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**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
AGENDA
TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2024
COUNCIL CHAMBERS CITY HALL**

FINANCE COMMITTEE – 6:30 P.M

(Barnhart, King, Lovering)

Contact City Clerk Barb Staland for virtual ZOOM meeting information by calling (406) 892-4391 or by email: staalandb@cityofcolumbiafalls.com no later than 6:00 PM on 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 Claims - January 16, 2024 - \$98,244.48
2. Approval of Payroll Claims - January 5, 2024 - \$109,326.82
3. Approval of Payroll Quarterlies - December 31, 2023 - \$19,439.13
4. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes - January 2, 2024
5. Authorization of the 2023 Communication 2023 AFG Grant Application MOU and Authorize City Manager to Execute

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT (Items not on agenda)

NEW BUSINESS:

6. Pumper Rescue Apparatus Purchase

ORDINANCES / RESOLUTIONS:

7. **Second and Final Reading - Ordinance #828 - Zone Change from CR-3 to CB-2:**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA FALLS, MONTANA, AMENDING THE COLUMBIA FALLS ZONING MAP FROM CR-3 ONE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO CB-2 GENERAL BUSINESS AT 165 VETERANS DRIVE, FURTHER DESCRIBED AS LOT 2 OF THE ST. RICHARDS SUBDIVISION IN SECTION 18, T30N, R20W, P.M.M., FLATHEAD COUNTY

8. Resolution # 1913:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA FALLS, MONTANA CREATING A PLANNING COMMISSION

REPORTS / BUSINESS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Project Updates

Water/Sewer Billing - Owner's Name on Account

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

MISCELLANEOUS

- 9.** Council Correspondence
- 10.** Fire Department - December Activity

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Next Scheduled Meetings:

City Council – Regular Meeting, **Monday, February 5, 2024** – 7:00 PM

Planning Board – TBD

Council Workshop – **Monday, January 22, 2024** – 6:30 PM - Review Short-Term Vacation Rental Zoning Regulations

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45374		877 APPLIED INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGIES	101.58						
	702864406	12/31/23 SWR-PRE FILTER H TURBO	101.58			5310 430600	220		101000
		Total for Vendor:	101.58						
45362		5 BACK ROOM RESTAURANT, INC.	33.99						
	010824	01/02/24 STRS-B-FAST FOR PLOW CREW	33.99			2500 430200	220		101000
		Total for Vendor:	33.99						
		*** Claim from another period (11/23) ****							
45198		1811 BATTERIES PLUS	78.00						
	112823	11/06/23 STR-FLASHING STOP SIGN REPAIR	78.00*			2500 430200	242		101000
		Total for Vendor:	78.00						
45348		3174 BNSF RAILWAY COMPANY	2,705.58						
	90262228	01/03/24 SIDEWALK PROJECT 12TH AVE	2,705.58			2959 470300	354		101000
		Total for Vendor:	2,705.58						
45380		1700 BRECK LAW OFFICE, PC	8,215.47						
		JAN ADJUSTMENT - FEB PAYMENT							
	011024	01/03/24 LGL-FEES FOR JAN ADJ/FEB PAYME	2,013.18			1000 411100	350		101000
	011024	01/03/24 CITY COURT-FEES FOR JAN ADJ/FE	4,103.48			1000 410365	350		101000
	011024	01/03/24 WTR-FEES FOR JAN ADJ/FEB PAYME	661.52			5210 430500	350		101000
	011024	01/03/24 SWR-FEES FOR JAN ADJ/FEB PAYME	661.52			5310 430600	350		101000
	011024	01/03/24 PLG/ZONING-FEES FOR JAN ADJ/FE	330.76			1000 411000	350		101000
	011024	01/03/24 PD-FEES FOR JAN ADJ/FEB PAYME	133.71			1000 420100	399		101000
	011024	01/03/24 WTR-FEES FOR JAN ADJ/FEB PAYME	29.71			5210 430500	357		101000
	011024	01/03/24 SWR-FEES FOR JAN ADJ/FEB PAYME	43.93			5310 430600	357		101000
	011024	01/03/24 STRS-FEES FOR JAN ADJ/FEB PAYM	59.42			2500 430200	399		101000
	011024	01/03/24 LGL-ADD'L FEES FOR JAN ADJ/FEB	178.24			1000 411100	350		101000
		Total for Vendor:	8,215.47						
45360		2708 BULLITT COMMUNICATIONS	208.00						
	65411	12/28/23 FD-BAD ANTENNA VHF W/MOUNT	208.00			1000 420400	361		101000
		Total for Vendor:	208.00						

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45366	E	2852 CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	310.93						
		1729218010 01/09/24 PD-INTERNET 01/01/24-01/31	157.97			1000 420100	345		101000
		0171600010 01/09/24 SWR-INTERNET01/06/24-02/05	152.96			5310 430600	345		101000
		Total for Vendor:	310.93						
45345		3223 CITY ELECTRIC MOTOR & CONTROLS	649.39						
		1052 12/29/23 SWR-REBUILD,BALL BEARING LABOR	649.39			5310 430600	360		101000
		Total for Vendor:	649.39						
45371		1145 CITY OF WHITEFISH BUILDING	2,000.00						
DEC 2023 BUILDING PERMITS									
		010924 01/09/24 MINIMUM PERMITS - FOR DEC	2,000.00			2394 420500	398		101000
		Total for Vendor:	2,000.00						
45329		3173 CIVICPLUS, LLC	3,570.00						
		288548 01/04/24 MEETNG MOD RENEW 3/1-2/28/25	3,570.00			1000 410580	355		101000
		Total for Vendor:	3,570.00						
45347		1760 CULLIGAN	250.00						
		010824 12/06/23 FD-WATER SOFTENER REPAIR	250.00			1000 420400	360		101000
		Total for Vendor:	250.00						
45332		1953 DOYLE & ASSOCIATES, P.C.	11,000.00						
		7584 12/31/23 YR 2022 COMPLC AUDIT/BLDG CODE	1,000.00			2394 420500	353		101000
		7584 12/31/23 YR 2022 COMPLC AUDIT/BLDG CODE	5,000.00			1000 410500	353		101000
		7584 12/31/23 YR 2022 COMPLC AUDIT/BLDG CODE	2,500.00			5210 430500	353		101000
		7584 12/31/23 YR 2022 COMPLC AUDIT/BLDG CODE	2,500.00			5310 430600	353		101000
		Total for Vendor:	11,000.00						
45383	E	1879 EVERGREEN WASTE CONNECTIONS	505.25						
		011224 01/01/24 FAC-12/01/23-12/31/23	91.65			1000 411200	340		101000
		011224 01/01/24 STRS-12/01/23-12/31/23	184.55			2500 430200	340		101000
		011224 01/01/24 WTR-12/01/23-12/31/23	91.65			5210 430500	340		101000
		011224 01/01/24 SWR-12/01/23-12/31/23	76.30			5310 430600	340		101000
		011224 01/01/24 PRKS-12/01/23-12/31/23	61.10			1000 460400	340		101000
		Total for Vendor:	505.25						

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45376		3224 EVIDENT, INC.	432.50						
	237046B	12/28/23 PD-BLACKHOLEPOUCHES/RESPIRATO	432.50			1000 420100	220		101000
		Total for Vendor:	432.50						
45354		438 FERGUSON WATERWORKS	170.00						
	0878138	01/05/24 WTR-METER WIRE	170.00			5210 430500	220		101000
		Total for Vendor:	170.00						
45386	E	2961 FIRST BANKCARD-ELECTRONIC PYMT	6,587.99						
	5892262	11/22/23 FD-EMERGENCY CARE/TRANSPORT	391.56			1000 420730	380		101000
	2729036	11/28/23 WTR-PRINTER PAPER COLORED	16.18			5210 430500	210		101000
	2729036	11/28/23 SWR-PRINTER PAPER COLORED	16.18			5310 430600	210		101000
	45762	12/01/23 SWR-UV BALLASTS	557.70			5310 430600	220		101000
	215487	11/30/23 SWR-SEWER HOSE	611.42			5310 430600	220		101000
	011224	11/30/23 GFOA SUSAN/SHAWN	230.00			1000 410500	335		101000
	1003437	11/28/23 WTR-PRINTER PAPER COLORED BLU	16.60			5210 430500	210		101000
	1003437	11/28/23 SWR-PRINTER PAPER COLORED BLU	16.60			5310 430600	210		101000
	2023110065	11/30/23 WTR-ADVANCED REPORTING C.M	620.94			5210 430500	399		101000
	120623	12/06/23 AMAZON WEB SERVICES	125.38			1000 410580	355		101000
	01211	12/04/23 FD-MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL MFCA	75.00*			1000 420400	335		101000
	600786	12/02/23 PLANNING MEETING LUNCH	68.42			1000 410400	380		101000
	5553020	11/29/23 METAL RIM KEY TAGS QTY100	47.67			1000 420100	220		101000
	8985571570	12/05/23 FD-PETERSON.B EMT LICENSE	35.00			1000 420730	380		101000
	5202668	11/30/23 FIN-LOGITECH TRACKBALL MOUSE	39.98			1000 411200	210		101000
	0683444	12/06/23 HDMI CABLE/KEYTAGS	45.77			1000 420100	210		101000
	2746603	12/08/23 FD-WIFI BOOSTER/USB ADAPTER	53.98			1000 420400	220		101000
	8223456	12/11/23 PENS,STICKY NOTES,HDMI CABLE	36.93			1000 420100	210		101000
	108846	12/11/23 PD-EVIDENCE SUPPLIES	2,090.35			1000 420100	220		101000
	0268255	12/14/23 PD-TOURNIQUET	65.90			1000 420100	220		101000
	7272203	12/14/23 PD-TAPE M-2312PK	12.85			1000 420100	210		101000
	3968200	12/14/23 PD-LYSOL PACK WIPES PACK OF 6	26.95			1000 420100	220		101000
	121423	12/14/23 PRKS-AMTOPP MEMBERSHIP	52.50*			1000 460400	335		101000
	121423	12/14/23 N.RILEY ROOM DEPSOIT SPLIT	77.50*			1000 460400	380		101000
	121423	12/14/23 N.RILEY ROOM DEPSOT SPLIT	77.50			1000 411200	380		101000
	011224	01/12/24 PRKS-AMTOPP DUES	341.25*			1000 460400	335		101000
	2633703706	12/18/23 WWTP ADOBE SUBSCRIPTION AN	239.88			5310 430600	355		101000

