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**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
AGENDA
MONDAY, JULY 03, 2023
COUNCIL CHAMBERS CITY HALL**

FINANCE COMMITTEE – 6:30 P.M

(Barnhart, Shepard, Fisher)

REGULAR MEETING – 7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of Claims - June 30, 2023 - \$607,073.45
2. Approval of Claims - July 3, 2023 - \$16,606.19
3. Approval of Payroll Claims - \$118,025.70
4. Approval of Payroll Claims - June 30, 2023 - \$62,289.74 (Special and Quarterly)
5. Approval of Regular City Council Meeting Minutes - June 19, 2023
6. Approval of EAP Agreement - 2 Year renewal - Sapphire Resource Connection Inc and authorize City Manager to execute.
7. Approval of Planning Services Agreement, Sands Surveying, Inc. effective July 1, 2023 and authorize City Manager to execute.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION:

Sergeant Sean Murphy - 9/16/03- 6/28/2023

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT (Items not on agenda)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS/PUBLIC HEARINGS:

2023-24 FY Preliminary Budget Hearings Continued until Adoption of Budget

- 8.** 2023-24 FY Preliminary Budget Hearings Continued Until Adoption of Budget
July 3rd - Budget Hearing Continued: Mill Levy Calculation/Estimate Discussion and Debt Service Budgets for 23-24 FY

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 9.** Call for Bids - 2023 Chip Seal Project
10. Skatepark Information

REPORTS / BUSINESS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Review of recently adopted legislation - impact on City

Park Issues/Court Hours

Swim Lesson Update - Starting July 10th

- 11.** Review of 2023 Legislation Impact on City

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

MISCELLANEOUS

- 12.** Correspondence

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Next Scheduled Meetings:

City Council – Regular Meeting, **Monday, July 17, 2023**– 7:00 PM

Planning Board – TBD (NO JULY MEETING)

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44614		3112 406 CLEANING OF COLUMBIA FALLS	3,400.00						
	234	05/25/23 FAC-JUNE JANITORIAL SERVICE	3,400.00			1000 411200	399		101000
		Total for Vendor:	3,400.00						
44612		1606 ANYTIME LOCK & SAFE	145.00						
		PD ACCESS CONTROL SYSTEM REPAIR							
	85500	06/19/23 FAC-PD ACCESS CONTROL REPAIR	145.00			1000 411200	366		101000
		Total for Vendor:	145.00						
44607		3028 CENTURYLINK - BUSINESS SERVICES	314.07						
		INTERNET SERVICES 05/16/23-06/15/23							
	644848423	05/16/23 COMP-05/16-06/15/23	314.07			1000 410580	345		101000
		Total for Vendor:	314.07						
44608	E	997 CENTURYLINK - ELECTRONIC PAY	781.70						
		June 2023							
	061823	06/18/23 CRTS-6/18-7/17/23	32.09			1000 410360	345		101000
	061823	06/18/23 PD-6/18-7/17/23	129.14			1000 420100	345		101000
	061823	06/18/23 FD-6/18-7/17/23	64.43			1000 420400	345		101000
	061823	06/18/23 POOL-6/18-7/17/23	74.29*			1000 460445	345		101000
	061823	06/18/23 STRTS-6/18-7/17/23	133.56			2500 430200	345		101000
	061823	06/18/23 WTR-6/18-7/17/23	204.00			5210 430500	345		101000
	061823	06/18/23 SWR-6/18-7/17/23	144.19			5310 430600	345		101000
		Total for Vendor:	781.70						
44609		14 CITY OF COLUMBIA FALLS	3,525.32						
	062323	06/23/23 FAC-5/18-6/19/23	332.88			1000 411200	342		101000
	062323	06/23/23 FD-5/18-6/19/23	42.83*			1000 420400	342		101000
	062323	06/23/23 PRKS-5/18-6/19/23	2,100.52*			1000 460400	342		101000
	062323	06/23/23 STRS-5/18-6/19/23	102.03			2500 430200	342		101000
	062323	06/23/23 WTR-5/18-6/19/23	84.02			5210 430500	342		101000
	062323	06/23/23 SWR-5/18-6/19/23	168.24			5310 430600	342		101000
	062323	06/23/23 POOL-5/18-6/19/23	694.80			1000 460445	342		101000
		Total for Vendor:	3,525.32						

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44616		999999 COLLIN SHORT	189.71						
		WATER DEPOSIT REFUND - 7 DIANE RD APT 1							
	062323	06/23/23 WTR-DEPOSIT REFUND/SHORT	189.71			5210 214010			101000
		Total for Vendor:	189.71						
44629		990 COLUMBIA NURSERY & LANDSCAPE	283.38						
	84503	05/17/23 PRKS-GRASS SEED 1EA	42.99			1000 460400	225		101000
	82265	05/20/23 PRKS-PLANTS/HOERNER	240.39			1000 460400	225		101000
		Total for Vendor:	283.38						
44656		3026 DAILY INTER LAKE	627.30						
	NO. 29518	06/11/23 FIN-BUDGET	289.50			1000 410500	331		101000
	NO. 29519	06/11/23 FIN-CHIP SEALING	337.80			1000 410500	331		101000
		Total for Vendor:	627.30						
44646		2889 DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP	4.66						
	S102778298	05/31/23 SWR-2EA 1/4" GAL NIPPLE	4.66*			5310 430600	240		101000
		Total for Vendor:	4.66						
44630		3182 EFFICIENT SERVICES	217.00						
		REPAIR IRRIGATION AT HCL PARK							
	1013	06/16/23 PRKS-HCL PARK IRR REPAIR	217.00			1000 460400	360		101000
		Total for Vendor:	217.00						
44618		1753 ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS, INC	140,569.82						
		Horine Park genorator, payment #3/Final Payment							
	3	06/21/23 WTR-Horine Park Gen/Final	141,989.72*			5210 430500	940		101000
	3	06/21/23 WTR-1% State W/Holding	-1,419.90*			5210 430500	940		101000
		Total for Vendor:	140,569.82						
44606	E	1879 EVERGREEN WASTE CONNECTIONS	558.55						
	060123	06/01/23 FAC-05/01-05/31/23	85.46			1000 411200	340		101000
	060123	06/01/23 STRS-05/0-05/31/23	171.95			2500 430200	340		101000
	060123	06/01/23 WTR-05/01-05/31/23	129.24*			5210 430500	340		101000
	060123	06/01/23 SWR-05/01-05/31/23	71.15			5310 430600	340		101000
	060123	06/01/23 PRKS-05/01-05/31/23	100.75*			1000 460400	340		101000
		Total for Vendor:	558.55						

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44657		1383 FASTENAL COMPANY	9.65						
		MTKAL26712 06/13/23 SWR-1 1/2 PIP CLAMPS	9.65*			5310 430600	240		101000
		Total for Vendor:	9.65						
44636		3104 FIRST CALL COMPUTER SOLUTIONS,	9,273.18						
		REPLACEMENT COMPUTERS FOR CITY MANAGER, FINANCE DIRECTOR, FIRE CHIEF AND NEW COMPUTER FOR FIREFIGHTERS.							
		MANAGED FIREWALL TO RELACE AGED ZYWALL IN POLICE DEPARTMENT.							
		062823 06/28/23 COMP-3 REPLACEMENT COMPS 1 NEW	7,137.18			1000 410580	212		101000
		062823 06/28/23 COMP-MANAGED FIREWALL PD	2,136.00			1000 410580	355		101000
		Total for Vendor:	9,273.18						
44655		1892 FLATHEAD COUNTY	300.00						
		6080 06/20/23 OWNER LIST-TARNANEN	75.00			1000 411000	390		101000
		6079 06/20/23 OWNER LIST-DYSON	75.00			1000 411000	390		101000
		6070 06/13/23 OWNER LIST-MORROW	75.00			1000 411000	390		101000
		6068 06/12/23 OWNER LIST-KEARNS	75.00			1000 411000	390		101000
		Total for Vendor:	300.00						
44659		22 FLATHEAD COUNTY CLERK & RECORDER	72.00						
		1057454 05/18/23 P/Z-MAY ORD/RES	72.00			1000 411000	390		101000
		Total for Vendor:	72.00						
44623		288 FLATHEAD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	4,250.00						
		061623 06/16/23 ANIMAL CTRL FEES FY 2022-2023	4,250.00			1000 440600	300		101000
		Total for Vendor:	4,250.00						
44658		3019 FLATHEAD PUBLISHING GROUP	1,177.47						
		053123 05/31/23 WTR-ANNUAL WTR REPORT 2022	1,177.47			5210 430500	331		101000
		Total for Vendor:	1,177.47						
44621		999999 FRED BUKATY	242.40						
		WATER DEPOSIT REFUND - 14 DIANE RD APT C							
		062323 06/23/23 WTR-DEPOSIT REFUND/BUKATY	242.40			5210 214010			101000
		Total for Vendor:	242.40						

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44613		3113 GLOBAL ARCHIVES INC	166.32							
	2023812	06/25/23 WTR-MONTHLY STORAGE AS BUILTS	83.16*			5210 430500	363		101000	
	2023812	06/23/23 SWR-MONTHLY STORAGE AS BUILTS	83.16*			5310 430600	363		101000	
		Total for Vendor:	166.32							
44643		2806 HANSON'S HARDWARE	461.70							
	606008	06/01/23 PRKS-50:1 FUEL 110 OZ 1EA	28.99			1000 460400	231		101000	
	606029	06/02/23 PRKS-SM ENG FUEL 2 EA GAL	63.98			1000 460400	231		101000	
	606069	06/06/23 STRS-50:1 FUEL 1EA	25.99*			2500 430200	231		101000	
	606142	06/10/23 PRKS-50:1 FUEL 110 OZ 1 EA	28.99*			1000 430200	231		101000	
	606150	06/11/23 PARKS-ROLLERS/BRUSHES	52.40*			1000 460400	220		101000	
	606171	06/12/23 FD-TRIMMER LINE	6.99			1000 420400	220		101000	
	606181	06/13/23 WTR-17PCS COMP ACCESS KIT	31.99			5210 430500	240		101000	
	606253	06/18/23 PRKS-SEMI TRANS TACKLE BOX	65.98			1000 460400	212		101000	
	606262	06/19/23 FD-C BATTERIES	58.96			1000 420400	220		101000	
	606280	06/20/23 WTR-1PT THEARD CUTTING OIL	20.99			5210 430500	220		101000	
	606305	06/21/23 STRS-16PK PUSH PINS	2.49*			2500 430200	220		101000	
	606338	06/22/23 PRKS-1.1GAL WEED KILLER	55.98*			1000 460400	220		101000	
	606342	06/22/23 SWR-WHT ADHESIVE/WAX RING	11.48*			5310 430600	240		101000	
	606350	06/23/23 PRKS-4" SPRINKLER HEAD	6.49*			1000 460400	240		101000	
		Total for Vendor:	461.70							
44637		1119 HDR ENGINEERING, INC.	41,300.02							
		WWTP AND SEWER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT INVOICE #15 5/7/23-6/3/23								
	1200531899	06/15/23 SWR ARPA INV #15 THRU 6/3/	41,300.02			5310 430600	930		101000	
		Total for Vendor:	41,300.02							
44639		1659 HIGH COUNTRY LINEN SUPPLY	272.05							
	0552664	06/19/23 FAC-CITY HALL, POLC, CRT, FIN	235.48			1000 411200	224		101000	
	0552665	06/19/23 FAC-FIRE HALL	36.57			1000 411200	224		101000	
		Total for Vendor:	272.05							
44640		2849 J2 BUSINESS PRODUCTS	975.42							
	1294683-0	06/09/23 POOL-GLASS AND RESTROOM CLN	116.28			1000 460445	220		101000	
	1294683-1	06/21/23 POOL-PSQ FLOOR CLEANER	174.74			1000 460445	220		101000	
	1296353-0	06/15/23 POOL-RECEIPT BOOKS	59.40			1000 460445	210		101000	

