfill.

That plan came with an estimated price tag of roughly \$165.6 million. According to studies, the net result would create a new landfill that would be about 43 acres in size. It would also require monitoring and maintenance.

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This alternative keeps the waste “high and dry” and away from groundwater, argued Mayre Flowers of the Coalition during an interview last week. She said most of the Coalition’s recommendations are nothing new, they’re simply part of the voluminous studies on the best way to clean up the Superfund site. The Coalition made its choice after doing what she termed a “deep dive” into the cleanup documents with Karmen King and other experts from Skeo, an EPA-funded firm that helps residents decipher complex Superfund documents.

“Most of what we recommend comes straight out of the plan,” she said.

Flowers claimed the slurry wall technology is unproven with the local soils, which are glacier till, a sandy, gravelly soil that’s the remnants of glaciers that once covered the area long ago.

She also claimed another plant, the defunct Kaiser-Mead plant near Spokane, Washington, also considered a slurry wall, but rejected it based on concerns about the effectiveness.

Atlantic Richfield Co. brought up a similar complaint in its arguments against the slurry wall. But ARCO, unlike the Coalition, has skin in the game. As a former owner of the CFAC plant, it’s charged with paying for about 35% of the cost of cleanup.

Glencore, however, claims the slurry wall will work, and it will do tests on its effectiveness and depth before proceeding, under EPA guidance. Slurry walls have been used to contain waste at a multitude of landfills across the U.S., the company’s experts note.

The company has also expressed frustration in the delay in releasing the Record of Decision on the site’s cleanup and the fact that the EPA is funding technical help for the Coalition more than a year after the public comment on the Proposed Action was closed.

The company also notes that Flowers, and fellow Coalition member Shirley Folkwein, had eight years

to attend numerous CFAC meetings and other events, but didn't do so until recently. They also claim the EPA is, in essence, complicit in delaying the record of decision.

“What may have started as a well-intentioned attempt to accommodate requests to better understand the technical basis for the [proposed plan] has morphed into an effort by a handful of activists from outside Columbia Falls to use EPA contractors [Skeo] to attempt to undermine the EPA's own proposed plan and restart the site analysis and decision making process to try to achieve their desired remedial outcome,” argued Cheryl Driscoll of Glencore in an Aug. 14 letter to KC Becker, Region 8 administrator for the EPA. “This is an unproductive use of government resources and any associated EPA expenditures are inconsistent with the National Contingency Plan and therefore not recoverable by the EPA.”

The company also notes that the research and plans that were done to date were all overseen and approved by the EPA and the state Department of Environmental Quality.

As for Coalition's support of an on-site hazardous waste landfill, Flowers noted it would need sideboards to guarantee that if it's built, it would only accept waste from the CFAC site, not other sites.

EPA project manager Matt Dorrington said he had not heard from the Coalition that they were proposing endorsing the hazardous waste landfill alternative.

But he also noted the formal public comment period on the proposed action ended a year ago, on Aug. 31, 2023.

Another key aspect of the record of decision is the sale of the land. Glencore has agreed to sell more than 2,000 acres of the CFAC property to developer Columbia Falls Mick Ruis. But that sale is contingent on the release of the record of decision.



COALITION for a
**CLEAN
CFAC**

Press Release for immediate release –

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August 28, 2024

The Coalition for a Clean CFAC (Coalition) board recently announced its tentative findings from its first “Deep Dive” into the massive 10,000 + page documents that underlie the proposed Columbia Falls Aluminum Company (CFAC) Superfund Cleanup Plan. These findings were presented at public meetings on August 20th and 21st. The proposed EPA (the Federal Environmental Protection Agency) Cleanup Plan for the CFAC site identified, evaluated, and ranked 6 possible alternatives for the cleanup of the toxic waste at the CFAC site. In late June of 2023 the EPA and CFAC announced that they were recommending their choice of Alternative #4 and opened a public comment period on this recommendation in the summer of 2023. EPA is tasked with making the final decision on which Alternative is chosen. That decision is still pending.