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	WM55821803	12/20/23 WASHER W/AGITATOR	518.00			1000 411200	212		101000
	011124	11/30/23 GFOA ANNUAL FEE SUSAN	80.00			1000 410400	335		101000
		Total for Vendor:	6,587.99						
45330		3104 FIRST CALL COMPUTER SOLUTIONS,	1,800.00						
	93683	01/01/24 COMP-JAN IT SERVICES	1,800.00			1000 410580	355		101000
45339		3104 FIRST CALL COMPUTER SOLUTIONS,	57.93						
	93976	12/31/23 MONTHLY MICROSOFT NCE SUBSCRIP	57.93			1000 410580	355		101000
		Total for Vendor:	1,857.93						
45363		1892 FLATHEAD COUNTY	30.00						
	6213	01/08/24 SNOW REMOVAL LETTERS	30.00			1000 410500	331		101000
		Total for Vendor:	30.00						
45384		23 FLATHEAD COUNTY ELECTIONS	8,022.18						
	2024006	01/11/24 MUNICIPAL GENERAL ELECTION CH	8,022.18			1000 410100	399		101000
		Total for Vendor:	8,022.18						
45357		663 FLATHEAD COUNTY SOLID WASTE	2,372.83						
	12588	12/31/23 SWR-SLUDGE HAUL 11/01/-11/30	2,372.83			5310 430600	395		101000
		Total for Vendor:	2,372.83						
45338		24 FLATHEAD COUNTY TREASURER	953.28						
	010424	01/04/24 CRT-TECH SUR 12/23	468.00			1000 212201			101000
	010424	01/04/24 CRT-LEA/CRIM CONV SURCHRG12/23	485.28			1000 212201			101000
		Total for Vendor:	953.28						
45382		21 FLATHEAD ELECTRIC COOP INC	13,944.29						
	010124	12/31/23 FAC-11/25/23-12/25/23	451.12			1000 411200	341		101000
	010124	12/31/23 PD-11/25/23-12/25/23	42.93			1000 420100	341		101000
	010124	12/31/23 FD-11/25/23-12/25/23	365.65			1000 420400	341		101000
	010124	12/31/23 PRKS-11/25/23-12/25/23	426.18			1000 460400	341		101000
	010124	12/31/23 POOL-11/25/23-12/25/23	72.97			1000 460445	341		101000
	010124	12/31/23 LIGHTING-11/25/23-12/25/23	2,648.11			2400 430200	341		101000
	010124	12/31/23 STRS-11/25/23-12/25/23	133.91			2500 430200	341		101000
	010124	12/31/23 WTR-11/25/23-12/25/23	3,506.30			5210 430500	341		101000

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	010124	12/31/23 SWR11/25/23-12/25/23	6,297.12			5310 430600	341		101000
		Total for Vendor:	13,944.29						
45349		3019 FLATHEAD PUBLISHING GROUP	80.00						
	14093	12/31/23 WTR-UB CLERK AD	40.00			5210 430500	390		101000
	14093	12/31/23 SWR-UB CLERK AD	40.00*			5310 430600	390		101000
		Total for Vendor:	80.00						
45368		2806 HANSON'S HARDWARE	91.98						
	608554	12/13/23 SWR-13W4PINCOMPACT FLOURESCENT	13.99			5310 430600	240		101000
	608665	12/27/23 WTR-MISC SCREWS	31.04			5210 430500	240		101000
	608723	01/03/24 SWR-PVC,BUSHING,RED LAMP	31.46			5310 430600	240		101000
	608664	12/27/23 WTR-BATTERY 4PK AA	15.49			5210 430500	220		101000
		Total for Vendor:	91.98						
45334		1659 HIGH COUNTRY LINEN SUPPLY	299.48						
	0576905	01/01/24 FAC-CITY HALL, POLC, CRT, FIN	262.74			1000 411200	224		101000
	0576906	01/01/24 FAC-FIRE HALL	36.74			1000 411200	224		101000
		Total for Vendor:	299.48						
45346		3116 IBS, INC	90.00						
	834878-1	12/27/23 STR-CERAMIC/CUTOFF WHEELS	90.00			2500 430200	220		101000
		Total for Vendor:	90.00						
45369		2849 J2 BUSINESS PRODUCTS	154.43						
	1348397-0	12/28/23 FIN-TONER COPY PAPER	37.75			1000 410500	210		101000
	1348397-0	12/28/23 WTR-TONER COPY PAPER	37.75			5210 430500	210		101000
	1348397-0	12/28/23 SWR-TONER COPY PAPER	37.75			5310 430600	210		101000
	1349515-0	01/05/24 FIN-LEGAL FILE POCKET FOLDE	24.99			1000 410500	210		101000
	1349483-0	01/03/24 FIN-WHITEOUT	16.19			1000 410500	210		101000
		Total for Vendor:	154.43						
45381		631 MONTANA DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENTAL	4,424.00						
	512403661	10/06/23 WTR-COMM CONNECTION FEE	4,424.00			5210 430500	391		101000
		Total for Vendor:	4,424.00						

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45342		43 MONTANA ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORY	3,738.00						
	2312491	12/12/23 SWR-AMMONIA/HEM/TKN	91.00			5310 430600	394		101000
	2312232	12/05/23 SWR-NITRATE+NITRITE, TKN	66.00			5310 430600	394		101000
	2312492	12/08/23 SWR-DISOLVED ALUMINUM	15.00			5310 430600	394		101000
	2312785	12/22/23 SWR-NITRATE+NITRITE, TKN	66.00			5310 430600	394		101000
	2313005	12/29/23 SWR-NITRATE+NITRITE, TKN	66.00			5310 430600	394		101000
	2313130	01/02/24 SWR-NITRATE+NITRITE, TKN	66.00			5310 430600	394		101000
	2312452	12/12/23 WTR-IOC'S+ARSENIC+NITRATE	282.00			5210 430500	394		101000
	2312453	01/02/24 WTR-SOCS/VOCS/CYANIDE	2,940.00			5210 430500	394		101000
	2312747	12/13/23 WTR-COLIFORM	146.00			5210 430500	394		101000
		Total for Vendor:	3,738.00						
45352		44 MONTANA LEAGUE OF CITIES AND	200.00						
	ML01139	12/15/23 MANGAN & BENNION SUPRT EXPENS	200.00			1000 410100	399		101000
		Total for Vendor:	200.00						
45365		3133 MONTANA MUNICIPAL INTERLOCAL	461.51						
		LIABILITY PROGRAM							
	DR1005510	11/30/23 WATER LEAKS INSIDE HOUSE BR	461.51			1000 510330	519		101000
		Total for Vendor:	461.51						
45385		2004 MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY	1,950.00						
	219-39-40	01/05/24 FD-FF1-O'BRIEN M.	1,950.00			1000 420400	380		101000
		Total for Vendor:	1,950.00						
45375		2305 MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INC.	5,000.76						
	8281736623	10/11/23 PD-VIDEOMANAGER LICENSE	833.46			1000 420100	355		101000
	8281737800	10/13/23 PD-ONSITE DEPLOYMENT/TRAIN	4,167.30			1000 420100	212		101000
		Total for Vendor:	5,000.76						
45367		52 NAPA AUTO PARTS	54.08						
	069069	01/09/24 FD-LUBRICNT	37.63			1000 420400	220		101000
	068907	01/08/24 SWR-HEET ANTIFREEZE	16.45			5310 430600	220		101000
		Total for Vendor:	54.08						

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45351		520 NORCO, INC.	12.71						
	39559515	12/31/23 STRS-CYLNDR RENT DEC	12.71			2500 430200	220		101000
		Total for Vendor:	12.71						
45350		2002 NORTHWEST PARTS & EQUIPMENT &	6.65						
	C332156	12/19/24 STR-PIPECAP MALE CONNECTOR	6.65			2500 430200	240		101000
		Total for Vendor:	6.65						
45340		1437 NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	2,221.01						
		NATURAL GAS SERVICE 11/22/23-12/20/23							
	010824	12/27/23 FAC-11/22/23-12/20/23	439.63			1000 411200	344		101000
	010824	12/27/23 PD-11/22/23-12/20/23	84.83			1000 420100	344		101000
	010824	12/27/23 FD-11/22/23-12/20/23	382.40			1000 420400	344		101000
	010824	12/27/23 STRS-11/22/23-12/20/23	307.07			2500 430200	344		101000
	010824	12/27/23 WTR-11/22/23-12/20/23	73.27			5210 430500	344		101000
	010824	12/27/23 SWR-11/22/23-12/20/23	933.81			5310 430600	344		101000
		Total for Vendor:	2,221.01						
45336		2816 O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	111.02						
	459274	12/26/23 PD-WIPER BLADE	11.06			1000 420100	232		101000
	459490	12/28/23 STR-TRANSFLUID	55.98			2500 430200	231		101000
	458898	12/20/23 STR-TRANS FLUID/TRANS-X	43.98			2500 430200	231		101000
		Total for Vendor:	111.02						
45356		801 PACIFIC STEEL & RECYCLING	193.32						
	8582057	12/21/23 STRS-FLAT METAL	133.13			2500 430200	240		101000
	8584911	12/27/23 STRTS-20' ANGLE	60.19			2500 430200	240		101000
		Total for Vendor:	193.32						
45353		3192 POP A SQUAT PORTABLES	285.00						
	15085	12/27/23 PRKS-3 PORTA POTTIES	285.00			1000 460400	399		101000
		Total for Vendor:	285.00						