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	1296353-0	06/15/23 FIN-RECEIPT BOOKS	59.40			1000 410500	210		101000
	1296654-0	06/16/23 SWR-BINDER CLIPS/BATT/PENS	52.57*			5310 430600	210		101000
	1296654-0	06/16/23 WTR-BINDER CLIPS/BATT/PENS	52.57*			5210 430500	210		101000
	1296654-0	06/16/23 FIN-BINDER CLIPS/BATT/PENS	52.58			1000 410500	210		101000
	1297391-0	06/20/23 FIN-PENS/11X17 PAPER	39.78			1000 410500	210		101000
	1297391-0	06/20/23 WTR-PENS/11X17 PAPER	39.78*			5210 430500	210		101000
	1297391-0	06/20/23 SWR-PENS/11X17 PAPER	39.77*			5310 430600	210		101000
	1299032-2	06/27/23 WTR-20# BLUE PAPER	4.50*			5210 430500	210		101000
	1299032-2	06/27/23 SWR-20# BLUE PAPER	4.49*			5310 430600	210		101000
	1299032-1	06/27/23 WTR-YELLOW PAPER/MULTI PURP	26.42*			5210 430500	210		101000
	1299032-1	06/27/23 SWR-YELLOW PAPER/MULTI PURP	26.42*			5310 430600	210		101000
	1299032-1	06/27/23 FIN-YELLOW PAPER/MULTI PURP	26.43			1000 410500	210		101000
	1299032-0	06/26/23 WTR-PAPER/POCKET FILES	20.52*			5210 430500	210		101000
	1299032-0	06/26/23 SWR-PAPER/POCKET FILES	20.52*			5310 430600	210		101000
	1299032-0	06/26/23 FIN-PAPER/POCKET FILES	20.51			1000 410500	210		101000
	1298730-0	06/22/23 PRKS-CAN LINER 38X58 2 MIL	138.74*			1000 460400	220		101000
		Total for Vendor:	975.42						
44626		999999 KYLE BRANCOFORTE	16.20						
		WATER OVERPAYMENT - 1043 FRONTAGE ROAD							
	062723	06/27/23 WTR-OVERPAYMENT/BRANCOFORTE	16.20			5210 214010			101000
		Total for Vendor:	16.20						
44615		999999 LINDSAY KINDRED	187.16						
		WATER DEPOSIT REFUND - 1910 8TH AVE W							
	062323	06/23/23 WTR-DEPOSIT REFUND/KINDRED	187.16			5210 214010			101000
		Total for Vendor:	187.16						
44617		999999 MARK FRALEY	170.57						
		WATER DEPOSIT REFUND - 14 DIANE RD APT E							
	062323	06/23/23 WTR-DEPOSIT REFUND/FRALEY	170.57			5210 214010			101000
		Total for Vendor:	170.57						
44620		999999 MICKEY HARWOOD	185.88						
		WATER DEPOSIT REFUND - 809 9th ST W #16							
	062323	06/23/23 WTR-DEPOSIT REFUND/HARWOOD	185.88			5210 214010			101000
		Total for Vendor:	185.88						

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44634		2537 MICROCOMM	800.00						
		HORINE PARK GENERATOR REMOTE PROGRAMMING & ADDITIONS							
		17584 06/22/23 WTR-HORINE WELL GEN SET PROGRM	800.00*			5210 430500	940		101000
		Total for Vendor:	800.00						
44619		707 MONTANA DEPT. OF REVENUE	1,419.90						
		Horine Park generator payment #3/Final Payment							
		3 06/21/23 WTR-1% State W/Holding ESI Inc	1,419.90*			5210 430500	940		101000
44652		707 MONTANA DEPT. OF REVENUE	632.74						
		12th Ave W improvements project - Pay app #4							
		060923-4 06/09/23 EDA-Sandry Con 1% W/Holding	632.74			2959 470300	930		101000
44654		707 MONTANA DEPT. OF REVENUE	2,548.51						
		5TH AVE EN WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT - #1 AND FINAL							
		1 05/26/23 WTR-SANDRY 1% W/HOLDING	2,548.51*			5210 430500	930		101000
		Total for Vendor:	4,601.15						
44635		3152 MONTANA ELITE LLC	225.00						
		2326 05/02/23 WTR-HORINE WELL PRELUBE CK	225.00			5210 430500	360		101000
		Total for Vendor:	225.00						
44624		44 MONTANA LEAGUE OF CITIES AND	825.47						
		ML00924 06/15/23 MANGAN & BENNION SUPRT EXPENS	825.47			1000 410100	399		101000
		Total for Vendor:	825.47						
44633		3119 MONTANA TRUCK WORKS, LLC	858.87						
		211030 06/28/23 FD-UNIT #481 ANNUAL SRVC	858.87			1000 420400	361		101000
		Total for Vendor:	858.87						
44605		2678 O'NEIL PRINTERS, INC	724.00						
		3000 Business Window Envelopes							
		1881 06/12/23 FIN-3000 ENVELOPES	241.33			1000 410500	210		101000
		1881 06/12/23 WTR-3000 ENVELOPES	241.33*			5210 430500	210		101000
		1881 06/12/23 SWR-3000 ENVELOPES	241.34*			5310 430600	210		101000
		Total for Vendor:	724.00						

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44648		2816 O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	498.18						
	434497	06/12/23 PRKS-F250 ALTERNATOR	63.42			1000 460400	232		101000
	434497	06/12/23 SWR-F250 ALTERNATOR	63.42			5310 430600	232		101000
	434807	06/14/23 PRKS-F150 ALTERNATOR	135.33			1000 460400	232		101000
	434763	06/14/23 STRS-NITIRLE GLOVES	52.24*			2500 430200	220		101000
	435676	06/21/23 WTR-DISC PAD KIT/ROTORS	183.77			5210 430500	232		101000
		Total for Vendor:	498.18						
44631		2793 PAUL THE PLUMBER	735.00						
		THE FALLS WATER FLOAT REPAIR							
	4491	06/11/23 PRKS-THE FALLS FLOAT REPAIR	735.00*			1000 460400	366		101000
		Total for Vendor:	735.00						
44610		2900 PETERS, CLINT	167.88						
		12 TRAINING BOOKS FOR PD							
	1777865	06/09/23 PD-REIMBURSEMENT 12 BOOKS	167.88			1000 420100	380		101000
		Total for Vendor:	167.88						
44628		3192 POP A SQUAT PORTABLES	665.00						
		JUNE							
	13546	06/25/23 PRKS-7 PORTA POTTIES 06/23	665.00			1000 460400	399		101000
		Total for Vendor:	665.00						
44650		2692 SANDRY CONSTRUCTION COMPANY	66,290.00						
		FEMA - RIVERS EDGE REPAIR							
	FEMA 1	06/09/23 FEMA-RIVERS EDGE REPAIR	66,290.00*			1000 460439	390		101000
44651		2692 SANDRY CONSTRUCTION COMPANY	62,641.35						
		12th Ave W improvements project - Pay app #4							
	060923-4	06/09/23 EDA-12th Ave W Improvements	63,274.09			2959 470300	930		101000
	060923-4	06/09/23 EDA-1% State W/Holding	-632.74			2959 470300	930		101000
44653		2692 SANDRY CONSTRUCTION COMPANY	252,302.49						
		5TH AVE EN WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PAY APP #1 AND FINAL							
	1	05/26/23 WTR-5TH AVE EN #1 FINAL	254,851.00*			5210 430500	930		101000
	1	05/26/23 1% STATE W/HOLDING	-2,548.51*			5210 430500	930		101000
		Total for Vendor:	381,233.84						

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44611		1042 SANDS SURVEYING, INC.	1,615.00						
	37319	06/20/23 P/Z-ROUTINE SRVS 5/23-6/16/23	1,615.00*			1000 411000	399		101000
		Total for Vendor:	1,615.00						
44644		2755 SHERWIN-WILLIAMS CO	608.98						
	6477-1	06/06/23 STRS-GLASSBEADS 2EA 50#	62.88*			2500 430200	220		101000
	0948-0	06/23/23 PRKS-BLACK PAINT 10EA 5GAL	420.00*			1000 460400	220		101000
	7237-8	06/26/23 STRS-PAINT ROLLERS 6EA	32.33*			2500 430200	220		101000
	7313-7	06/28/23 STRS-PAINT ROLLERS/GLSBEADS	93.77*			2500 430200	220		101000
		Total for Vendor:	608.98						
44642		862 SUCCESSFUL SIGNS AND AWARDS	93.00						
	10448	06/26/23 LS-MURPHY RETIRE/KING NAME PLT	93.00*			1000 410100	220		101000
		Total for Vendor:	93.00						
44627		3189 SUNRISE CREEK DEVELOPMENT LLC	240.00						
	689	05/30/23 PRKS-TOP SOIL STOCK FOR PARKS	240.00			4010 460400	930		101000
		Total for Vendor:	240.00						
44641		1653 SUPER 1 FOODS	155.54						
	04-2353105	06/14/23 SWR-DISTILLED WATER	30.58*			5310 430600	222		101000
	04-2325489	05/15/23 PRKS-POWERADE	6.90*			1000 460400	220		101000
	04-2344734	06/05/23 WTR-PURE SANITIZER	1.64			5210 430500	220		101000
	04-2367244	06/28/23 LS-MURPHY RETIREMENT	68.19*			1000 410100	220		101000
	04-2340932	06/01/23 LS-OPEN ENROLLMENT	29.81*			1000 410100	220		101000
	04-2327246	05/17/23 LS-EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION	18.42*			1000 410100	220		101000
		Total for Vendor:	155.54						
44625		2699 THE MAIL ROOM, INC	318.16						
	INVOICE #D115829 & D115966								
	062723	06/27/23 PD-MAIL SRVS 5/30-6/23/23	19.92*			1000 420100	310		101000
	062723	06/27/23 FIN-MAIL SRVS 5/30-6/23/23	38.04			1000 410500	310		101000
	062723	06/27/23 WTR-MAIL SRVS 5/30-6/23/23	32.75			5210 430500	310		101000
	062723	06/27/23 SWR-MAIL SRVS 5/30-6/23/23	32.75			5310 430600	310		101000
	062723	06/27/23 CRT-MAIL SRVS 5/30-6/23/23	123.48			1000 410360	310		101000
	062723	06/27/23 PLN-MAIL SRVS 5/30-6/23/23	65.10			1000 411000	310		101000