Alternative #4 calls for essentially leaving the waste in place and constructing a slurry wall around two of the CFAC’s 7 existing landfills to contain some of the highest levels of toxic wastes, including chemicals like cyanide and fluoride, within the slurry wall boundaries. This alternative describes a multi-phase, \$57.5 million project to consolidate toxic waste from elsewhere on the site at these landfills and to build the slurry wall around it. The Coalition reviewed many of the research findings underlying this proposal, but concluded that a slurry wall is not a reliable solution in the unpredictable glacial till soils of the CFAC plant site¹ nor does the slurry wall and Alternative #4 provide a timely and long-term solution to current and future protection of the Flathead Valley’s water quality, human health, and environment as long as this waste is simply left in place.

The Coalition, however, has come to a different conclusion on the proposed alternatives based on our first “Deep Dive.” The Coalition is instead tentatively recommending Alternative #6. Alternative #6 calls for “excavated and consolidated [toxic waste to be placed] in a newly constructed on-site repository meeting substantive RCRA Subtitle C requirements² for modern

¹ CFAC’s own report shows that a study performed by Roux on Slurry Wall Effectiveness found that of (48) sites studied, ¼ were considered ineffective after (5) years of use. Most from not being properly tied in at the bottom. The key weakness to the slurry wall’s success at the CFAC site hinges on it not being able to reach bedrock and thus rather being tied into the little studied aquitard (a thick clay layer) that may or may not be continuous and which is 125 to 150 feet below the ground’s surface. The Coalition found that research shows this depth is pushing the known limits of this technology. EPA provided (4) examples of slurry walls reaching these types of depths, (3) of which were tied at the bottom into bedrock, not an aquitard. Limited data on slurry wall long term effectiveness is available due to it being a more recent technology. As proposed with little to no treatment of the toxic waste, a slurry wall would likely have to retain the toxic chemicals at this site for up to or more than one hundred years, before it would meet the cleanup standards set by the EPA for Superfund sites to be judged protective of human health and the environment.

² RCRA Subtitle C establishes federal standards for the generation, transportation, treatment, storage, and disposal of hazardous waste in the United States.

hazardous waste impoundments.” As opposed to our initial recommendation where the Coalition, as well as the City Council of Columbia Falls supported off-site transportation of the highly toxic waste left behind at the CFAC site to an off-site commercial hazardous waste facility, we are now tentatively advocating for Alternative #6 which calls for building an on-site certified and highly regulated hazardous waste facility within the 1,340 acre Superfund site, as called for in Alternative #6. An article in the Hungry Horse News recently stated the Coalition supported the building of an “Industrial Landfill” on the CFAC site, but the proper term is more accurately described as a Hazardous Waste Landfill.³ We say tentative, because we want to hear feedback from the community on Alternative #6 and do additional research on this option. We still believe that off-site removal is the best long-term solution, but it has, to date, been dismissed by the EPA as too costly and for other reasons that we are still trying to understand.

We also say tentative, in that we will likely call for some additional conditions including that only toxic waste found on the CFAC site, and absolutely no other out of area hazardous waste, could be entombed in this new on-site hazardous waste landfill facility. Additional studies will be needed to also determine the safest location for this facility on the site, and the actual volume of waste that would be contained as current studies of the site provide only estimates of the volume of toxic waste. We have been told by CFAC officials that studies to date have not looked closely at the safest location for an on-site hazardous waste landfill facility or at the number of acres needed for the on-site hazardous waste landfill called for in Alternative #6 .

The benefits of Alternative #6 -- the building of an on-site repository or new landfill meeting substantive RCRA Subtitle C requirements for modern hazardous waste impoundments/landfills, are many:

- It is the most protective of all onsite options.
- It is much less expensive than off site removal.
- The distance to move the material is very short and thus cost effective.
- It is the most protective of groundwater as an onsite solution as the waste is no longer in contact with groundwater.
- “High and Dry” on-site retention, in a certified protective hazardous waste containment facility, is less prone to failure than the slurry wall option.
- A certified protective hazardous waste containment facility provides a more secure location for other on-site excavated materials proposed in Alternative #4. Under Alternative #4 other toxic waste found on site would simply be added to existing landfills with, in almost all cases, no lined bottoms and side-wall liners and caps of questionable age and durability.
- The excavation of both the West Landfill and Wet Scrubber Sludge Pond Material is in EPA’s top (6) alternatives. Excavation would not have been considered if the explosive nature of the material made this option too dangerous to perform.
- A certified containment facility sits high and dry above ground water in a highly regulated and certified containment facility, thus providing a more immediate and permanent remedy for the toxic waste left behind at the CFAC site.