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45379		3225 RUSTIC MOOSE LLC	282.25						
	000556	01/07/24 SWR-EMBROIDERY EMPLOYEE GEARX2	27.44			5310 430600	226		101000
	000556	01/07/24 STR-EMBROIDERY EMPLOYEEGEAR X11	133.28			2500 430200	226		101000
	000556	01/07/24 WTR-EMBROIDERY EMPLOYEEGEARX10	121.53			5210 430500	226		101000
		Total for Vendor:	282.25						
45361		134 SIRCHIE FINGER PRINT	260.16						
	0624082-IN	12/19/23 PD-EVIDENCE RIFLE BOXES	260.16			1000 420100	220		101000
		Total for Vendor:	260.16						
45341		1653 SUPER 1 FOODS	16.80						
	2547275	01/08/24 SWR-WATER	16.80			5310 430600	222		101000
		Total for Vendor:	16.80						
45373		2699 THE MAIL ROOM, INC	528.93						
		INVOICE #D118302							
	D118302	12/31/23 PD-MAIL SRVS 12/18-12/29	14.54			1000 420100	310		101000
	D118302	12/31/23 FIN-MAIL SRVS 12/18-12/29	248.07			1000 410500	310		101000
	D118302	12/31/23 WTR-MAIL SRVS 12/18-12/29	114.15			5210 430500	310		101000
	D118302	12/31/23 SWR-MAIL SRVS 12/18-12/29	114.15			5310 430600	310		101000
	D118302	12/31/23 CRT-MAIL SRVS 12/18-12/29	33.48			1000 410360	310		101000
	D118302	12/31/23 PLN-MAIL SRVS 12/18-12/29	4.54			1000 411000	310		101000
		Total for Vendor:	528.93						
45372		1623 THE UPS STORE #4515	11.98						
	018762	12/21/23 PD-EVIDENCE SHIPPING	11.98			1000 420100	310		101000
		Total for Vendor:	11.98						
45333		3016 TRANSUNION RISK AND ALTERNATIVE	100.00						
	202312-1	01/01/24 PD-12/01/2023-12/31/2023	100.00			1000 420100	335		101000
		Total for Vendor:	100.00						
45359		246 URECO INC.	7,770.76						
	18551	01/08/24 STRS-DEICER 37.66 TONS	7,770.76			2500 430200	221		101000
		Total for Vendor:	7,770.76						

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* ... Over spent expenditure

Claim/	Check	Vendor #/Name/ Invoice #/Inv Date/Description	Document \$/ Line \$	Disc \$	PO #	Fund Org Acct	Object	Proj	Cash Account
45378		3200 USABUEBOOK	149.50						
	INV0022976	12/26/23 SWR-PLEATED HYDRO FILTER	149.50			5310 430600	240		101000
		Total for Vendor:	149.50						
45344		3063 UTILITIES UNDERGROUND LOCATION	23.55						
		MONTH OF SERVICE DECEMBER							
		15 TOTAL							
	3125070	12/31/23 WTR-DEC 2023 UDIGS	7.85			5210 430500	318		101000
	3125070	12/31/23 SWR-DEC 2023 UDIGS	7.85			5310 430600	318		101000
	3125070	12/31/23 STRS-DEC 2023 UDIGS	7.85			2500 430200	318		101000
		Total for Vendor:	23.55						
45337		1134 VICTIM-WITNESS ADVOCATE PROGRAM	503.00						
	010424	01/04/24 CRTS-DEC 2023	503.00			2917 410360	356		101000
		Total for Vendor:	503.00						
45364		84 WESTERN BUILDING CENTER	218.43						
	4I638636	01/08/24 WTR-COMBO LOCK	34.98			5210 430500	220		101000
	4I626315	12/28/23 STR-15AMP DPLX GFCI	23.19			2500 430200	240		101000
	4I634272	01/04/24 FAC-SPACKLING,CLICK SEAL TOI	162.75			1000 411200	240		101000
	4I521817	10/16/23 2.49 CREDIT FROM 10/16/23	-2.49			1000 411200	240		101000
		Total for Vendor:	218.43						
45377	E	2733 WEX Fleet Universal	5,005.98						
		STATEMENT ENDING 12/31/23							
	94227185	12/31/23 PD-DEC FUEL	2,159.70			1000 420100	231		101000
	94227185	12/31/23 FIRE-DEC FUEL	727.62			1000 420400	231		101000
	94227185	12/31/23 PRKS-DEC FUEL	46.73			1000 460400	231		101000
	94227185	12/31/23 WTR-DEC FUEL	217.46			5210 430500	231		101000
	94227185	12/31/23 SWR-DEC FUEL	421.01			5310 430600	231		101000
	94227185	12/31/23 STRS-DEC FUEL	1,433.46			2500 430200	231		101000
		Total for Vendor:	5,005.98						
		# of Claims	53	Total:	98,244.48	# of Vendors	48		
		Total Electronic Claims			12,410.15				
		Total Non-Electronic Claims			85834.33				

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Council Meeting Date: 1/16/2024

Claims Submitted to Council: \$ 98,244.48

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

Prepared By: Shawn Bates, Finance Director
S. Bates

Approved by Susan M. Nicosia, City Manager
S. Nicosia

City Council to Approve by motion on consent agenda

Mayor and Council -

The majority of these claims are routine in nature and amount. Large or unusual claims include:

Doyle & Assoc. - 2022 FY Audit Fees - \$11,000

BNSF RR - add'l engineering review fees for 12th Ave W - \$2,705.58

Whitefish Building - min. \$2,000 payment (3rd month in this fiscal year)

Motorola - \$5K - \$4,168 for install of police dept mobile camara system

Ureco - 38 tons deicer for \$7,770

Please contact Finance Director Bates should you have any questions on any claim.

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Total for Payroll Checks

	Employee	Employer	Amount
ADDL HOURS (Additional)	0.00		30.93
COMP HOURS (Comp Time Used)	0.50		12.08
HOL HOURS (Holiday Pay)	275.38		8,589.01
HOLW HOURS (Holiday Worked @ 2.5x)	8.00		278.64
J001 HOURS (CLOTH ALLOW)	0.00		1,200.00
J003 HOURS (PD HOL WK)	36.00		1,759.50
J008 HOURS (PD HOL WK OT)	12.00		472.68
OTHE HOURS (Other Time Used)	80.00		3,329.60
OVER HOURS (Overtime)	27.50		1,411.70
OVRTD HOURS (STEP overtime)	20.00		891.96
PERS HOURS (Personal Time Used)	6.00		216.36
REG HOURS (Regular Time)	2,266.75		70,330.32
SHFN HOURS (Shift B)	228.00		456.00
SHFQ HOURS (OVT B)	2.50		7.50
SHFU HOURS (Hol wk B)	24.00		120.00
SICK HOURS (Sick Time)	110.75		3,692.07
VACA HOURS (Vacation Time Used)	101.00		3,064.01
GROSS PAY	95,862.36	0.00	
NET PAY	65,623.88	0.00	
NET PAY (CHECKS)	1,174.98		
NET PAY (DIRECT DEPOSIT)	64,448.90		
AFLAC-POSTTAX	86.97	0.00	
AFLAC-PRETAX	165.04	0.00	
CHILD SUPPORT P	206.76	0.00	
CITY OF CF ELEC	2,908.35	0.00	
CITY OF COLUMBI	20.00	0.00	
FIT	7,571.31	0.00	
FLEX ALLEGIANCE	782.33	22.50	
FOP	405.00	0.00	
HEALTHINS/PRE	2,634.66	23,114.00	
MEDICARE	1,326.99	1,326.99	
MT ST FIRE ASSO	99.69	0.00	
NATIONWIDE/CITY	0.00	2,146.13	
NATIONWIDE/EMP	238.33	0.00	
P.E.R.S.	3,893.94	4,470.65	
PERS RETIREE	0.00	99.32	
PERS/FURS	1,066.65	1,431.50	
PERS/POLICE	2,636.27	4,220.95	
SIT	2,623.00	0.00	
SOCIAL SECURITY	3,103.14	3,103.14	
TEAMSTERS DUES	327.00	0.00	
UNEMPL. INSUR.	0.00	425.98	
UNUM LIFE INS.	143.05	0.00	
WORKERS' COMP	0.00	2,852.40	
CHARLES SCHWAB	1,728.39	0.00	
FIRST INTERSTAT	1,116.14	0.00	
FREEDOM BANK	3,533.28	0.00	
GLACIER BANK KA	8,296.66	0.00	

Payroll
1-5-2024
\$ 109,326.82
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GLACIER BANK MS	1,804.18	0.00
GLACIER BANK/CF	20,117.31	0.00
GLACIER BANK/WF	1,903.83	0.00
NAVY FEDERAL CR	1,981.13	0.00
PARKSIDE CR U	7,740.46	0.00
STRIDE BANK	1,154.29	0.00
USAA FEDERAL	1,435.02	0.00
WELLS FARGO	2,476.89	0.00
WELLS FARGO, TX	1,860.60	0.00
WFISH CR UNION	9,300.72	0.00
FIT/SIT BASE	81,536.79	0.00
MEDICARE BASE	91,518.11	0.00
PERS BASE	89,646.07	0.00
SOC SEC BASE	50,050.65	0.00
UN BASE	94,662.36	0.00
WC BASE	93,150.41	0.00