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Claim/	Check	Vendor #/Name/	Document \$/	Disc \$						Cash
		Invoice #/Inv Date/Description	Line \$		PO #	Fund Org Acct	Object	Proj	Account	
	062723	06/27/23 FD-MAIL SRVS 5/30-6/23/23	6.12*			1000	420400	310	101000	
		Total for Vendor:	318.16							
44647		1623 THE UPS STORE #4515	55.95							
	23-3462	05/19/23 PD-EVIDENCE SHIPPING	6.29*			1000	420100	310	101000	
	23-4208	06/09/23 PD-EVIDENCE SHIPPING	6.29*			1000	420100	310	101000	
	061623	06/16/23 PD-EVIDENCE SHIPPING	6.99*			1000	420100	310	101000	
	23-4505	06/19/23 PD-EVIDENCE SHIPPING	17.51*			1000	420100	310	101000	
	23-4584	06/21/23 PD-EVIDENCE SHIPPING	6.29*			1000	420100	310	101000	
	23-4666/47	06/26/23 PD-EVIDENCE SHIPPING	12.58*			1000	420100	310	101000	
		Total for Vendor:	55.95							
44638		3177 THE WAVE	250.00							
1EA		LIFEGUARD COURSE								
	1675	06/26/23 POOL-LIFEGUARD CERT	250.00*			1000	460445	380	101000	
		Total for Vendor:	250.00							
44645		3200 USABBLUEBOOK	401.81							
	00031920	06/05/23 SWR-DETERGENT/HACH/TNT	401.81*			5310	430600	222	101000	
		Total for Vendor:	401.81							
44622	E	1218 VERIZON WIRELESS	1,292.92							
	9937177558	06/12/23 ADMIN-5/13-6/12/23	22.41			1000	410400	345	101000	
	9937177558	06/12/23 FIN-5/13-6/12/23	22.41			1000	410500	345	101000	
	9937177558	06/12/23 FIRE-5/13-6/12/23	60.26			1000	420400	345	101000	
	9937177558	06/12/23 FAC-5/13-6/12/23	12.40			1000	411200	345	101000	
	9937177558	06/12/23 STRT-5/13-6/12/23	95.09			2500	430200	345	101000	
	9937177558	06/12/23 PD-5/13-6/12/23	746.15			1000	420100	345	101000	
	9937177558	06/12/23 WTR-5/13-6/12/23	167.10			5210	430500	345	101000	
	9937177558	06/12/23 SWR-5/13-6/12/23	117.49			5310	430600	345	101000	
	9937177558	06/12/23 CRT-5/13-6/12/23	49.61			1000	410360	345	101000	
		Total for Vendor:	1,292.92							
44632		84 WESTERN BUILDING CENTER	797.37							
	4S312605	05/30/23 PRKS-12' RECIP BLADE	24.99*			1000	460400	220	101000	
	4S313967	05/30/23 POOL-1X10-10' & 16' PINE	63.97			1000	460445	240	101000	
	4S318971	05/31/23 WTR-DROP CLOTH/ROLLER	7.28			5210	430500	220	101000	

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		Invoice #/Inv Date/Description	Line \$		PO #	Fund Org Acct	Object	Proj	Account	
	4S320452	06/01/23 PRKS-2EA 50:1 SM ENGINE FUEL	16.58			1000 460400	231		101000	
	4S322734	06/01/23 STRS-PAINT CANS 1GAL 1QT	20.47*			2500 430200	220		101000	
	4S323241	06/01/23 WTR-SHVL RND/CUTOFF BLD	28.94			5210 430500	220		101000	
	4S326751	06/02/23 STRS-TRN BKL/SNAP LINK	17.97			2500 430200	240		101000	
	4S333345	06/05/23 POOL-MISC FASTNERS 10EA	5.00			1000 460445	240		101000	
	4S332623	06/05/23 SWR-1-1/2"X10" GALV NIPPLE	14.99*			5310 430600	240		101000	
	4S338405	06/06/23 FD-CRAZY & SUPER GLUE	5.88			1000 420400	220		101000	
	4S338295	06/06/23 WTR-CLICK SEAL TOLIET 12"	9.19			5210 430500	240		101000	
	4S339867	06/07/23 PRKS-BAR/CHAIN OIL GAL	18.99			1000 460400	231		101000	
	4S339867	06/07/23 PRKS-COWHIDE GLOVES MED	12.79*			1000 460400	226		101000	
	4S351019	06/09/23 PRKS-ONE SIDED KET CUT	7.96*			1000 460400	220		101000	
	4S350415	06/09/23 POOL-ESPRESSO SPRAY PAINT 2E	15.58			1000 460445	240		101000	
	4S351461	06/09/23 FD-10 EA SOFTENER SALT	89.90			1000 420400	220		101000	
	4S359352	06/13/23 WTR-PVC PARTS/VALVE/TAPE	42.66			5210 430500	240		101000	
	4S365197	06/14/23 FAC-13W SPIRAL BULB	11.39			1000 411200	240		101000	
	4S365746	06/14/23 FD-CBL/ELECT BOX/WALPLT	34.46			1000 420400	220		101000	
	4S365746	06/14/23 FD-BASTARD FILE 10"	13.99*			1000 420400	212		101000	
	4S368362	06/15/23 WTR-DRILL BIT/RECIP BLD/FSTN	61.13			5210 430500	220		101000	
	4S380263	06/19/23 SWR-90Z GORILLIA ADH/HOSE MN	15.68			5310 430600	220		101000	
	4S378188	06/19/23 PRKS-NITRIL DISP GLOVES LRG	22.99*			1000 460400	220		101000	
	4S382728	06/20/23 PRKS-PAINT TRAY/BRUSHES/ROLL	100.09*			1000 460400	220		101000	
	4S388889	06/21/23 STRS-EXIT/FOR SALE SIGNS	5.97			2500 430200	242		101000	
	4S387855	06/21/23 PRKS-NITRIL DISP GLOVES LRG	22.99*			1000 460400	220		101000	
	4S386675	06/21/23 PRKS-AA BATTERY 18PK	18.49*			1000 460400	220		101000	
	4S386675	06/21/23 STRS-MOUSE TRAP	6.79*			2500 430200	220		101000	
	4S393606	06/22/23 SWR-WAX RING BOLTS	8.29*			5310 430600	240		101000	
	4S394592	06/22/23 FAC-F32T8 BALLAST 2EA	55.98			1000 411200	240		101000	
	4S398617	06/23/23 FAC-ORTHO WEED KILLER	15.99*			1000 411200	220		101000	
		Total for Vendor:	797.37							
44649		3021 WGM GROUP	233.80							
	69203	06/14/23 FEMA-RIVERS EDGE 5/1-5/31/23	233.80*			1000 460439	390		101000	
		Total for Vendor:	233.80							
		# of Claims	55	Total:	607,073.45	# of Vendors	48			
		Total Electronic Claims			2,633.17					
		Total Non-Electronic Claims			604440.28					

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Fund/Account	Amount
1000 GENERAL FUND	
101000 CASH/CASH EQUIVALENTS	\$98,365.07
2500 SPECIAL STREET MAINTENANCE DISTRICT FUND	
101000 CASH/CASH EQUIVALENTS	\$823.53
2959 EDA	
101000 CASH/CASH EQUIVALENTS	\$63,274.09
4010 CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND - Parks	
101000 CASH/CASH EQUIVALENTS	\$240.00
5210 WATER ENTERPRISE FUND	
101000 CASH/CASH EQUIVALENTS	\$401,508.09
5310 SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND	
101000 CASH/CASH EQUIVALENTS	\$42,862.67
Total:	\$607,073.45

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Council Meeting Date: 07/03/2023

Claims Submitted to Council: \$607,073.45

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

Prepared By: Shawn Bates, Finance Director

Shawn Bates

Approved by Susan M. Nicosia, City Manager

Susan Nicosia

City Council to Approve by motion on consent agenda

The following claims are significant:

Electrical Systems Inc. - \$141,989.72 Horine Well generator final payment. (Fund 5210)
First Call Computer Solutions - \$9,273.18 Computer replacements and PD managed firewall. (Fund 1000)
HDR Engineering Inc. - \$41,300.02 WWTP and Sewer improvements project. (Fund 5310)
Sandry Construction Co. - \$63,274.09 EDA 12th Ave W improvements project. (Fund 2959)
Sandry Construction Co. - \$254,851.00 5th Ave EN water main replacement project final payment. (Fund 5210)

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

Shawn

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Claim/	Check	Vendor #/Name/ Invoice #/Inv Date/Description	Document \$/ Line \$	Disc \$	PO #	Fund Org Acct	Object	Proj	Cash Account
44663		1700 BRECK LAW OFFICE, PC	7,468.62						
		JULY 2023							
	060523	06/05/23 LGL-FEES FOR JULY 2023	1,830.17*			1000 411100	350		101000
	060523	06/05/23 CITY COURT-FEES FOR JULY 2023	3,730.44*			1000 410365	350		101000
	060523	06/05/23 WTR-FEES FOR JULY 2023	601.38*			5210 430500	350		101000
	060523	06/05/23 SWR-FEES FOR JULY 2023	601.38*			5310 430600	350		101000
	060523	06/05/23 PLG/ZONING-FEES FOR JULY 2023	300.69*			1000 411000	350		101000
	060523	06/05/23 PD-FEES FOR JULY 2023	121.55*			1000 420100	399		101000
	060523	06/05/23 WTR-FEES FOR JULY 2023	27.01*			5210 430500	357		101000
	060523	06/05/23 SWR-FEES FOR JULY 2023	39.94*			5310 430600	357		101000
	060523	06/05/23 STRS-FEES FOR JULY 2023	54.02*			2500 430200	399		101000
	060523	06/05/23 LGL-ADD'L FEES FOR JULY 2023	162.04*			1000 411100	350		101000
		Total for Vendor:	7,468.62						
44669		3104 FIRST CALL COMPUTER SOLUTIONS,	1,800.00						
	88831	07/01/23 COMP-JULY IT SERVICES	1,800.00*			1000 410580	355		101000
		Total for Vendor:	1,800.00						
44668		2749 MJC & MCCA	120.00						
	070123	07/01/23 CRTS-07/23 TO 06/24 RENEWAL	120.00*			1000 410360	335		101000
		Total for Vendor:	120.00						
44665		44 MONTANA LEAGUE OF CITIES AND	2,767.48						
	ML00734	06/01/23 2023-2024 MEMBERSHIP DUES	2,767.48*			1000 410100	335		101000
		Total for Vendor:	2,767.48						
44660		2935 MONTANA TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION	60.00						
	070123	07/01/23 SUBSCRIPTION DUES 2023-2024	60.00*			1000 410100	335		101000
		Total for Vendor:	60.00						
44664		2139 MONTANA WEST ECONOMIC	500.00						
	2441	06/21/23 TRAILBLAZER INVESTOR LEVEL	500.00*			1000 410100	335		101000
		Total for Vendor:	500.00						

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Claim/	Check	Vendor #/Name/ Invoice #/Inv Date/Description	Document \$/ Line \$	Disc \$	PO #	Fund Org Acct	Object	Proj	Cash Account
44662		2707 MOUNTAIN ALARM	100.75						
		ALARM MONITORING 7/1-7/31/23							
	3665920	07/01/23 FAC-CITY HALL JULY 2023	47.35*			1000 411200	366		101000
	3664875	07/01/23 FAC-FD JULY 2023	53.40*			1000 411200	366		101000
		Total for Vendor:	100.75						
44666		2758 NORTHWEST SHOOTER	1,600.00						
	174	06/08/23 PD-FAC USE 07/1/23 TO 06/30/24	1,600.00*			1000 420100	335		101000
		Total for Vendor:	1,600.00						
44661		2017 RAILROAD MANAGEMENT COMPANY III,	689.34						
	485782	06/23/23 SWR-LIC FEE 10/23-9/24 #305674	344.67*			5310 430600	390		101000
	485783	06/23/23 WTR-LIC FEE 10/23-9/24 #305675	344.67*			5210 430500	390		101000
		Total for Vendor:	689.34						
44667		2868 SAPPHIRE RESOURCE CONNECTION	1,500.00						
	2214	05/25/23 ANN RATE FOR 07/23 TO 06/30/24	1,180.00*			1000 411800	399		101000
	2214	05/25/23 ANN RATE FOR 07/23 TO 06/30/24	108.00*			2500 430200	399		101000
	2214	05/25/23 ANN RATE FOR 07/23 TO 06/30/24	91.00*			5210 430500	399		101000
	2214	05/25/23 ANN RATE FOR 07/23 TO 06/30/24	121.00*			5310 430600	399		101000
		Total for Vendor:	1,500.00						
		# of Claims	10	Total:	16,606.19	# of Vendors	10		

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Fund/Account	Amount
1000 GENERAL FUND	
101000 CASH/CASH EQUIVALENTS	\$14,273.12
2500 SPECIAL STREET MAINTENANCE DISTRICT FUND	
101000 CASH/CASH EQUIVALENTS	\$162.02
5210 WATER ENTERPRISE FUND	
101000 CASH/CASH EQUIVALENTS	\$1,064.06
5310 SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND	
101000 CASH/CASH EQUIVALENTS	\$1,106.99
Total:	\$16,606.19

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Council Meeting Date: 07/03/2023

Claims Submitted to Council: \$16,606.19

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

Prepared By: Shawn Bates, Finance Director

Shawn Bates

Approved by Susan M. Nicosia, City Manager

Susan Nicosia

City Council to Approve by motion on consent agenda

The claims in this batch are routine.