³ Industrial wastes (aka manufacturing wastes) include a potpourri of non-hazardous materials that are secondary to the production of goods and products. These are not hazardous wastes, which are those deemed to be endemically dangerous or harmful to human health or the environment.

- Waste-left in place, buried in the ground, and largely untreated results in long-term on-going potential to harm water quality, human health, and the environment for perhaps hundreds of years.
- There is adequate space within the current already designated 1,340-acre Superfund site to locate a certified hazardous waste containment facility and to provide areas for pre-treatment of toxic waste before containment as may be required.

Alternative #6 made it to EPA's list of top (6) alternatives, but wasn't chosen apparently because it is more expensive than the slurry wall and ranked lower for short term effectiveness. We intend to look more closely at the rating system that EPA uses for ranking preferred alternatives, but at this point find aspects of it to be arbitrary. We do not find that cost should be allowed to be so determinative in the final decision of ranking over which is the best alternative to protect our water quality, health, and environment, as is currently the case. Additionally, short term effectiveness should not be given overriding consideration over long-term effectiveness and permanence in EPA's ranking system.

Over 2,000 residents and 13 organizations joined the Coalition for a Clean CFAC in petitioning and expressing their surprise at the EPA's choice of Alternative #4 (slurry wall). Together we have been requesting additional time to review data within the massive reports that EPA says best supports Alternative #4. Since 2021, the Columbia Falls City Council had called for off-site removal and a more complete cleanup of the CFAC site as has the Coalition since it was formed in 2023. Recognizing that community acceptance of the proposed Cleanup Plan is very lacking at this point and yet is a very important criteria for the EPA to achieve in making a final Record of Decision, the EPA is at least for now supporting independent community efforts to do more study in hopes, we understand, that more community consensus can be achieved in support of a final cleanup plan alternative.

It is important for the community and CFAC to understand that the independent advisor now working with the Coalition under a federal TASC⁴ program did not suggest or endorse any recommendations or conclusions made by the Coalition. The Coalition's conclusions and recommendations are solely our own and not in any way those of the TASC consultant. The sole role of the independent advisors under the TASC program is to help the Coalition/Community locate information on questions we have and to help us understand what some of the complex studies on the CFAC site are saying. Additionally, while a recent 8/14/24 letter from CFAC to the EPA complains of the EPA's delay in issuing a final decision, EPA is also tasked with assuring that there is community acceptance of proposed cleanup plans. Over 700 pages of comments to the EPA on its proposed cleanup plan in July of 2023 as well as petitions to EPA demonstrate that even marginal community acceptance has not been achieved to date. It should also be noted that on 8/13/24 the EPA was sent a letter from the Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes expressing their concerns with the proposed plan and the need for the EPA to provide more time for the Tribes to do additional research and provide comments on the proposed cleanup plan.

⁴ The national Technical Assistance Services for Communities (TASC) program provides independent assistance through an EPA contract to help communities better understand the science, regulations and policies of environmental issues and EPA actions. <https://www.epa.gov/superfund/technical-assistance-services-communities-tasc-program>

The Coalition has identified two more “Deep Dives” they hope to lead in September and October before releasing our final findings, and encourage the community at large to weigh in on these as well. Our next set of community engagement sessions are scheduled for September 18th-19th at a location still to be finalized.

The focus of the September “Deep Dive” will be a closer look at long-term contamination issues and how the six alternative cleanup plans address, or fail to address, the cleanup of the existing contaminated plume of groundwater at the site, and impacts to the Flathead River’s water quality, aquatic life, and other impacts to wildlife in the area. In October we are considering a deeper dive into a look at potential long-term health effects and potential future uses of the site. Meanwhile we welcome the community’s questions and as time permits would also welcome the opportunity to present and discuss our current findings with community groups. We hope to post a video of our recent community outreach session on our web site. Visit the Coalition’s web site at <https://cleancfac.org/> For more information, please email coalition@cleancfac.org