Total 43,213.56
Total Payroll Expense (Gross Pay + Employer Contributions): 139,075.92

Check Summary

Payroll Checks Prev. Out.	\$21,152.93
Payroll Checks Issued	\$3,885.89
Payroll Checks Redeemed	\$1,112.16
Payroll Checks Outstanding	\$23,926.66
Electronic Checks	\$105,440.93

Deductions Accrued	Carried Forward From Previous Month	Deduction Checks Issued	Difference	Liab Account
Social Security	6206.28	6206.28		212260
Medicare	2653.98	2653.98		212260
P.E.R.S.	8364.59	8364.59		212270
Unempl. Insur.	425.98		851.96	212210
Workers' Comp	2852.40		5704.80	212220
FIT	7571.31	7571.31		212260
SIT	2623.00	2623.00		212260
AFLAC-PRETAX	165.04		330.08	212230
NATIONWIDE/EMP	238.33	238.33		212280
Teamsters dues	327.00		654.00	212310
PERS/Police	6857.22	6857.22		212240
NATIONWIDE/CITY	2146.13	2146.13		212280
AFLAC-POSTTAX	86.97		173.94	212230
PERS/FURS	2498.15	2498.15		212275
MT ST FIRE ASSO	99.69	99.69		212315
HEALTHINS/PRE	25748.66		51497.32	212400
CITY OF COLUMBI	20.00	20.00		212450
UNUM LIFE INS.	143.05		286.10	212400
FLEX ALLEGIANCE	804.83	804.83		212285
CHILD SUPPORT P	206.76	206.76		212330
FOP	405.00	405.00		212335
CITY OF CF ELEC	2908.35	2908.35		212450
PERS RETIREE	99.32	99.32		212270

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Total Ded.	73452.04	29749.10	43702.94	59498.20
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4th
Quarterly Reports
\$ 19,439.13
Paul Steadman

Total for Payroll Checks

	Employee	Employer	Amount
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Total		0.00	
Total Payroll Expense (Gross Pay + Employer Contributions):			0.00
Total Discounts: -0.01			
Total Payroll Expense (Less Discounts):	0.01		

Check Summary

Payroll Checks Prev. Out.	\$4,207.76
Payroll Checks Issued	\$16,945.17
Payroll Checks Redeemed	\$1,112.16
Payroll Checks Outstanding	\$20,040.77
Electronic Checks	\$2,493.96

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

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Check #	Payee #/Name	Check Amount	Date Issued	Period Redeemed	Receipt Acct
-71009	Unempl. Insur. UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE D	2493.96	01/03/24	1/24	
30258	Workers' Comp MMIA - WC PROGRAM	16945.17	01/04/24		
* denotes missing check number(s)					
# of Checks:	2	Total:	19439.13	Electronic Checks:	2,493.96
				Non-electronic Checks:	16,945.17

CITY OF COLUMBIA FALLS
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 02, 2024

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

ROLL CALL: Councilor King, Councilor Lovering, Councilor Piper, Councilor Robinson, Councilor Shepard (via Zoom) and Mayor Barnhart.

Also present: City Manager Nicosia, City Clerk Staalnd, City Attorney Breck and Police Chief Peters.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

OATHS OF OFFICE:

City Clerk Staalnd administered oath of office to the following:

Councilpersons: King, Piper, Price - 4-year terms through December 31, 2027

City Attorney Justin Breck and Deputy City Attorney - 2 year terms through December 31, 2025

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Councilor Robinson motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Councilor Piper and the motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilor King made motion to approve the consent agenda noting all claims appeared to be in order, seconded by Councilor Lovering and the motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Claims - January 2, 2024 - \$123,175.49

Approval of Payroll Claims - December 22, 2023 - \$160,882.19

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes - December 18, 2023

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT (Items not on agenda)

Shirley Folkwein, 285 Shooting Star Dr., inquired about the upcoming workshop on short term rentals and asked what the purpose was and when the agenda would be available. City Manager Nicosia said the workshop is scheduled for January 22, 2024 and council will be reviewing the City Municipal Code on short term vacation rentals. The purpose is to address public comments received on vacation rentals as well as review current code and case law, said Nicosia.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS/PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Mayor Barnhart read the notice of hearing and asked for the Staff Report presentation:

Public Hearing: Zoning Request within Columbia Falls Jurisdiction:

Request change the zoning from CR-3 (One-Family Residential) to CB-2 (General Business) in the Columbia Falls Zoning Jurisdiction:

The owner/applicant, Boys and Girls Club of Glacier Country, Inc., is requesting a zone change at 165 Veterans Drive in the Columbia Falls area from the current CR-3 (One-Family Residential) to a CB-2 (General Business) designation. The property has a Commercial designation in the Columbia Falls Growth Policy and will be the future home of the Boys and Girls Club in Columbia Falls. The property is described as Lot 2, of Saint Richards Subdivision in Section 18, Township 30 North, Range 20 West, P.M.M., Flathead County.

City Manager Nicosia presented staff report CZC-23-03, noting that the request went before the Planning and Zoning Board on December 12, 2023, whereby the Board unanimously approved the request. Nicosia reported that the Draft Planning Board minutes were attached to the Council packet and there were several people speaking on the request with most in favor.

City Manager Nicosia said the request is to amend the zoning on the property from CR-3 (One Family Residential) to CB-2 (General Business). The site is currently undeveloped but was subdivided by the Church with the intent of selling to the Boys and Girls Club. The proposed zoning would allow the club as a permitted use while the CR-3 requires a conditional use permit.

Nicosia reviewed the Evaluation Based on Statutory Criteria noting that the property is designated "Commercial" by the Columbia Falls Growth Policy. The property is located adjacent to lands already zoned CB-2, CI-1, CRA-1 and CR-3. The proposed intensities are supported by the urban services and utilities of the City of Columbia Falls.

Staff finds that the subject sufficiently meets the adopted review criteria and supports the property rezoning from CR-3 to CB-2. Staff recommends that the City Council adopt Staff Report CZC-23-03 as Findings of Fact.

Councilor Lovering said her only concern was where the traffic exit will be. Nicosia replied when the city receives the civil plan and building plan we will review it for traffic flow. They have a professional team putting the plans together that meet city and state public work standards.

Mayor Barnhart opened the public hearing at 7:20 p.m.

Keith Valentine, Board of Directors for the Boys and Girls Club said it is important to explain that the plans have changed and may still change. The exit will be off Veterans Drive and the traffic turn around would be to the south of the lot where they have 74 parking spaces. Mr. Valentine said the zone change will allow them to move forward with the capital campaign.

Justin Lee, 1615 Riparian Dr., is also on the Board of Directors for the Boys and Girls Club and has been with the organization for approximately four and a half years. This project has taken a while to get to this point. We really want to provide a place in the community for after school programs for the Boys and Girls Club. Mr. Lee said they have already spent several thousands of dollars on licenses, permits, design and research. He does not believe the club will be a disturbance within the neighborhood as the club shuts down at 6:00 p.m. The facility will also be available to the community said Lee.

With no further comments Mayor Barnhart closed the public hearing at 7:25 p.m. Mayor Barnhart noted that there were no written public comments received regarding this matter.

Councilor Lovering motioned to adopt Staff Report CZC-23-03 as Findings of Fact, second by Councilor Piper with voting as follows. Ayes: King, Lovering, Piper, Price, Robinson, Shepard and Barnhart.

Councilor Robinson motioned to approve the zone change from the current CR-3 (One-Family Residential) to a CB-2 (General Business), seconded by Councilor King with Council voting as follows. Ayes: Lovering, Piper, Price, Robinson, Shepard, King and Barnhart.

Mayor Barnhart asked if the City could have a closer look at the on-site lighting that is a concern of a nearby resident. Mayor Barnhart also suggested looking at traffic coming out at 12th Ave. to access the streetlight to make the left-hand turn.

Councilor Robinson asked what is the capacity of the new facility. The answer was uncertain, said Mr. Valentine.

Councilor Price said it was her understanding that the facility would be opened for community events. Valentine said yes that is correct. He said he is hesitant to put anything out there due to costs and will have discussion at a later date said Mr. Valentine.

NEW BUSINESS:

Declare Equipment Surplus and Authorize Intent to Dispose of Surplus Equipment

City Manager Nicosia said city staff is bringing forward the list of equipment to have the City Council, as required by state law, to declare the property as surplus and no longer useable by the City:

2017 Ford Police Interceptor, 1983 International Spreader Truck and the 1995 Ford LTL 9000 w/3000-gallon tank. Nicosia noted that the notice also permits the City to sell or dispose of the surplus assets in the most efficient, cost-effective manner. The City will publish the required notice, allowing for the 15-day comment period, and will then advertise the items for sale.

Councilor Piper motioned to approve the items listed as surplus and authorize the intent to dispose, second by Councilor King and the motion carried.

ORDINANCES / RESOLUTIONS:

First Reading - Ordinance # 828:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA FALLS, MONTANA, AMENDING THE COLUMBIA FALLS ZONING MAP FROM CR-3 ONE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO CB-2 GENERAL BUSINESS AT 165 VETERANS DRIVE, FURTHER DESCRIBED AS LOT 2 OF THE ST. RICHARDS SUBDIVISION IN SECTION 18, T30N, R20W, P.M.M., FLATHEAD COUNTY

Councilor Piper motioned to approve the first reading of Ordinance # 828, seconded by Councilor Lovering and the motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS / BUSINESS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL

Councilor Robinson wished City Manager Nicosia a happy birthday today.

Mayor Barnhart asked if we could get the bear management representative to come in to give a report on how we did this year.