Please let me know if you have any questions.
Shawn

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Payroll Summary For Payrolls from 06/23/23 to 06/23/23

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Total for Payroll Checks

	Employee	Employer	Amount
ADDL HOURS (Additional)	0.00		649.16
COMA HOURS (Comp Time Accumulated)	4.51		
OTHE HOURS (Other Time Used)	24.00		1,218.86
OVER HOURS (Overtime)	53.75		2,125.11
REG HOURS (Regular Time)	3,223.50		87,805.26
SFTO HOURS (Shift Sup/FTO - \$1.5/hour)	138.00		207.00
SHFN HOURS (Shift B)	352.00		704.00
SHFQ HOURS (OVT B)	19.75		59.25
SICK HOURS (Sick Time)	141.84		4,794.83
VACA HOURS (Vacation Time Used)	146.66		4,645.29
VOLN HOURS (Not in use)	23.00		1,150.00
GROSS PAY	102,208.76	0.00	
NET PAY	71,820.30	0.00	
NET PAY (CHECKS)	2,905.26		
NET PAY (DIRECT DEPOSIT)	68,915.04		
AFLAC-POSTTAX	111.67	0.00	
AFLAC-PRETAX	165.04	0.00	
CHILD SUPPORT P	413.07	0.00	
CITY OF COLUMBI	20.00	0.00	
FIT	7,250.24	0.00	
FLEX ALLEGIANCE	1,051.30	32.50	
FOP	360.00	0.00	
HEALTHINS/PRE	2,695.26	24,280.58	
MEDICARE	1,459.19	1,459.19	
MT ST FIRE ASSO	95.85	0.00	
NATIONWIDE/CITY	0.00	2,336.22	
NATIONWIDE/EMP	338.33	0.00	
P.E.R.S.	4,122.46	4,680.82	
PERS/FURS	1,025.56	1,376.36	
PERS/POLICE	2,799.05	4,481.56	
SIT	4,404.00	0.00	
SOCIAL SECURITY	3,629.64	3,629.64	
TEAMSTERS DUES	343.50	0.00	
UNEMPL. INSUR.	0.00	554.46	
UNUM LIFE INS.	104.30	0.00	
WORKERS' COMP	0.00	3,380.84	
CHARLES SCHWAB	1,564.32	0.00	
FIRST INTERSTAT	1,066.54	0.00	
FREEDOM BANK	4,562.54	0.00	
GLACIER BANK KA	5,165.55	0.00	
GLACIER BANK/CF	17,061.79	0.00	
GLACIER BANK/WF	1,690.66	0.00	
NAVY FEDERAL CR	1,986.57	0.00	
PARKSIDE CR U	14,470.27	0.00	
STRIDE BANK	968.89	0.00	
THREE RIVERS	1,587.25	0.00	
USAA FEDERAL	1,312.51	0.00	
USBANK.	2,671.77	0.00	

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VERIDIAN CREDIT	400.00	0.00
WELLS FARGO	4,104.96	0.00
WELLS FARGO, TX	1,527.91	0.00
WFISH CR UNION	8,773.51	0.00
FIT/SIT BASE	90,011.76	0.00
MEDICARE BASE	100,633.38	0.00
PERS BASE	92,868.07	0.00
SOC SEC BASE	58,542.58	0.00
UN BASE	100,808.76	0.00
WC BASE	102,650.38	0.00

Total 46,212.17
Total Payroll Expense (Gross Pay + Employer Contributions): 148,420.93
*** PAYROLL REGISTER + VOLUNTEER PAYROLL REGISTER = PAYROLL SUMMARY ***

Check Summary

Payroll Checks Prev. Out. \$5,594.44
Payroll Checks Issued \$7,349.15
Payroll Checks Redeemed \$6,981.06
Payroll Checks Outstanding \$5,962.53
Electronic Checks \$110,676.55

Deductions Accrued	Carried Forward From Previous Month	Deduction Checks Issued	Difference	Liab Account
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Social Security 7259.28		7259.28		212260
Medicare 2918.38		2918.38		212260
P.E.R.S. 8803.28		8803.28		212270
Unempl. Insur. 554.46	3159.42		3713.88	212210
Workers' Comp 3380.84	19852.02		23232.86	212220
FIT 7250.24		7250.24		212260
SIT 4404.00		4404.00		212260
AFLAC-PRETAX 165.04	165.04	330.08		212230
NATIONWIDE/EMP 338.33		338.33		212280
Teamsters dues 343.50	343.50	687.00		212310
PERS/Police 7280.61		7280.61		212240
NATIONWIDE/CITY 2336.22		2336.22		212280
AFLAC-POSTTAX 111.67	111.67	223.34		212230
PERS/FURS 2401.92		2401.92		212275
MT ST FIRE ASSO 95.85		95.85		212315
HEALTHINS/PRE 26975.84	50342.52		77318.36	212400
CITY OF COLUMBI 20.00		20.00		212450
UNUM LIFE INS. 104.30	208.60		312.90	212400
FLEX ALLEGIANCE 1083.80		1083.80		212285
CHILD SUPPORT P 413.07		413.07		212330
FOP 360.00		360.00		212335
Total Ded. 76600.63	74182.77	46205.40	104578.00	

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Total for Payroll Checks

	Employee	Employer	Amount
J001 HOURS (CLOTH ALLOW)	0.00		100.00
OVER HOURS (Overtime)	4.50		290.32
PAYC HOURS (Term Comp Time)	110.06		4,733.68
REG HOURS (Regular Time)	84.00		3,612.84
SFTO HOURS (Shift Sup/FTO - \$1.5/hour)	39.50		59.25
TRMS HOURS (Termination Sick Pay)	20.39		504.86
TRMV HOURS (Termination Vacation Pay)	649.47		26,435.38
VOLN HOURS (Not in use)	2.01		100.00
GROSS PAY	35,736.33	0.00	
NET PAY	24,222.18	0.00	
FIT	8,476.81	0.00	
MEDICARE	518.18	518.18	
PERS/POLICE	325.16	520.61	
SIT	2,194.00	0.00	
UNEMPL. INSUR.	0.00	196.00	
VEBA	0.00	5,243.35	
WORKERS' COMP	0.00	1,265.23	
GLACIER BANK/CF	4,350.00	0.00	
VERIDIAN CREDIT	400.00	0.00	
WELLS FARGO	13,215.43	0.00	
WELLS FARGO, TX	240.65	0.00	
WFISH CR UNION	6,016.10	0.00	
FIT/SIT BASE	35,411.17	0.00	
MEDICARE BASE	35,736.33	0.00	
PERS BASE	3,612.84	0.00	
UN BASE	35,636.33	0.00	
WC BASE	35,639.56	0.00	

Total 7,743.37
Total Payroll Expense (Gross Pay + Employer Contributions): 43,479.70
*** PAYROLL REGISTER + VOLUNTEER PAYROLL REGISTER = PAYROLL SUMMARY ***
Total Discounts: 0.21
Total Payroll Expense (Less Discounts): 43,479.49

Check Summary

Payroll Checks Prev. Out.	\$12,943.59
Payroll Checks Issued	\$26,360.39
Payroll Checks Redeemed	\$9,353.26
Payroll Checks Outstanding	\$29,950.72
Electronic Checks	\$35,929.35

	Carried Forward From Previous Month	Deduction Checks Issued	Difference	Liab Account
Deductions Accrued				
Medicare	1036.36	1036.36		212260
Unempl. Insur.	196.00	3355.42	3551.42	212210
Workers' Comp	1265.23	19852.02	21117.04	212220

Payroll
6/30/2023
Term pay +
Clothing allow +
Quarterly
\$62,289.74
Baud Stalard

06/30/23
16:45:36

CITY OF COLUMBIA FALLS
Payroll Summary For Payrolls from 06/30/23 to 06/30/23

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FIT	8476.81		8476.81		212260
SIT	2194.00		2194.00		212260
PERS/Police	845.77	845.77		1691.54	212240
NATIONWIDE/CITY	0.00				212280
HEALTHINS/PRE	0.00	50342.52		50342.52	212400
VEBA	5243.35		5243.35		212286
FOP	0.00				212335
Total Ded.	19257.52	74395.73	38067.56	55585.69	

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

CITY OF COLUMBIA FALLS

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

HELD JUNE 19, 2023

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

ROLL CALL: Councilor Fisher, Councilor Hamilton, Councilor Lovering, Councilor Piper, Councilor Robinson, Councilor Shepard and Mayor Barnhart

Also Present: City Manager Nicosia, City Clerk Staaland, City Attorney Breck, and Police Officer Rice.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilor Piper made motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Councilor Hamilton with Council voting as follows. Ayes: Piper, Robinson, Shepard, Fisher, Hamilton, Lovering and Barnhart.

Approval of Claims - June 19, 2023 - \$303,417.95

Approval of Payroll Claims - June 9, 2023 - \$109,210.63

Approval of Regular City Council Meeting Minutes - June 5, 2023

Approval of Change Order # 1 - Sandry Construction Company, Inc- 5th Ave EN Water ARPA Project and authorize City Manager to execute.

Approval of Water/Sewer Plant Investment Fee Agreement, Morrow, 1404 Columbia Drive, and authorize City Manager to execute

Updated Job Descriptions - Public Works Operators:

Water - for compliance with 23 FY CBA (Operator 1, Grade 10, Operator 2, Grade 11, Operator 3, Grade 12 and Lead Grade 13)

Parks/Floater Lead - compliance with 23 FY CBA as well as improved coordination and operation of Parks Department

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT (Items not on agenda)

Scott Demongin, 6 9th Street W., inquired about having the City run electrical from his building to the historical sign on Nucleus Avenue for lighting. Nicosia said the Columbia Falls Community Foundation installed the signs and it was astronomically expensive to get power to the site based on where electrical was located, from the alley, as the previous owner was not interested in letting the electrical conduit be extended from the building. The Community Foundation looked into installing a solar light. Mayor Barnhart suggested contacting the Community Foundation to see if they would look into getting power from Mr. Demongin's building to the sign. City Manager Nicosia replied she will look into it.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS/PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Public Hearings - 23-24 Fiscal Year Preliminary Budget:

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City Manager Nicosia said staff is reviewing Street Lighting and Street Maintenance District budgets with Council this evening. The city did not annex any properties this year; but we will be adding the Cedar Palace property on 12th Ave. W. into the lighting district as streetlights are being added with the 12th Ave West project. Without annexations there will be no change in the street lighting or street maintenance districts. The Street Lighting Fund pays for the electrical power for all city streetlights, but the City is only responsible for the replacement of the special streetlights, such as Glenn's Addition and Cedar Pointe Loop and not the standard FEC street light poles.

The Street Maintenance Fund can only be used for maintenance, no construction activities pursuant to state law said Nicosia. The Street Maintenance Fund is supplemented by both Gas Tax and Special Gas Tax funds. In September the city will receive \$135,000 that we desired to designate for chip sealing and crack filling

projects. For FY 23-24 the Special Gas Tax will not come in one lump sum; they will send it once a month based on collection of the previous month. The City will receive an estimate of the remittances later in June.