Mayor Barnhart said it was sad to see the Klothes Kloset close their doors as they have been a huge asset to the community. It's nice to see a new daycare in the building and wishes them well in the future.

Councilor Shepard said he spent several days in Bozeman and the word of the day is densification. Shepard believes the lawsuits against the new legislation will be coming out of Bozeman.

Council Committee Assignments: Council discussed the committees and selected which committee they wished to serve on for the coming year.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Nicosia said Councilor Lovering is on the Advisory Committee at School District 6 and they had expressed concerns with traffic at 6th and 5th. The east end of the bike path is not a separated bike path said Nicosia and the school district personnel were concerned with how close the vehicles were to the children on the path. The city put delineators around the corner to provide added safety. There was also concern about the movement of the traffic with the buses. The City worked with Morrison-Maierle, and they set up their traffic cameras for a couple days and will put together a report on a short-term solution to improve traffic flow and safety; it will be very expensive to rebuild.

The RAISE Grant is on the Transportation Secretary's desk for the last signature. Nicosia noted that the City will begin the RFQ process as soon as we get the green light from the FHWA.

Nicosia noted that Councilman Shepard sent a notice regarding a request for a temporary injunction against SB 323 and SB 528. SB 323 was the bill that automatically allowed for a duplex on a single-family lot. SB 528 was the permitted accessory dwelling units. The judge had not yet ruled on the request.

Nicosia and Public Works Director Hanley will be bringing the public works capital outlay planning to the Council beginning in February. It will include parks, streets, facilities, water and sewer.

City Manager Nicosia said she has been serving local government in one way or another for 40 years. This is her 25th year with the City and the last 13 years has been as the City Manager. Nicosia said she is passionate about the city and is blessed to have been able to serve this community. Nicosia said she is looking at retiring at the end of her contract, which is June 30, 2024. This is an exceptional council, and she will miss working with them. Nicosia is looking forward to spending time with family. There is never a perfect time for retirement, but this will be a good time to retire said Nicosia.

Mayor Barnhart asked at what point we should start looking for a new City Manager. The council said it should be as soon as possible. The council requested to see a job description as well as what the City Manager does on a regular basis.

Mayor Barnhart said there is a Public Safety Committee meeting on January 8, 2024, at the Fire Hall; we could have a meeting as a whole in the Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m. to discuss how to move forward with the City Manager position. Councilor Robinson asked if Nicosia would be willing to contract with the city to work on the City Budget, AFR, grants, etc. during the transition. Nicosia replied affirmatively.

Mayor Barnhart said Nicosia will be greatly missed.

Councilor Shepard sent an email regarding the City Planning Commission with questions for folks to ask during the interview process. The council discussed the questions and will send comments/questions to City Manager Nicosia to add to the information seeking candidates.

MISCELLANEOUS

Correspondence

ADJOURN

Councilor Lovering made motion to adjourn, seconded by King and the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING 2023 Communications AFG Grant Application

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is entered into effective on the ____ day of January, 2024 by and among Blankenship Rural Fire District and the participating Municipal Fire Departments, Rural Fire Districts, Fire Service Area, Glacier Park International Airport and participating EMS Agencies, hereafter referred to as “Agency.”

1. Purpose.

The purpose of this MOU is to document the approval and participation of each agency in a regional FEMA – Assistance to Firefighters (AFG) Grant to purchase mobile radios, handheld portable radios, and associated work as detailed in the grant application.

2. Grant Administration.

The Blankenship Rural Fire District has agreed to serve as the “Host Agency.” As such, the Blankenship Rural Fire District is responsible for grant management, administration, and reporting.

3. Grant Audit

If the grant is successful, an audit will be required as a component of the grant administration and close-out. Funding for the audit will be included in the grant application to cover the audit cost. If the cost of the audit exceeds awarded funding the excess cost will be shared among the grant participants.

4. Award Match.

Each agency agrees to pay the non-federal matching share (10%) as required by the grant agreement for the agency’s specific equipment. The award match will be paid to Blankenship Rural Fire District by journal voucher through the Flathead County Finance System upon receipt of the equipment by Flathead County for all agencies whose funds are held by the County Treasurer. All other agencies, such as municipalities and airport, will make payment to Blankenship Rural Fire District.

5. System for Award Management (SAM)

Each agency agrees to monitor and maintain an active SAM registration for their organization. Only those organizations with active registrations can participate in funding requests for equipment acquisition.

6. National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS)

Each agency, excluding EMS only organizations, are required to report their respective incident data to the NFIRS system for the “Period of Performance” of the grant. This may be accomplished through reporting directly to the NFIRS data site or through a third-party service.

7. Radio Equipment Maintenance Responsibility.

Initial and Continuing Software Maintenance

The radio equipment will be set up, catalogued, and distributed by the Flathead County Office of Emergency Service (OES) in coordination with the Blankenship Rural Fire District and the Flathead 911 Emergency Communications Center (911). Each radio is required to be programmed for frequencies, configuration, and identity to work within the Flathead and Montana State Radio System. In order to ensure that each radio will work properly within the system, a vendor will be selected through the Request for Proposals process that will be exclusively responsible for initial setup, programming, and installation, as required. The Flathead 911 Emergency Communications Center will provide subsequent software updates and reprogramming as needed.

8. Regular Hardware Maintenance, Accessories and Availability

Except for initial programming and set up, once delivered, and accepted by the agency, that agency will be responsible for the cost of operation, hardware repair or accessories. The agency agrees to utilize only accessories and batteries specified for use with the radio equipment.

9. Cost of Installation – Mobile Radio

Participants will be responsible for the cost of existing radio removal and installation of equipment that would be afforded by a grant award and any options they selected for their respective installation.

10. Existing FEMA AFG (2009) Equipment

If successful, this grant will replace the mobile and portable radios acquired through a 2009 FEMA AFG award. The disposition of that equipment is subject to guidance provided by the AFG Program Directorate. The model and serial number of all equipment will be collected by the successful vendor and provided to the Blankenship Rural Fire District. Any equipment that is requested to be retained by a participant must be requested in writing outlining model, serial number, need and use. Equipment may not be cached or utilized by personnel on incidents with life safety hazard potential.

11. Equipment Selection.

The participating agencies and Flathead County OES and 911 will select a committee to prepare the equipment specifications. The Blankenship Rural Fire District will call for bids based on the committee's specifications. Upon receipt of the bids, the committee will prepare a bid award recommendation that will be presented to the Blankenship Rural Fire District. The Blankenship Rural Fire District will formally approve the bid award based on the committee's recommendation.

12. Changes to MOU.

Any modification of this MOU or additional obligation assumed by any party hereto in connection with this MOU shall be binding only if evidenced in writing signed by an authorized representative of each party.

13. Savings/Severability.

Should any provision of this MOU or application thereof to any circumstances be held to be invalid, the remainder of the terms and provisions hereto and their application to the other circumstances shall in no way be affected or impaired by any such invalidation. The remainder of this MOU shall continue in full force and effect in the same manner as though any such invalid provision had been omitted or deleted therefrom.

Blankenship Rural Fire District

By _____ Title _____
Name of signer and title

Name of Participating Agency

By _____
Name of Signer and Title

Participant EIN: _____

January 12, 2024

To: Mayor & Council

From: City Manager Nicosia/Fire Chief Weeks

RE: Pumper/Rescue Apparatus Purchase

The Public Safety Committee met with the Columbia Falls Rural Fire District Board on Monday, January 8, 2024, to discuss the purchase of the pumper/rescue apparatus purchase. Fire Chief Weeks researched current available apparatus meeting the department’s specifications and price range. The City and Rural Fire District can take advantage of a Sourcewell contract providing for a 19% cost savings in addition to a “cash price” savings offered by the vendor. The Rural Board voted in favor of taking advantage of the apparatus as specified and, in the amount not to exceed the quoted \$785,000.

The City and the Rural District have an inter-local agreement whereby the share in the cost of the purchase of any joint-use apparatus using the following formula:

Distribution:			
50% Call Count			\$ 392,500.00
Rural	223	57%	\$ 224,429.49
City	167	43%	\$ 168,070.51
Total Calls	390		
50% Taxable Value (state per mill)			\$ 392,500.00
Rural	24,458.54	67%	\$ 263,100.17
City	12,029.38	33%	\$ 129,399.83
Total Taxable Value	36,487.92		
Rural Share		62%	\$ 487,529.66
City Share		38%	\$ 297,470.34
Total			<u>\$ 785,000.00</u>

The City Council has reserved \$155,684 in the Resort Tax Fund for public safety. Additionally, the council may approve an internal loan from the Cedar Creek Trust for the remaining balance, \$141,786. However, the City can surplus the vehicles being replaced (Rescue and Engine) and

use those funds to pay off or offset any loan. The loan meets the allowable statutory limits for incurring debt without a vote.

City staff is recommending the cash price with a performance bond. It was expressed by the vendor that the City may have to pay for the bond.

Council Action Requested: Approve the purchase of the apparatus, using the \$155,684 reserved in the Resort Tax Fund for this purchase and authorize a loan from the Cedar Creek Trust for any balance necessary.

SECOND AND FINAL READING

ORDINANCE NO.828

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA FALLS, MONTANA, AMENDING THE COLUMBIA FALLS ZONING MAP FROM CR-3 ONE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO CB-2 GENERAL BUSINESS AT 165 VETERANS DRIVE, FURTHER DESCRIBED AS LOT 2 OF THE ST. RICHARDS SUBDIVISION IN SECTION 18, T30N, R20W, P.M.M., FLATHEAD COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Boys and Girls Club of Glacier Country, Inc. a Montana non-profit corp, owner of the real property, has requested an amendment to the Columbia Falls zoning map to change the zoning from the current CR-3 One Family Residential to CB-2 General Business at 165 Veterans Drive, further described as Lot 2 of the St. Richards Subdivision in Section 18, T30N, R20W, P.M.M., Flathead County.