Nicosia said based on state law, Council has to set the annual assessments by resolution to place the assessments on the tax notices. Nicosia recommended leaving Street Lighting at the same amount as the prior year, \$30,049, and raising Street Maintenance from \$316,000 to \$330,000 as indicated in the hearing notice. The City budgeted to spend down some of the cash reserve in Fund 2500 during this fiscal year and the fund was \$29K in the red before May collections were received from the treasurer in June. Nicosia noted that the City Clerk has not yet received the property file from the county to update the assessment records.

Nicosia also noted that the Department of Revenue just mailed out property assessment evaluation forms; about six months later than usual. There is a protest/review period of 30 days and DOR is holding a workshop on July 12th at the Hilton Garden Inn from 3 p.m. to 6 pm. Most taxpayers are in for a shock as the values are up dramatically since 2021 Nicosia noted. The statute requires DOR to provide an estimate of the new year's taxes based on the last year's mills levied. Nicosia noted that this is very inaccurate as when the values increase, the number of mills decrease for city and county as our permitted tax levy is based on dollars.

Nicosia said the city will put out information for people to understand that just because you received a notice that states your property value went up, it does not mean the City is levying the same number of mills. By statute, 15-10-420, Council can raise their levy by half the rate of inflation and newly taxable property; if property value goes up mills go down. Nicosia noted that City staff will assist taxpayers with these notices and Nicosia will bring information forward at every Council meeting.

Mayor Barnhart opened the Public Hearing at 7:23 p.m. and left the hearing open until the budget is adopted. There was no public comment.

ORDINANCES / RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution # 1900:

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Columbia Falls, Montana, Designating Heritage Days 2023 as an Official Community Activity of the City of Columbia Falls and Designating Persons Responsible for Planning the Events of Heritage Days 2023

City Manager Nicosia said in Section Two it notes there are other things going on at different venues, but the city is not assuming responsibility for all the other activities.

Mayor Barnhart recognized the designated planners Shirley, Reynolds, Chandra Reynolds, Vickie Ott, Art Ott, and Todd Deruchia and thanked them for their service.

Councilor Fisher motioned to adopt Resolution # 1900, seconded by Councilor Hamilton with council voting as follows. Ayes: Robinson, Shepard, Fisher, Hamilton, Lovering, Piper and Barnhart.

Resolution # 1901:

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Columbia Falls, Montana, Amending Fund 4020 Capital Projects Fund - General Equipment Fund Budget Appropriations for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023

City Manager Nicosia said the City needs to amend the Fund 4020 General Equipment Capital Fund due to the timing of the receipt of our emergency Police vehicles. Last year's vehicle arrived this year and we ordered the new vehicle and it arrived on time. In order to accommodate both purchases, City staff are requesting that Council amends the appropriations. Nicosia noted that the cash reserve provides adequate funding for the appropriation increase.

Councilor Shepard motioned to approve Resolution # 1901, seconded by Councilor Lovering with council voting as follows. Ayes: Shepard, Fisher, Hamilton, Lovering, Piper, Robinson and Barnhart.

Second and Final Reading - Ordinance # 826 - Amending 8.16 Refuse and Litter:

Adding 8.16.040 Unlawful to Accumulate Refuse and Litter Resulting in Animal Conflict

With no amendments by City Attorney Breck, City Manager Nicosia recommends adoption of the ordinance.

Councilor Lovering made motion to adopt Ordinance # 826, seconded by Councilor Robinson with council voting as follows. Ayes: Fisher, Hamilton, Lovering, Piper, Robinson, Shepard and Barnhart.

REPORTS / BUSINESS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL

Councilor Piper would like to see if we can pursue DOT for left hand turn signals through town. Nicosia said she would invite Bob Vosen to a council meeting, noting that he was scheduled to attend the City of Kalispell's meeting.

Councilor Shepard asked if BNSF is asking us to install railroad crossing arms. Nicosia replied yes, that is correct. John Altof the DOT railroad liaison recommended that BNSF put the crossing in for Section 130 funding but the City does not know what that means in terms of funding or timeline; we are waiting for answers. There is an agreement between the City and BNSF from 1995 that states whoever touches the crossing is responsible for bringing it up to date. The City's goal is to get the sidewalk installed and BNSF have had the plans for a year already.

Mayor Barnhart inquired why swimming lessons have not started at the City Pool. Nicosia said none of our certified Lifeguards are WSI certified; we will have training in the next couple weeks in order to provide lessons this summer.

Mayor Barnhart said he is interested in getting lighting on the sign on Nucleus Ave.

Mayor asked if the Community Market found a new location. Nicosia said not that she is aware of.

Mayor Barnhart reported there is a CFAC meeting in the council chambers tomorrow evening.

Mayor Barnhart stated according to his source at the Health Department, there are approximately 40,000 septic systems in the county.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

There will be another batch of June 30th claims to close out this FY.

The pickleball folks are going to hold their ribbon cutting on Saturday, July 29th during Heritage Days at 10:30 a.m. and she would like to have a volunteer from council to represent the city. Councilors Lovering and Fisher said they would be able to attend the ribbon cutting.

Nicosia said she would like to get the council facility tour on the schedule.

Nicosia also reported that Flathead County reached out earlier today, and they are withdrawing their request for Columbia Falls to accept the flow from the proposed septic facility.

OTHER REPORTS

Officer/SRO Rice said the four new officers are a welcomed addition to the Police Department.

Nicosia said Sergeant Murphy will be retiring on June 28th with nearly 20 years of service.

MISCELLANEOUS

Police Department Activity - May 2023

Fire Department Activity - May 2023

Finance - May 2023

Correspondence

ADJOURN

Councilor Lovering motioned to adjourn at 7:50 p.m., seconded by Councilor Hamilton.

Mayor

City Clerk



Employee Assistance Program Service Agreement
Modification No. 3
City of Columbia Falls

Original Contract Date: July 1, 2016
Modification No. 3 Date: June 23, 2023

CONTRACT DESCRIPTION: Provide employee assistance program (EAP) counseling services.

The above-referenced contract is hereby modified as follows:

DESCRIPTION OF CHANGE: To extend the term of the original contract for two (2) years period, beginning July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2025.

REPRESENTATIVE: John A. Parsons, M.S., EAP President/Administrator.

OTHER: Modification to Section 5, Term and Termination. Contract extension for the period of July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2025.

The above adjustments constitute the entire and complete modification to the herein referenced contract for EAP counseling services. Except as modified by the above, all terms and conditions of this contract shall remain in full force and effect.

City of Columbia Falls

(Client)

Sapphire Resource Connection, Inc.

(SRC)

By: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

By: John A. Parsons, M.S., EAP C.

Title: President

Date: June 23, 2023

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT

This Agreement, effective as of July 1, 2023 is between the City of Columbia Falls

and

Sands Surveying, Inc.
2 Village Loop Road
Kalispell, MT 59901

For the following Land Use Consulting Services:

Article 1: Sands Surveying, Inc. Services

- A. Sands Surveying, Inc. agrees to provide the City of Columbia Falls the following Services:
1. Review of the following routine current planning projects scheduled to go before the Columbia Falls Planning Commission. Each of the following will include roles and responsibilities for Sands Surveying, Inc. and the City of Columbia Falls:
 - a. Subdivisions
 - b. Planned Unit Developments
 - c. Conditional Use Permits
 - d. Floodplain Administration
 - e. Other routine planning applications
 2. Development of a recommended Public Involvement and Public Hearing Process for the adoption of the Growth Policy Plan Update consistent with Montana Statute.
 3. A rate of \$105 per hour plus applicable mileage per month will be paid to include routine phone calls, staff and applicant inquiries, and meetings as outlined above.
- B. Additional Services beyond Services as described above may be provided if so requested by the City of Columbia Falls. Such additional services may include preparation of amendments to the Growth Policy Plan; Neighborhood Plans; Title 17, Subdivisions; Title 18, Zoning; other ordinances and regulations as identified by the City of Columbia Falls.
- C. Excluded Services: Printing, mailings, or posting of public hearing notices.
- D. Sands Surveying, Inc. agrees to provide its professional services in accordance with generally accepted standards of its profession. Sands Surveying, Inc. agrees to put forth reasonable efforts to comply with codes, laws and regulations in effect as of the date of this agreement.

Article 2: Assigned Personnel/Subcontracting

Sands Surveying, Inc. has assigned one employee, Eric H. Mulcahy, who is a qualified member of the American Institute of Certified Planners, to perform the planning services defined within this agreement. Sands Surveying, Inc. must get permission from the City of Columbia Falls before changing the personnel assigned to perform the planning duties. Sands Surveying, Inc. may not subcontract any portion of the work outlined herein without agreement from the City of Columbia Falls.

Article 3: City of Columbia Falls Responsibilities

- A. The City of Columbia Falls agrees to provide Sands Surveying, Inc. with all information, plans, reports, and professional recommendations requested by Sands Surveying, Inc. to provide its professional services. Sands Surveying, Inc. may reasonably rely on the accuracy and completeness of these items.
- B. The City of Columbia Falls will be responsible for meeting any reporting and financial obligations associated with any grants or authorities having jurisdiction over the project. Sands Surveying, Inc. will assist City of Columbia Falls with this obligation by submitting appropriate documentation related to the scope of work in this contract.
- C. The City of Columbia Falls agrees to provide the items described in Article 3.A and to render decisions in a timely manner so as not to delay the orderly and sequential progress of Sands Surveying, Inc. services.

Article 4: Estimated Timelines, Budget and Compensation for Services

- A. Sands Surveying, Inc. shall render its services as expeditiously as is consistent with professional skill and care and in general conformance with the timelines established by the City of Columbia Falls and by the City Ordinances.
- B. As of the date of this Agreement, the City of Columbia agrees to compensate Sands Surveying, Inc. in the amount of \$105.00 per hour. The City of Columbia Falls agrees to promptly notify Sands Surveying, Inc. if City of Columbia Falls' schedule or budget changes. The City of Columbia Falls acknowledges that significant changes to the scope described herein may require Additional Services of Sands Surveying, Inc.
- C. Reimbursable Expenses will be reimbursed at cost and include, but are not limited to, reproduction, postage, and handling of documents; long distance and facsimile charges; authorized travel; and other City of Columbia Falls approved expenses. The parties agree that reimbursable expenses will be kept to a minimum, and that the majority of these services will be conducted at City offices.
- D. Sands Surveying, Inc. shall bill the City of Columbia Falls for Services and Reimbursable Expenses once a month for the completed to date. All payments are due Sands Surveying, Inc. upon receipt of the invoice. A service charge of 1.5% per month will be charged on all amounts due more than 45 days after the date of invoice.
- E. This contract is valid for four (4) years from the date signed by the parties. Sands Surveying, Inc and the City of Columbia Falls will review the contract services and compensation one (1) year after the contract effective date.

Article 5: Termination

- A. Either the City of Columbia Falls or Sands Surveying, Inc. may terminate this Agreement upon thirty days written notice.
- B. If terminated, the City of Columbia Falls agrees to pay Sands Surveying, Inc. for all services rendered and Reimbursable Expenses incurred up to the date of termination.
- C. Upon not less than thirty days' written notice, Sands Surveying, Inc. may suspend the performance of its services if the City of Columbia Falls fails to pay Sands Surveying,

Inc. in full for services rendered or expenses incurred. Sands Surveying, Inc. shall have no liability because of such suspension of service or termination due to nonpayment.

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The City of Columbia Falls and Sands Surveying, Inc. agree to mediate claims or disputes arising out of or relating to this Agreement as a condition precedent to litigation. The mediation shall be conducted by a mediation service acceptable to the parties. A demand for mediation shall be made within a reasonable time after a claim or dispute arises and the parties agree to participate in mediation in good faith. Mediation fees shall be shared equally. In no event shall any demand for mediation be made after such claim or dispute would be barred by the applicable law.