WHEREAS, the Columbia Falls Planning Department, on November 30, 2023, in Staff Report CZC-23-03, recommended approval of the requested zoning amendment; and

WHEREAS, said request was considered by the Columbia Falls City-County Planning Board in a public hearing at its regularly scheduled meeting on December 12, 2023, at which the Board adopted Staff Report CZC-23-03 as Findings of Fact and recommended approval of the requested zoning map amendment; and

WHEREAS, a hearing on the Zoning Map Amendment was held by the City Council of the City of Columbia Falls, Montana, at a regular meeting on Tuesday, January 2, 2024, after said hearing was advertised according to law; and at said hearing on said date, the City Council considered the recommendation of the Planning Board, the report of the Columbia Falls Planning Office, together with any and all comments filed or voiced with respect to said change; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that the zoning map amendment request is in the best interest of the City.

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

Section One. Findings of Fact: That the Columbia Falls Planning Office Report #CZC-23-03, dated November 30, 2023, is hereby adopted by the Council as findings of fact with respect to said zoning map amendment request.

Section Two. Change in Zoning Classification: That the requested zoning map amendment on property presently zoned CR-3 One Family Residential be changed to

CB-2 General Business at 165 Veterans Drive further described as Lot 2 of the St. Richards Subdivision in Section 18, T30N, R20W, P.M.M., Flathead County.

Section Three. The Council finds that the proposal complies with the Columbia Falls City Growth Policy.

Section Four. Inconsistent Provisions: All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section Five. Severability: The provisions of this Ordinance are severable. If any provision of this Ordinance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision.

Section Six. Effective Date: This Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after its final passage and approval by the City Council of the City of Columbia Falls, Montana.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF COLUMBIA FALLS, MONTANA THIS 16th DAY OF JANUARY 2024, THE COUNCIL VOTING AS FOLLOWS:

AYE:

NOES:

ABSENT:

City Clerk

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR OF COLUMBIA FALLS, MONTANA THIS 16th DAY OF JANUARY 2024.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

January 12, 2024

To: Mayor & Council

From: City Manager Nicosia

Re: Adoption of Resolution # 1913 Creating the City of Columbia Falls Planning Commission

This resolution formalizes the creation of the 5-member Planning Commission as required by SB 382. The council has previously set the number of Commission members at five. I have extended the time period to receive letters of interest for the Planning Commission to January 26th. These letters will then be presented to the City Council at the February 5, 2024, Regular City Council meeting. The extended date and information were sent to both the Hungry Horse News and the Daily Interlake as well as posted on the City website and bulletin board.

I have prepared this resolution with the assistance of the DOC TAP, MLCT and the other cities that are in the process of implementing SB 382. This resolution addresses all the questions on how, what, when etc. they must be addressed when a Board or Commission is established. The Planning Commission must complete their roles and responsibilities no later than May 17, 2026. Once complete, the Planning Commission will then be established by Ordinance and will include the added task of hearing appeals and will take over the duties of the City-County Planning Board/Zoning Commission and the Board of Adjustment.

RESOLUTION NO. 1913

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA FALLS, MONTANA CREATING A PLANNING COMMISSION

WHEREAS, a Planning Commission is authorized by the Montana Land Use Planning Act (MLUPA), 2023 (“the Act”) ;

WHEREAS, the State of Montana has established the make-up, duties, roles, and responsibilities of a Planning Commission in the Act;

WHEREAS, as required in the Act, the City of Columbia Falls must either establish a municipal Planning Commission or so designate an existing, legally authorized planning board, zoning commission, or planning and zoning commission as a Planning Commission for the purposes of the Act;

WHEREAS, the City desires to establish a separate Planning Commission for the City of Columbia Falls for the purposes of implementation of the Act; and

WHEREAS, THE City will still be members of the City-County Planning Board for the purposes outlined in the 2018 Inter-Local Agreement and for the purposes outlined in existing State planning and land use statutes and existing City Code until such time the City becomes compliant with the Act, at the latest May 17, 2026.

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

Section One. Planning Commission Established.

There is hereby established a Planning Commission for the City of Columbia Falls, which shall only have the following duties and responsibilities as provided in the Act, until such time MLUPA has been fully implemented by the City and the Planning Commission created by Ordinance, but no later than May 17, 2026.

Section Two. Duties and Responsibilities.

The Planning Commission shall review and make recommendations to the City Council regarding development, adoption, review, and approval or denial of the following documents:

- A. Public Participation Plan.
- B. The Land Use Plan and Future Land Use Map as provided in the Act.
- C. Subdivision Regulations as provided for in the Act.
- D. Any other legislative land use planning document that the City Council designates.

Section Three. Planning Commission Composition.

The Planning Commission shall consist of five (5) members, with each member being confirmed by a majority vote of the City of Columbia Falls City Council.

Section Four. Terms.

Members shall initially serve until May 17, 2026, upon the creation of the Planning Commission by ordinance, until re-appointed, or until their successors are appointed and qualified.

Section Five. Planning Commission Qualifications.

The citizen members of the Planning Commission shall be residents of the City of Columbia Falls and residing within the municipal limits of the City.

Section Six. Removal.

Planning Commission members serve at the pleasure of the City of Columbia Falls City Council and may be removed by a majority vote of the Council for any reason.

Section Seven. Planning Commission Vacancies.

Vacancies occurring on the Planning Commission will be filled for the unexpired term by the City Council in the same manner as the initial appointment.

Section Eight. Meetings of the Planning Commission.

The Planning Commission shall meet monthly, on the date and time established within the Planning Commission By-Laws. Special meetings may be called as often as required to advance the roles and duties of the Planning Commission outlined in Section Two. A quorum shall consist of a majority of currently appointed voting members of the Planning Commission. A quorum must be present for the Planning Commission to take official action. A favorable vote of at least a majority of the quorum is required to authorize an action at a regular or properly called special meeting.

Section Nine. Meeting Notifications.

All meetings of the Planning Commission shall be open to the public, both in person and virtually. Meeting notices shall be posted as required by MCA for noticing meetings of public bodies, or as otherwise required by Columbia Falls City Code or policies set for general City advisory boards.

Section Ten. Officers.

The Planning Commission shall consist of a Chairperson, Vice-Chair and Secretary. The Chair and Vice-Chair shall serve one (1) year terms. Officer elections shall be held on the 1st meeting of each calendar year. The Secretary of the Planning Commission shall be the staff liaison or other staff member as assigned by the City Manager.

Section Eleven. Compensation and Budgeting.

All expenses for the operation of the Planning Commission are paid from the City of Columbia Falls Budget. Authorization for any related planning expenses incurred by the Planning Commission is the responsibility of the City Council, or as directed to the City Manager. The Planning Commission has no authority to establish a budget, levy taxes, or indebt the City or itself.

Section Twelve. Organization and By-Laws.

The Planning Commission shall adopt by-laws and rules of procedure as required by the Act. By-laws, and any amendments, must be based on the City of Columbia Falls' standard template for advisory boards.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF COLUMBIA FALLS, MONTANA THIS 16th DAY OF JANUARY 2024, THE COUNCIL VOTING AS FOLLOWS:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

City Clerk

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR OF COLUMBIA FALLS, MONTANA THIS 16TH DAY OF JANUARY 2024.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

**CITY OF COLUMBIA FALLS
CORRESPONDENCE LIST
COUNCIL MEETING
January 16, 2024**

01/02/2024 Email from Philip Matson – CFAC

01/02/2024 Article in Government & Politics – Injunction against two affordable housing bills passed by Montana Legislature

01/10/2024 Email from Pat Malone – Accessory Dwelling Units for Columbia Falls

B Staaland

From: City of Columbia Falls Montana <columbiafalls-mt@municodeweb.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 2, 2024 2:57 PM
To: B Staaland
Subject: Form submission from: Contact Us

Submitted on Tuesday, January 2, 2024 - 2:57pm

Submitted by anonymous user: 75.203.198.35

Submitted values are:

First Name Phillip
Last Name Matson
Email flbsphil@gmail.com
Question/Comment
Ms. Nicosia, Mayor Barnhart, and Columbia Falls City Councilors,



I hope this letter finds you well rested from an enjoyable holiday season.

I am reaching out as a resident of Columbia Falls who, like many of us, is seriously concerned about the EPA’s proposed remediation plan for the Columbia Falls Aluminum Company Superfund site to leave 1.2 million cubic yards of soil contaminated with cyanide, arsenic, fluoride, and other toxic carcinogens in place and in such close proximity to our source drinking water. I do not have to explain much to you about the situation as you are aware of the history, but I do want to bring to your attention how much is riding on a proper cleanup.

Without a future county land use plan, the EPA will continue to recommend the remediation efforts reflect industrial use for perpetuity. As you know, this means the site cleanup will be minimal, allowing contaminated soil left in areas prone to high ground water and surface water influence to spread. Certain areas of the land will remain closed off behind barbed wire fencing for generations to come. Even with potential manufacturers taking advantage of cheap acreage, future workers will be exposed to unnecessary risks if we do not hold the EPA and responsible parties, whom have profited \$2 Billion, accountable for a comprehensive cleanup.

Among the 100 letters submitted during the public comment period, former plant operators Atlantic Richfield Company (ARCO) submitted a letter to EPA citing numerous flaws in the 2020 CFAC Remedial Investigation upon which the EPA’s feasibility study (and thus, preferred plan) was based. In its review of the CFAC Remedial Investigation, ARCO found it to be “insufficient for the purpose of supporting the development and evaluation” of EPA’s preferred plan as presented in the CFACA feasibility study, and it did not “satisfy the requirements of the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan”.

ARCO’s list of concerns include a lack of “sufficient information about the nature and extent of contamination and hydrogeologic conditions at the CFAC site to develop and evaluate the remedial alternatives presented in the draft CFAC feasibility study”, claiming both the EPA and MT Dept. of Environmental Quality have repeatedly requested additional site characterization information, as significant data gaps still persist.

ARCO is also concerned about the slurry wall’s structural integrity being built at depths greater than normal use and its efficacy to contain carcinogen laden water in the heavily alkaline and cobble/boulder substrate. Furthermore, ARCO found the Remedial Investigation’s reliance on simplistic 2-D modeling can underestimate

Remediation Achievable Objectives (RAO), such as contaminant concentrations and flushing rates, and the investigation's cost-benefit analysis was incomplete across all potential alternative plans – in particular, the option for off-site removal.

In addition to ARCO's powerful testimony, CFAC project manager John Stoiazzo claimed in a commentary letter that the EPA contractor Skeo's report entitled "Proposed Plan for Cleanup Columbia Falls Aluminum Company" was inaccurate, misleading, and inconsistent with the EPA's obligation to effectively inform the public. This is the same EPA report recently issued to the public for use during the commentary period. Courts have made it clear the public must be given an opportunity to provide meaningful commentary on the proposed plan, and this report, writes Stoiazzo, left its readers with the wrong impression of major technical issues, warranting the need of further site assessment to address those shortfalls.

According to these two testimonies alone, the federal regulatory requirements for completing a Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study were clearly not met, and given the fact insider expert knowledge pertaining to further unmarked disposal sites have not been accounted for, a time-out in the decision making process is clearly needed to provide time for additional investigation and public transparency.

Columbia Falls City Council has in the recent past unanimously expressed to the EPA its desire to see the site cleaned up to prevent the spread of contamination into our drinking water. The "leave in place" plan will do anything but that, leaving us all at risk - forever. I urge you to hear your constituent's voices and to consider downstream user groups by recommending to the Flathead County Commissioners the complete removal of contaminated soils be included in the EPA's preferred remediation plan, and to formally urge the commissioners to request a time-out on the proposed Final Record of Decision scheduled for March 2024. This time-out will allow for additional transparent and independent scientific review to support sound decision making.

Removing the 1.2 million cubic yards of soil is less than half of what was successfully accomplished at the Bonner Mill Superfund site, where 3 million cubic yards of contaminants were hauled away by train. We, too, have a railroad a stone's throw away from the site, a fact not mentioned in the alternative plan evaluations (only trucks were mentioned). This efficient, community accepted alternative would be short and long-term effective, provide high paying jobs benefiting our local and county communities, and would reduce the long term costs associated with continued environmental and public health risk.

The public comment period is over, but there is still time for our elected officials to hear the voices of their constituents. Please renew your commitment and provide the Flathead County Commissioners with a letter supporting the inclusion of off-site removal and a delay to the Final Record of Decision.

With best regards,

Phil Matson
1125 Raven Lane
Columbia Falls, MT. 59912

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<https://www.cityofcolumbiafalls.org/node/7/submission/1918>



GOVERNMENT & POLITICS JUSTICE

Judge issues injunction against two 'affordable housing' bills passed by Montana Legislature

Court: Bills create confusion, likely violate several portions of the Montana Constitution

BY: **DARRELL EHRLICK** - DECEMBER 29, 2023 7:50 PM



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A Gallatin County District Court judge has temporarily stopped several bills passed by the 2023 Montana Legislature and signed into law by Gov. Greg Gianforte that aimed to address the affordable housing crisis in the Treasure State by allowing additional buildings in neighborhoods zoned for single-family.

Montanans Against Irresponsible Densification asked District Court Judge Michael Salvagni to issue a preliminary injunction

against two bills that were scheduled to go into effect on Monday.

In his order and preliminary injunction, which stops the laws until the trial's final outcome or the Montana Supreme Court rules differently, Salvagni criticized the Montana Attorney General's Office for how it handled the issue, and agreed that the Legislature's approach was "chaotic" and likely rushed, resulting in a mix of confusing and contradictory rules for cities and counties to follow. Furthermore, his ruling said that the lawmakers also appear to have cut the public out of the process completely, raising serious problems with the Montana Constitution.

For example, he pointed out that a property owner living in a single-family neighborhood might wake up to find his neighbor has built a duplex in the backyard, without any notice or input and virtually no recourse.

Meanwhile, the state argued two of the four laws have been in place since they were passed by the 2023 Legislature, and thus the need for an immediate injunction was not timely. Furthermore, attorneys for the state said that any damages done by the new laws were merely speculative and hypothetical, not real.

Salvagni rejected both arguments.

The Daily Montanan received the order late Friday afternoon, and was not able to reach anyone at the Montana Attorney General's Office for comment.

However, attorney James Goetz of Bozeman called the ruling a "nice way to end to the year."

Goetz said his clients, Montanans Against Irresponsible Densification, believe affordable housing is a problem in the state, but worry that the state is trampling on several constitutional rights in the process.

"I'm sure that most of the members agree that affordable housing is an issue in Montana, but nothing in these bills will address that," Goetz said. "Instead, this is a gift to developers."

He said that in some towns like Bozeman, where the median price for a home is upwards of \$800,000, these bills allow developers to skirt some costs, like impact fees or providing parking, but there's little to prove that it will lower the cost of housing. In other words, developers can build more, but there's little to guarantee that will make it affordable.

“All of us know this is a problem, but these laws won’t make a dent,” Goetz told the Daily Montanan on Friday.

Salvagni enjoined – or temporarily stopped – Senate Bills 323 and 528 from being implemented. The other two laws were passed as part of a legislative quartet of bills included Senate Bill 382 and 245 which went into effect, but deal specifically with requiring cities and counties to modify their zoning laws, with deadlines that stretch several years, giving attorneys on both sides of this case time to argue their cases at trial before going into effect.

Equal protection

Attorneys for Montanans Against Irresponsible Densification, a residents group, said these laws crafted by state lawmakers were rushed and chaotic, and in their rush to find a solution, lawmakers actually broke several constitutional guarantees.

One of those is that “similarly situated” residents may be treated very differently. For example, in neighborhoods where there are restrictive covenants that ban multi-family housing or accessory dwelling units, those covenants will not and cannot be changed by law. But for neighborhoods, in many cases, residents living right across the street who don’t have covenants attached to their property would be subject to these new laws. Goetz pointed out that many newer subdivisions have covenants, while property owners in older, historic neighborhoods may be disproportionately impacted.

“The result of the new laws is that two different sets of people, one protected by restrictive covenants, the other not, results in an arbitrary application of Montana law which is unrelated to any legitimate governmental purpose,” Salvagni wrote in his order. “As a consequence, plaintiff is likely to succeed on the equal protection claim.”

Contradictions and confusion

The court also found that when viewed together, these raft of four bills – now signed into law – were confusing and contradictory.

“There appears to have been no coordination within the Montana Legislature on these various land use measures. As a consequence of its efforts to promote ‘densification,’ there are apparent contradictions and irreconcilable differences among these measures,” the court order said.

It lists several including:

“For example, SB 382 requires affected municipalities to select five housing ‘strategies’ out of a list of 14. Of those 14 listed strategies, the first listed is the allowance of ‘duplexes’ in all areas zoned for single-family dwellings. However SB 323 requires the allowance of duplexes in all affected cities in all areas zoned as ‘single-family.’ Each of these measures has its own separate definition of ‘duplex’ and these definitions are different.”

The court order suggested that the 2023 Legislature may have attempted to write an entirely new portion of law without regard to current laws.

“The effort by the Montana Legislature to write an entirely new review and approval regime for zoning, subdivision, and annexation may have resulted in pervasive arbitrariness which runs afoul of both the Equal Protection and the Due Process clauses of the Montana Constitution,” the court order said.

The residents group also demonstrated that the numbers chosen by lawmakers were arbitrary and seemed to affect nearly identically-sized cities and counties differently.

For example, Hamilton and Polson both have populations of 5,000, but they are not in a county that has at least 70,000 people, while Columbia Falls, Whitefish and Laurel all have similar populations and are situated in counties with more than 70,000.

“There does not appear to be any reason in public policy or in the professed justification of addressing affordable housing that supports the entirely arbitrary distinctions between these similarly situated cities,” the order said. “Yet one set is obligated to comply with the burdensome strictures of SB 382, while the other set is not.”

Public participation

The court also found that the new laws could significantly jeopardize the Montana Constitution’s right to participate in the decision-making process, going so far as to cut out any public notice of building in single-family neighborhoods.

“With respect to the two measures scheduled to take effect on Jan. 1, 2024, SB 323 and SB 528, there is no public participation at all. At the hearing, the court questioned the state’s attorney about whether she agrees that SB 528 compels municipalities to permit accessory dwelling units immediately,” Salvagni wrote. “The state so conceded. However, in response to the question about where the public participation is allowed in that process, the response was equivocal and not persuasive and suggested that it was during the legislative process in the adoption of these new laws.”

State approach

In his order, Salvagni pointed out that lawyers with the Montana Attorney General’s Office had taken an unconventional approach to the group’s motion for a temporary injunction. Salvagni noted that the residents’ group had served the state with the motion for an injunction, but “the state did not respond to the plaintiff’s inquiry.”

Furthermore, at the conclusion of a hearing in Gallatin County on Thursday, attorneys for the state argued the court could issue a temporary restraining order for 10 days, and then hold another hearing.

“The state’s position confuses the statutory scheme governing issuance of a temporary restraining order, without notice, with an order of protection,” Salvagni wrote.

The judge also pointed out that one of the cases the state used to buttress its argument that the court should toss the case actually helped the residents make their case.