Article 7: Ownership of Documents

- A. All instruments of professional service prepared by Sands Surveying, Inc. including, but not limited to, reports, maps, and specifications, are the property of the City of Columbia Falls.
- B. Sands Surveying, Inc. reserves the right to include representations of the Project in its promotional and professional materials.

Article 8: Governing Law

This Agreement is governed by the laws of the state of Montana.

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Neither party can assign this Agreement without the other party's written permission.

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Accepted by:

City of Columbia Falls, City Manager

Date

Sands Surveying, Inc.
By: Joshua Nelson, President

Date

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DATED THIS 5th DAY OF JUNE, 2023

s/Barb Staalnd, City Clerk

Publish: Sunday June 11th and Sunday June 18th

**CITY OF COLUMBIA FALLS
INVITATION TO BID
2023 CHIP SEAL PROJECT**

The City of Columbia Falls, Montana will receive sealed bids for the 2023 Chip Seal Project. The project consists of furnishing materials, labor and equipment required to chip seal approximately 52,022 sy of City streets and install pavement marking tabs. Bid documents may be obtained at City Hall, 130 6th Street West, Columbia Falls, MT 59912 or on the City's website, www.cityofcolumbiafalls.org. Chip Sealing shall be completed on or before October 31, 2023, or in the spring of 2024 prior to June 30, 2024, as weather permits. Any bidder wishing further information should contact the City of Columbia Public Works Director, Chris Hanley, phone (406) 892-4430. Bids will be received by the City Clerk, 130 6th Street West, Columbia Falls MT. 59912 until 2:00 P.M. on Wednesday, July 26, 2023, at which time all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud in the City Council Chambers, 130 6th Street West, Columbia Falls, MT 59912. Proposals shall be addressed to the City Clerk, 130 6th Street West, Columbia Falls, MT 59912 and entitled **BID FOR 2023 CHIP SEAL PROJECT.**

Each bid must be accompanied by bid security in the amount of 10% of the bid. The security must consist of cash, a cashier's check, a certified check, a bank money order, a certificate of deposit, a money market certificate, or a bank draft. The security must be: (i) drawn and issued by a federally chartered or state-chartered bank or savings and loan association that is insured by or for which insurance is administered by the federal deposit insurance corporation; (ii) drawn and issued by a credit union insured by the national credit union share insurance fund; or (iii) a bid bond or bonds executed by a surety company authorized to do business in the state of Montana. The bid security must be signed by an individual authorized to submit the security by the corporation or other business entity on whose behalf the security is submitted.

The City will accept the lowest responsible bid, but the City Council reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to waive any technicality or informality and accept any bid which may be deemed in the best interest of the City.

s/ Barb Staaland

Barb Staaland
City Clerk

Publication Dates: Sunday, July 9, 2023
Sunday July 16, 2023

June 30, 2023

To: Mayor & Council

From: City Manager Nicosia

RE: Skatepark Information

At the request of the City Council, I researched skatepark issues/recommendations with other cities and towns around the state. The information was fairly consistent from each city/town:

1. The most successful skateparks have involved community members and/or non-profit associations.
2. Most have reported minor littering/cursing issues (similar to other parks). As noted in 1, if there is community involvement, they help with the policing of the facility.
3. Some cities/towns have established endowment funds that ensure funding of required maintenance – crack sealing, coating.
4. Lighting and visibility are a must! A few cities recommended possible camera installation if skatepark is not easily visible by neighbors or police patrol.
5. MMIA insurance coverage specifically excludes skateparks. However, insurance eider is available if the park is designed and built by licensed and insured professionals. (See attached).
6. MMIA – clear rules must be posted. Do not adopt rules that cannot be enforced, i.e., recommend helmets, do not require them. Also, per MMIA bikes are a hazard in a skatepark. Some cities/towns outright prohibit bikes while others have set hours for bikes separate from skateboards. Columbia Falls would work with the nonprofit to determine the best course of action for our city.

Also, for clarification, the City is not giving land to the non-profit organization, the City Council would be allowing the skatepark to be built in the City park and the skatepark facility would then become the responsibility of the City; working with the non-profit organization and subject to MMIA insurance coverage.



**MONTANA MUNICIPAL INTERLOCAL AUTHORITY
APPLICATION FOR THE SKATEBOARD FACILITY
COVERAGE ENDORSEMENT
TO THE MEMORANDUM OF LIABILITY COVERAGE**

Item No.10.

Member:	
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The MMIA has provided liability coverage for skateboard facilities by endorsement since 1998. Coverage for municipally owned and operated skateboard facilities is provided at no additional cost through and endorsement to the MMIA Memorandum of Liability Coverage; however the coverage is dependent upon the facility meeting a prescribed set of standards.

1. Was the park designed and constructed by a professional firm with previous skateboard facility experience?

☐ Yes ☐ No

2. Does the firm have their own liability coverage?

☐ Yes ☐ No

3. What date did the skateboard facility open to the public?

4. Please attach proof of the firm's liability coverage.

Authorized Representative (Print Name)

Signature

Date

2023 Legislative Session Report



MONTANA LEAGUE OF CITIES AND TOWNS

Kelly A. Lynch, Executive Director

Thomas Jodoin, Deputy Director

Leandra Lipson, Public Affairs Director

Bills League Supported That Passed				
Bill #	Title - Summary	Policy Area	Sponsor	Effective Date
HB 6	Renewable resource grants - \$7.4 million in biennial planning, emergency, and nonpoint source grants for water and sewer systems; \$4.4 million in grants to 35 municipalities for water, wastewater, and stormwater projects	Infrastructure	Mike Hopkins	July 1, 2023
HB 7	Reclamation and development grants - \$2 million in biennial planning grants for reclamation and development projects; \$1.5 million in grants to municipalities for 4 cleanup and wastewater projects	Infrastructure	Mike Hopkins	July 1, 2023
HB 8	Renewable resource bonds and loans - \$20 million in bonds for loans to Montana's regional water authorities; \$66 million in bonds for St. Mary's project local share	Infrastructure	Mike Hopkins	July 1, 2023
HB 11	Montana coal endowment program - \$1 million in emergency and planning grants for the biennium; \$17.3 million in grants to 29 municipalities for water and wastewater projects	Infrastructure	John Fitzpatrick	July 1, 2023
HB 12	Montana historic preservation grants - Over \$9 million in grants for the preservation of unique and important local historical buildings in 38 municipalities	Revenue and Finance	Mike Hopkins	July 1, 2023
HB 32	Allow additional local government entity board training by petition - Creates petition process to require special district board trainings by MSU LGC	Other	Steve Gist	July 1, 2023
HB 34	Exempt certain DNRC grants from MEPA - Compliance with MEPA no longer required for applicants or awardees of RRGL and RDGP grants and loans	Water and Wastewater	Steve Gist	October 1, 2023
HB 35	Remove appointed members & allow ex officio members on county water/sewer board - Authorizing ex officio members of county and water sewer boards; requiring municipal member on board if municipality is sole source of water for the district	Other	Larry Brewster	May 18, 2023
HB 76	Generally revise transportation laws - Combines gas tax allocations into one automatic monthly distribution. First distribution will occur end of FY 2023.	Revenue and Finance	Jerry Schillinger	July 1, 2023
HB 88	Revise third-party permission at state superfund sites - Allows third parties to perform work at compliance order sites without DEQ approval	Infrastructure	Ross Fitzgerald	April 18, 2023
HB 91	Revise laws related to public library state aid - Increases annual per capita base public library funding to \$.50 through FY2029.	Revenue and Finance	Courtenay Sprunger	May 18, 2023/July 1, 2023
HB 114	Revise timelines for water right permit and change process - Shortens the timeline and streamlines the process for DNRC review of water rights applications, provides additional funds for staffing.	Water and Wastewater	Sue Vinton	January 1, 2024
HB 128	Generally revise marijuana laws - Section 25 of the bill fixes the distribution formula of local-option marijuana taxes to municipalities	Revenue and Finance	Joshua Kassmier	October 1, 2023 [Section 26]
HB 186	Revise dates for special purpose elections - Allows municipalities to place special purpose elections on general municipal election day	Revenue and Finance	Alice Buckley	May 3, 2023

<u>HB 188</u>	Extend funding to Coal Board - Permanently xtends 5.8% allocation of coal severance taxes to the Coal Board for community grants to address impacts of growth or reduction in coal mining.	Revenue and Finance	Gary Parry	April 25, 2023
<u>HB 189</u>	Revise property tax assistance program - Changes limits for property tax assistance program from \$200,000 in appraised value to \$350,000 in market value; increases income limits for eligibility for tax assistance; indexes the value to the median home value within the program.	Revenue and Finance	George Nikolakakos	December 31, 2023
<u>HB 198</u>	Provide for municipal authority regarding encroachments - Allows municipalities to adopt ordinances governing the placement of impermanent encroachments on sidewalks of state highway system without permitting by MDT. Permanent attachment or modification of the route still requires MDT permit. Requires indemnification of the state caused by the approval of the impermanent encroachment and compliance with federal regulations.	Local Control	Julie Dooling	October 1, 2023
<u>HB 222</u>	Provide non-taxable rebates of property taxes paid on a principal residence - Governor's bill to issue property tax rebates of \$500 from state general funds for primary residences in each of tax years 2022 and 2023.	Revenue and Finance	Tom Welch	March 13, 2023
<u>HB 246</u>	Allow for the zoning of tiny dwelling units - Provides specific authority to zone for tiny dwelling units and provides a definition of tiny dwelling unit; modifies definition of manufactured home.	Land Use, Planning and Housing	Scot Kerns	October 1, 2023
<u>HB 262</u>	Revise local government financial reporting and audit requirements - Relaxes standard for granting 6-mo extension for AFR and allows "GAAP Light" to be used by all entities under 10,000 population	Revenue and Finance	Jerry Schillinger	October 1, 2023
<u>HB 267</u>	Create SAFER account for federal highway grants - Appropriates \$100 million of state general fund to match federal highway reallocation funds	Infrastructure	Courtenay Sprunger	March 13, 2023
<u>HB 291</u>	Revise local government investment laws - Allows MMIA to invest following insurance statutes instead of local government investment statutes.	Revenue and Finance	Larry Brewster	October 1, 2023
<u>HB 299</u>	Revise resolution and ordinance requirements re: land use regulation enforcement - Clarifies the private business limitations on public health orders do not apply to municipal zoning ordinances.	Land Use, Planning and Housing	Jedediah Hinkle	April 19, 2023
<u>HB 364</u>	Allow for independent subdivision reviews for past due applications	Water and Wastewater	Casey Knudsen	July 1, 2024
<u>HB 355</u>	Appropriate funds for local government infrastructure projects	Infrastructure	John Fitzpatrick	June 14, 2023
<u>HB 465</u>	Revise local government acceptable uses of building permit fees. Allows local building code programs to keep a reserve of enforcing building code permits and eliminates the duplicative audit requirement.	Water and Wastewater	Jonathan Karlen	October 1, 2023
<u>HB 534</u>	Revise collections limit for actions brought before city court - Increases municipal court jurisdiction over City initiated actions to recover costs to \$25,000 from \$9,500.	Local Control	Michael Yakawich	October 1, 2023