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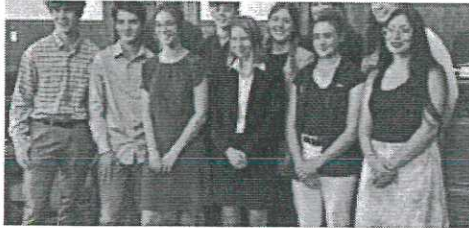
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Item No.9

Darrell Ehrlick is the editor-in-chief of the Daily Montanan, after leading his native state's largest paper, The Billings Gazette. He is an award-winning journalist, author, historian and teacher, whose career has taken him to North Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Utah, and Wyoming.

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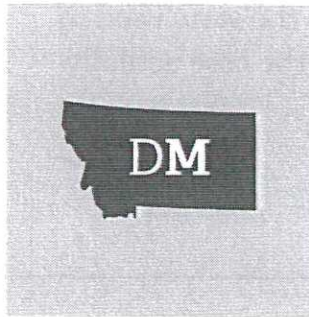


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B Staaland

From: Pat Malone <pcmwccc@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 11, 2024 7:58 AM
To: B Staaland
Subject: Accessory Dwelling Units for Columbia Falls

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JAN 11 2024
CITY OF COLUMBIA FALLS

Dear Columbia Falls Mayor and City Council.

I would like to recommend this type of affordable housing initiative to expand workforce housing in Columbia Falls.

ADUs are long-term housing options and meet the needs of existing residents. They come in many configurations: they can be a "suite" within an existing single-family home; they can be an expansion to an existing single-family home, or they can be a detached structure on an existing single-family lot (typically under 500 square feet). They generally blend well within traditional single-family neighborhoods and because they affordably expand long-term, rental housing options they don't generate the kind of negative impacts that short-term/vacation rentals do.

I hope the Council will seriously consider and explore the many benefits of this type of affordable housing option.

Sincerely,

Pat Malone, 1373 Wildcat Drive

From: Shelter WF <info@shelterwf.org>
Sent: Thursday, January 11, 2024 6:02 AM
To: Patrick Malone <pcmwccc@hotmail.com>
Subject: Shelter WF Policy Proposal

Shelter WF

Proposed Policy Change: Accessory Dwelling Unit Policy

Shelter WF has submitted a proposal that the City of Whitefish change its policy

on Accessory Dwelling Units to incentivize affordability. Accessory Dwelling Units are a great form of gentle density that helps provide different types of housing for more people in our community.

Shelter WF will be speaking on the proposal on Tuesday, January 16th, at the Whitefish City Council meeting during public comment.



ADU Policy Change:

NEW SECTION F. One additional ADU shall be permitted for every ADU on the premises that is set aside as affordable to very low income and low income households for a period of not less than 10 years, or as affordable to moderate income households for a period of not less than 15 years, guaranteed through a written agreement and a deed restriction on their property securing the agreement.

(i) There is no limit on the number of additional ADUs.

(ii) For ADUs to be counted as affordable and meet the requirements of this Section, the qualifying criteria below must be met.

Rental ADUs must be affordable, including an allowance for utilities, at a rent that does not exceed:

- **Very Low Income households:** 30 percent of 50 percent of the area median income, as adjusted for family size appropriate for the unit.
- **Low Income households:** 30 percent of 60 percent of the area median income, as adjusted for family size appropriate for the unit.
- **Moderate Income households:** 30 percent of 110 percent of the area median income, as adjusted for family size appropriate for the unit.

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Columbia Falls Fire Department Incident Breakdown

Item No. 10.

2023	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD	2023
Dispatches	31	30	32	39	22	27	47	38	36	34	23	32	391	Dispatches
ALS Medical Total	2	0	1	0	2	0	0	2	0	1	1	3	12	ALS Medical Total
BLS Medical Total	10	7	8	1	7	3	1	2	13	2	11	10	75	BLS Medical Total
Medical CPR	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	5	Medical CPR
Medical ALS	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	3	9	Medical ALS
Medical BLS	1	0	2	1	1	3	0	2	3	1	1	10	25	Medical BLS
Medical Lift Assist	4	3	6	3	4	1	1	4	4	1	6	4	41	Medical Lift Assist
MVA with injury	1	1	4	2	0	4	4	3	4	2	2	1	28	MVA with injury
Extrication	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	4	Extrication
Ambulance Driver	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Ambulance Driver
MVA non injury	4	2	1	1	2	2	4	1	2	6	2	4	31	MVA non injury
Airport Emergency	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	Airport Emergency
Traffic Control	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Traffic Control
HazMat	5	7	0	8	1	2	0	0	6	0	0	2	31	HazMat
Hazardous Conditions	5	7	0	8	2	2	0	0	6	1	0	2	33	Hazardous Conditions
CO	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	5	CO
Gas Leak/Odor inside	2	3	0	5	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	2	16	Gas Leak/Odor inside
Gas Leak/Odor outside	1	4	0	2	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	10	Gas Leak/Odor outside
Powerline	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	Powerline
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	Other
Service	0	1	3	2	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	1	10	Service
Good Intent	0	0	2	1	1	2	5	5	1	7	4	3	31	Good Intent
Fire Alarm	1	2	1	1	0	2	0	2	1	2	1	4	17	Fire Alarm
False Alarm	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	3	11	False Alarm
Illegal burn	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	2	0	0	1	9	Illegal burn
Smoke Investigation, outside	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	6	Smoke Investigation, outside
Smoke Investigation, inside	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	Smoke Investigation, inside
Cancelled enroute	7	5	7	10	5	6	16	6	4	9	4	3	82	Cancelled enroute
Fire, residential	2	3	2	2	2	1	2	1	1	1	0	1	18	Fire, residential
Fire, chimney	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	Fire, chimney
Fire, commercial	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	1	0	0	6	Fire, commercial
Fire, vehicle	1	1	0	0	0	2	1	1	1	1	0	1	9	Fire, vehicle
Fire, vegetation, grass	0	0	0	2	0	0	7	2	0	0	0	0	11	Fire, vegetation, grass
Fire, vegetation, wildland	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	5	Fire, vegetation, wildland
Dispatch Totals	31	30	32	39	22	27	47	38	36	34	23	32	391	Dispatch Totals
Structure fires (In District)	2	3	2	0	1	2	1	0	1	1	0	0	13	Structure fires
Structure fires (Mutual aid)	0	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	2	1	0	1	12	
Acres burned	0	0	0	1.3	0	0	0.14	0.02	0	0	0	0	1.46	Acres burned

Columbia Falls Fire Department
2023 Runs

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	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Calls YTD 2023	
calls	31	30	32	39	22	27	47	38	36	34	23	32	391	
Weeks	18	9	22	14	12	12	32	16	21	13	10	19	198	50.64%
Peterson	16	7	14	23	9	14	22	10	16	11	6	18	166	42.46%
Smith, R.	8	6	11	23	9	14	24	11	13	11	10	15	155	39.64%
Thomas	16	7	9	22	3	9	18	10	14	7	11	18	144	36.83%
Ross	7	0	2	1	0	1	1	6	7	5	1	0	31	7.93%
Kemppainen	0	1	4	1	2	4	0	1	2	1	0	4	20	5.12%
Loughery	3	6	3	3	1	6	13	9	4	3	0	5	56	14.32%
Shanks	3	2	4	3	1	4	2	8	4	1	1	2	35	8.95%
Perkins	7	2	4	3	3	2	3	1	2	2	3	6	38	9.72%
Smith, K.	10	2	6	6	1	3	18	10	4	12	4	6	82	20.97%
Arnold	5	3	1	2	2	7	2	5	4	7	7	6	51	13.04%
Vanhaverbeke	6	1	4	5	8	4	8	12	7	4	1	6	66	16.88%
Bates	1	2	2	4	2	1	6	4	2	1	2	2	29	7.42%
Stuhler	2	4	9	12	1	3	18	15	4	11	7	11	97	24.81%
Schrader	3	2	6	6	2	0	3	6	3	0	0	2	33	8.44%
Willcut	4	11	10	5	1	4	14	10	9	7	2	10	87	22.25%
Grogan	28	21	19	25	12	21	40	29	28	23	19	29	294	75.19%
O'Brien	22	18	12	13	2	0	0	0	0	8	8	7	90	23.02%
Woodruff	1	4	0	13	2	7	15	7	3	14	11	11	88	22.51%
Dickerson	0	1	4	4	0	3	7	1	4	4	2	2	32	8.18%
Butts	0	1	2	3	1	6	5	3	6	1	2	2	32	8.18%
Hogan	8	17	11	20	9	15	31	23	22	15	12	15	198	50.64%
Dolph	14	8	16	8	2	1	3	1	3	1	2	3	62	15.86%
Kehl, S	0	0	0	2	3	5	10	5	6	14	2	8	55	14.07%
Kehl, M	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	7	1	3	19	9.60%
Ryan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	3	0	0	15	9.04%
Vessels	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	12	18	49	31.61%
Ledbeter	10	13	10	13	4	4	4	11	6	2				
Davis	2	0	0											
Hanley	0	1	3											
Best	0	0	1	0	0	0								
Pinneke	8	16	9	5	2	6	14	17						
			#1 month		#2 month		2023 #1						Department Average:	93.32 23.87%

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Total calls	31	30	32	39	22	27	47	38	36	34	23	32	391	
Rural	13	16	19	24	5	11	38	23	24	23	15	12	223	57.03%
City	18	14	13	15	17	16	9	15	12	11	7	20	167	42.71%
Mutual Aid Received	1	0	2	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	7	1.79%
Mutual Aid Given	0	2	0	4	3	2	3	2	2	1	0	1	20	5.12%
Medical & MVA	13	7	14	9	9	10	11	12	13	11	12	13	134	34.27%