<u>HB 795</u>	Exempt Commerce, Coal Boards grants from MEPA - Compliance with MEPA no longer required for application to or award of MCEL and certain Coal Board grants and loans	Water and Wastewater	Paul Tuss	April 18, 2023
<u>HB 830</u>	Optional alternative property tax payment schedule for primary residences - allows payment of property taxes on a seven month payment plan.	Revenue and Finance	George Nikolakakos	November 30, 2024
<u>HB 874</u>	Revise examination fees for exempt divisions of land - increase exempt subdivision application fee from \$200 to \$400	Land Use, Planning and Housing	Larry Brewster	October 1, 2023
<u>SB 11</u>	Generally revise criminal justice system laws - Creates a criminal justice data warehouse and to work with 4 willing local stakeholders to deposit existing local criminal justice data in the warehouse.	Public Safety and Criminal Justice	Barry Usher	May 19, 2023
<u>SB 47</u>	Revise commercial drivers license laws to comply with federal requirements - require federal compliant training for CDL holders.	Other	Theresa Manzella	October 1, 2023
<u>SB 170</u>	Allow for administrative minor subdivision process - Creates administrative review and approval process for minor subdivisions	Land Use, Planning and Housing	Forrest Mandeville	October 1, 2023
<u>SB 294</u>	Establish the end of watch trust - Establishes a \$10M State trust to fund monthly payments to law enforcement that are killed or catastrophically injured in the line of duty. Local employing agencies must pay for 4 months of continuing medical insurance coverage for dependents.	Public Safety and Criminal Justice	Barry Usher	July 1, 2013
<u>SB 334</u>	Revise petroleum storage tank cleanup definitions - Clarify authorities between the Petroleum Tank Release Compensation Board and the DEQ.	Other	John Esp	May 22, 2023
<u>SB 374</u>	Revise local government public document retention - Revises public record requirements for local governments allowing local government to dispose of records that have reached the end of retention without having to gain the approval of the records destruction subcommittee, historic records are now those that are 50 years or older.	Other	Willis Curdy	October 1, 2023
<u>SB 382</u>	Create the Montana Land Use Planning Act - Creates new land use, zoning, and subdivision framework for 10 municipalities; creates administrative review and decision for site development with appeal process; requires jurisdictions to quantify housing needs and implement housing reforms.	Land Use, Planning and Housing	Forrest Mandeville	May 17, 2023
<u>SB 483</u>	Generally revising alternative project delivery laws - Authorizes local governments to use public-private partnership contracting	Infrastructure	Christopher Pope	May 3, 2023
<u>SB 505</u>	Revise tax increment calculation for districts that use tax increment financing	Tax Increment Financing (TIF)	Greg Hertz	May 19, 2023
<u>SB 536</u>	Provide funding for local government road maintenance - \$20 million to cities for construction, reconstruction, maintenance, and repair of city or town streets and alleys; \$80 million for funding or state match for off-system bridges, secondary highway system routes, or urban highway system routes.	Infrastructure	Greg Hertz	July 1, 2023

Bills League Opposed That Passed				
Bill #	Title	Policy Area	Sponsor	Last Action
HB 241	Prohibit government from requiring buildings be constructed with solar panels - adds to 7-1-111 that self governing local government may not require solar panels on buildings	Local Control	Joshua Kassmier	October 1, 2023
HB 283	Generally revise rental laws - self-governing local government cannot deviate or add to the Landlord Tenant Act.	Local Control	Steven Galloway	May 18, 2023
HB 592	Direct DEQ to allow the installation of certain new septic systems	Water and Wastewater	Jedediah Hinkle	May 18, 2023
SB 208	Prohibit local governments from banning or limiting energy choices - Preempts local governments from prohibiting or impeding the connection of any type of utility service provided by any utility or fuel provider	Local Control	Jason Small	May 4, 2023
SB 228	Prohibit local governments from banning petroleum fuels - Preempts local governments from prohibiting the purchase or use of petroleum fuels or the installation or use of any vehicles, vessels, tools, or appliances that burn or transport petroleum fuels.	Local Control	Jason Small	May 4, 2023
SB 245	Revise municipal zoning to allow multifamily and mixed use development - Requires 1st and 2nd class cities to allow MF in commercial zones and limits required parking to 1 space per unit	Land Use, Planning and Housing	Daniel Zolnikov	May 17, 2023
SB 262	Generally revise licensing requirements - Preempts local governments from requiring additional licensing when the state is the original issuer of the license.	Local Control	Daniel Zolnikov	October 1, 2023
SB 285	Revise subdivision sanitation laws	Water and Wastewater	Carl Glimm	May 22, 2023
SB 323	Allow for duplex, triplex, and fourplex housing in city zoning - Requires all 1st and 2nd class cities to allow duplex on any lot where single-family home allowed	Land Use, Planning and Housing	Jeremy Trebas	January 1, 2024
SB 327	Allow water well at any location within setbacks	Water and Wastewater	Carl Glimm	May 19, 2023
SB 406	Revise laws related to local building codes - Restates existing law that local governments may not adopt building codes more restrictive than those adopted by the state	Land Use, Planning and Housing	Jeremy Trebas	October 1, 2023
SB 407	Revise municipal zoning laws-Internal staff, not external board must review compliance with design standards; design review (architectural) standards must be clear, objective, and necessary to protect public health or safety.	Land Use, Planning and Housing	Shane Morigeau	October 1, 2023
SB 528	Revise zoning laws related to ADUs- must allow one ADU on a lot with a SFD	Local Government	Greg Hertz	January 1, 2024

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Bill #	Title	Policy Area	Sponsor	Last Action
HB 20	Appropriation for the MSU Local Government Center	Revenue and Finance	Dave Fern	01/26/2023 - Tabled in House Appropriations
HB 33	Allow county commissioners to initiate certain civil proceedings	Other	Steve Gist	05/05/2023 - Vetoed by Governor
HB 269	Establish a local disaster resiliency fund	Revenue and Finance	Larry Brewster	02/15/2023 - Tabled in House Appropriations
HB 300	Revise tobacco, alternative nicotine, and vapor product laws	Local Control	Frank Smith	02/07/2023 - Tabled in House Business and Labor
HB 370	Revise resort tax eligibility and allow use for workforce housing	Revenue and Finance	Dave Fern	02/10/2023 - Tabled in House Tax

HB 413	Repeal laws on preemption of local government on <u>auxiliary containers</u>	Local Control	Ed Stafman	02/16/2023 - Tabled in House Local Government
HB 430	Establish a rent local program funded with tax on <u>short-term rentals</u>	Land Use, Planning and Housing	Jane Gillette	03/31/2023 - Tabled in House Appropriations
HB 481	Increase rate of inflation limit for calculating <u>property tax levies</u>	Revenue and Finance	Ross Fitzgerald	04/17/2023 - Tabled in Senate Tax
HB 737	Revise laws related to coal fired generating unit <u>remediation</u>	Natural Resource Communities	Gary Parry	02/27/2023 - Tabled in House Energy
HB 747	Revise laws relating to disability parking	Public Safety and Criminal Justice	Julie Dooling	04/06/2023 - Tabled in Senate Highways and Transportation
HB 789	Revise laws related to the alteration of county <u>boundaries</u>	Local Control	Lyn Hellegaard	02/28/2023 - Tabled in House Local Government
HB 825	Provide funding to address affordable housing	Land Use, Planning and Housing, Revenue and Finance	Mike Hopkins	04/03/2023 - Failed 2nd Reading in House
HB 827	Appropriate funds for waterworks at new treatment <u>plant in Yellowstone County</u>	Infrastructure	Larry Brewster	03/27/2023 - Tabled in House Natural Resources
HB 829	Establish a Montana workforce housing tax credit	Land Use, Planning and Housing	George Nikolakakos	03/31/2023 - Tabled in House Appropriations
HB 839	Fund the Great Falls fire training center	Public Safety and Criminal Justice	Kerri Seekins-Crowe	04/14/2023 - Tabled in Senate Finance and Claims
HB 916	Authorize transfers and other necessary measures to <u>implement HB2-Section D</u>	Revenue and Finance	Bill Mercer	5/22/2023 - Vetoed by Governor
HB 943	Revise taxation of property used as a short-term <u>rental</u>	Revenue and Finance	Dave Fern	04/17/2023 - Tabled in Senate Tax
HJ 22	Interim study of accessory dwelling units	Local Government	Scot Kerns	05/01/2023 - Hearing Senate Local Government
HJ 34	Interim study of short term rentals	Land Use, Planning and Housing	Sherry Essmann	05/01/2023 - Hearing Senate Local Government
HJ 35	Interim study of the local permitting process	Land Use, Planning and Housing	Steven Galloway	05/01/2023 - Hearing Senate Local Government
SB 29	Increase and Extend the PERS Supplemental <u>Employer Contribution</u>	Revenue and Finance	Wendy McKamey	04/13/2023 - Tabled in House Appropriations
SB 72	Revise judicial administration of water rights	Water and Wastewater	Steve Fitzpatrick	04/13/2023 - Tabled in House Judiciary
SB 145	Provide for local distribution of lodging tax revenue	Revenue and Finance	Keith Regier	03/30/2023 - Tabled in Senate Finance and Claims
SB 227	Allow DEQ to pre-certify subdivision applicants	Water and Wastewater	Forrest Mandeville	02/23/2023 - Tabled in Senate Finance and Claims
SB 517	Establish graduated fee on short term rentals with <u>money going to housing</u>	Infrastructure, Other	Denise Hayman	03/29/2023 - Tabled in Senate Tax
SB 548	Eliminate government entity property tax levy <u>limitations</u>	Revenue and Finance	Jeremy Trebas	04/03/2023 - Failed 2nd Reading in Senate
SB 551	Provide for local option tax	Revenue and Finance	Christopher Pope	03/30/2023 - Tabled in Senate Tax

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Bill #	Title	Policy Area	Sponsor	Last Action
HB 206	Generally revise mill levy election laws	Revenue and Finance	Ron Marshall	01/26/2023 - Tabled in House State Administration
HB 226	Generally revise pension laws	Revenue and Finance	Terry Moore	05/02/2023 - 2nd Reading Pass Consideration
HB 278	Revise motor carrier rate regulation laws	Other	Brad Barker	02/06/2023 - Tabled in House Energy
HB 324	Provide for a local government expenditure <u>limitation</u>	Revenue and Finance	Caleb Hinkle	02/23/2023 - Tabled in House Local Government
HB 328	Require certain govt boards to record public <u>meetings in audio and video format</u>	Other	Brad Barker	02/16/2023 - Tabled in House Local Government
HB 337	Revise municipal zoning laws to prohibit certain <u>minimum lot sizes</u>	Land Use, Planning and Housing	Katie Zolnikov	02/23/2023 - Tabled in House Local Government
HB 339	Establish laws for autonomous vehicles	Local Control	Denley Loge	04/17/2023 - Failed 2nd Reading in Senate

<u>HB 369</u>	Require referendum to adopt growth policy	Land Use, Planning and Housing	Marty Malone	02/16/2023 - Tabled in House Local Government
<u>HB 420</u>	Generally revise marijuana laws	Revenue and Finance	Mike Hopkins	02/21/2023 - Tabled in House Tax
<u>HB 476</u>	Provide for property tax exemption for certain residential property	Revenue and Finance	Steven Galloway	02/23/2023 - Tabled in House Tax
<u>HB 483</u>	Generally revise land survey laws	Land Use, Planning and Housing	Ross Fitzgerald	02/23/2023 - Tabled in House Local Government
<u>HB 553</u>	Housing for Montana Families Act	Land Use, Planning and Housing	Alice Buckley	02/23/2023 - Tabled in House Local Government
<u>HB 618</u>	Revise laws related to special districts	Revenue and Finance	Lyn Hellegaard	02/28/2023 - Tabled in House Local Government
<u>HB 642</u>	Revise exempt wells laws	Water and Wastewater	Casey Knudsen	03/29/2023 - Tabled in House Natural Resources
<u>HB 651</u>	Establish the Montana family and medical leave insurance act	Other	Derek Harvey	02/28/2023 - Tabled in House Business and Labor
<u>HB 699</u>	Allow sheriffs to have expenditure control over sheriff's office budget	Public Safety and Criminal Justice	Steve Gunderson	02/28/2023 - Tabled in House Local Government
<u>HB 726</u>	Assign oversight of water compacts and management to Public Service Commission	Water and Wastewater	Joe Read	02/27/2023 - Tabled in House Energy
<u>HB 774</u>	Generally revise election laws	Other	Mike Hopkins	04/21/2023 - Tabled in Senate State Administration
<u>HB 861</u>	Provide business property tax exemption during state of emergency or disaster	Revenue and Finance	Bob Phalen	04/17/2023 - Tabled in Senate Tax
<u>HB 865</u>	Provide for a local government expenditure limitation & penalties	Revenue and Finance	Caleb Hinkle	04/03/2023 - Failed 2nd Reading in House
<u>HB 925</u>	Revise laws related to tax increment pledged to payment of bonds	Tax Increment Financing (TIF)	Larry Brewster	04/25/2023 - Failed 2nd Reading in Senate
<u>SB 12</u>	Revising laws on public defender representation related to local ordinances	Public Safety and Criminal Justice	Ryan Lynch	03/16/2023 - Tabled in House Judiciary
<u>SB 125</u>	Limit certain property tax levies to 5 years without reapproval	Revenue and Finance	Greg Hertz	02/23/2023 - Tabled in Senate Tax
<u>SB 206</u>	Exempt certain cell phone use from local ordinances	Local Control	Jeremy Trebas	04/04/2023 - Tabled in House Local Government
<u>SB 207</u>	Clarify final decree process for compacts	Water and Wastewater	Bob Brown	02/17/2023 - Tabled in House Natural Resources
<u>SB 251</u>	Sunset or reapprove existing voter-approved property tax levies	Revenue and Finance	Greg Hertz	02/28/2023 - Tabled in Senate Tax
<u>SB 268</u>	Generally revise short-term rental laws	Land Use, Planning and Housing	Greg Hertz	04/12/2023 - Failed 2nd Reading in House
<u>SB 272</u>	Constitutional amendment to secure the office of county sheriff	Public Safety and Criminal Justice	Theresa Manzella	04/19/2023 - Bill Not Heard at Sponsor's Request
<u>SB 291</u>	Revise threshold for approval for certain bond elections	Infrastructure, Revenue and Finance	Greg Hertz	02/28/2023 - Tabled in Senate Tax
<u>SB 292</u>	Revising the threshold for approval of a mill levy election	Revenue and Finance	Greg Hertz	02/28/2023 - Tabled in Senate Tax
<u>SB 301</u>	Revise property laws related to lakeshore regulations	Land Use, Planning and Housing	Greg Hertz	05/11/2023 - Vetoed by Governor
<u>SB 379</u>	Revise zoning laws	Land Use, Planning and Housing	Steve Fitzpatrick	04/04/2023 - Tabled in House Local Government
<u>SB 381</u>	Require one council member per ward of first-class cities	Other	Chris Friedel	04/17/2023 - Failed 2nd Reading in House
<u>SB 404</u>	Generally revise local government laws for fire departments	Local Control	Jeremy Trebas	02/24/2023 - Tabled in Senate Local Government
<u>SB 462</u>	Prioritize ag irrigation in RRGL	Revenue and Finance	Mike Lang	04/18/2023 - Failed 3rd Reading in House
<u>SB 467</u>	Revise laws regarding local regulation of short-term rentals	Land Use, Planning and Housing	Jeremy Trebas	03/02/2023 - Failed 2nd Reading in Senate
<u>SB 500</u>	Provide uniform duration limit for latecomer agreements	Infrastructure, Land Use, Planning and Housing	Jeremy Trebas	03/28/2023 - Tabled in House Local Government
<u>SB 511</u>	Revise government entity limitations on property tax increases	Revenue and Finance	Daniel Zolnikov	04/04/2023 - Failed 3rd Reading in Senate
<u>SB 519</u>	Revise laws related to maximum mill levies	Revenue and Finance	Brad Molnar	03/29/2023 - Tabled in Senate Tax

SB 523	Generally revise tax increment financing laws	Tax Increment Financing (TIF)	Greg Hertz	04/21/2023 - Tabled in House Tax
SB 542	Constitutional amendment to limit property values and property taxes	Revenue and Finance	Brad Molnar	03/31/2023 - Tabled in Senate State Administration

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Bill #	Title	Policy Area	Sponsor	Effective Date
HB 2	General Appropriations Act	Revenue and Finance	Llew Jones	July 1, 2023
HB 5	Long-range building appropriations	Revenue and Finance	Mike Hopkins	6/13/2023 - Veto Override - Vote Mail Poll in Progress
HB 77	Revise laws related to public safety officer appointing authorities	Public Safety and Criminal Justice	Steven Galloway	February 16, 2023
HB 78	Revise laws related to public safety officer appointing authorities	Public Safety and Criminal Justice	Steven Galloway	February 16, 2023
HB 83	Revise administration of Family Violence Prevention Services Act grants	Public Safety and Criminal Justice	Amy Regier	October 1, 2024
HB 107	Generally revise the duties of SERC	Other	Brad Barker	October 1, 2023
HB 149	Generally revise laws related to 9-1-1 program	Public Safety and Criminal Justice	Michele Binkley	October 1, 2023
HB 176	Revising county utility permitting laws	Broadband	Steven Galloway	April 19, 2023
HB 211	Revise the local subdivision review process	Land Use, Planning and Housing	Larry Brewster	October 1, 2023
HB 215	Revise the definition of the governing body of a local health board	Local Control	David Bedey	May 3, 2023
HB 295	Revise nepotism laws relating to small communities	Other	James Bergstrom	October 1, 2023
HB 321	Generally revise laws related to the coal trust	Infrastructure	Linda Reksten	July 1, 2023
HB 356	Establish firearms industry nondiscrimination	Local Control	Brandon Ler	October 1, 2023
HB 424	Generally revise sustainability of state finance and provide for transfers	Revenue and Finance	Llew Jones	May 22, 2023
HB 497	Require property tax bill to include comparison with prior year	Revenue and Finance	Fred Anderson	April 20, 2023
HB 543	Revise laws for ballot wording for bonds and levies	Revenue and Finance	Jedediah Hinkle	July 1, 2023
HB 569	Generally revise pension laws	Revenue and Finance	Terry Moore	July 1, 2023
HB 597	Generally revising laws related to reallocation of 911 fees	Public Safety and Criminal Justice	Neil Duram	July 1, 2023
HB 790	Generally revise electronic monitoring and victim notification laws	Public Safety and Criminal Justice	Courtenay Sprunger	October 1, 2023
HB 675	Authorize consolidation of county and municipal water and/or sewer districts	Water and Wastewater	Larry Brewster	October 1, 2023
HB 702	Repeal termination date relating to certain Workers' Compensation Programs	Other	Derek Harvey	May 3, 2023
HB 724	Generally revise public notice requirements	Other	Brad Barker	October 1, 2023
HB 816	Revise distribution of surplus revenue	Revenue and Finance	Joshua Kassmier	June 5, 2023
HB 819	Create Montana community reinvestment act to fund workforce housing	Infrastructure/Revenue and Finance	Paul Green	June 14, 2023
HB 881	Generally revise economic development laws	Revenue and Finance	Edward Buttrey	July 1, 2023
HB 890	Require certain govt boards to provide audio/video recordings of public meetings	Other	Brad Barker	July 1, 2024
HB 904	Generally revise commercial driver's license laws	Other	Casey Knudsen	May 22, 2023
HB 918	Eliminating DPHHS registration requirement of day-care homes for zoning purposes	Land Use, Planning and Housing	Alice Buckley	July 1, 2023
HB 948	Revise marijuana laws regarding synthetic marijuana products	Public Safety and Criminal Justice	Steven Galloway	May 22, 2023
SB 18	Add benefit policy statement to pension systems	Revenue and Finance	Mike Cuffe	October 1, 2023
SB 94	Generally revise laws related to recovery residences	Public Safety and Criminal Justice	Barry Usher	October 1, 2023
SB 142	Provide oversight of local impact fee laws	Land Use, Planning and Housing	Keith Regier	January 1, 2024
SB 152	Revise minor subdivision laws	Land Use, Planning and Housing	Forrest Mandeville	October 1, 2023

<u>SB 158</u>	Revise family transfer law	Land Use, Planning and Housing	Jason Ellsworth	May 1, 2023
<u>SB 159</u>	Restrict use of eminent domain	Land Use, Planning and Housing	Becky Beard	April 24, 2023
<u>SB 174</u>	Allow counties funding for broadband infrastructure	Broadband	Wendy McKamey	October 1, 2023
<u>SB 177</u>	Revising allowed local government employer benefits	Local Control	Daniel Zolnikov	October 1, 2023
<u>SB 178</u>	Generally revise cryptocurrency laws	Land Use, Planning and Housing	Daniel Zolnikov	May 2, 2023
<u>SB 195</u>	Exempt certain structures from building code fire sprinkler requirement	Land Use, Planning and Housing	Jeremy Trebas	May 19, 2023
<u>SB 215</u>	Revise DEQ rule ARM 17.36.328 to require connection from proposed subdivision	Water and Wastewater	Steve Fitzpatrick	April 24, 2023
<u>SB 220</u>	Include public infrastructure and county-owned parks in municipal annexation	Land Use, Planning and Housing	Carl Glimm	October 1, 2023
<u>SB 247</u>	Revise covenant laws	Land Use, Planning and Housing	Steve Fitzpatrick	May 19, 2023
<u>SB 270</u>	Prohibit employee termination for legal social media posts	Local Control	Keith Regier	October 1, 2023
<u>SB 289</u>	Allow tuition waivers for qualified survivors of firefighters and peace officers	Revenue and Finance	Chris Friedel	October 1, 2023
<u>SB 331</u>	Revise condo and townhouse exemptions	Land Use, Planning and Housing	Greg Hertz	May 4, 2023
<u>SB 332</u>	Require property tax increase information to be included in budget discussions	Revenue and Finance	Greg Hertz	May 19, 2023
<u>SB 358</u>	Require disclosure of taxpayer funds for lobbying by local governments/schools	Local Control	Greg Hertz	May 8, 2023
<u>SB 522</u>	Provide hotels with grants to shelter victims of violence and human trafficking	Land Use, Planning and Housing	Daniel Zolnikov	July 1, 2023
<u>SB 531</u>	Generally review broadband deployment laws	Broadband	Daniel Salomon	May 19, 2023

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<u>SB 397</u>	Generally revise laws related to privacy and facial recognition technology	Public Safety and Criminal Justice	Kenneth Bogner	04/27/2023 - Returned from Enrolling

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06/28/23 Letter from Sean Patrick, Collaborative Housing Solutions of Northwest Montana

06/30/23 Letter from Bob Helder, Habitat for Humanity

06/30/23 Email from Josh Johns, in support of the Skatepark

06/30/23 Email from Jill Johns, in support of the Skatepark



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June 28th, 2023

Dear Elected Officials,

First, thank you for taking the time to read this letter. When I first started writing this letter two weeks ago, on behalf of Collaborative Housing Solutions (CHS) of Northwest Montana, it was to invite you all to join us at the table to work on developing community-wide solutions to the current crisis of homelessness and housing instability that we face. Unfortunately for our community, there was a tragic incident this past Sunday morning that resulted in an unhoused person losing their life, and now this letter is a 'Call to Action'.

His name was Scott Bryan. He was 60 years old, dealing with significant health issues, and was one of the most vulnerable folks living on the streets. Physically, he was frail. Mentally and cognitively, he was struggling to maintain. Scared because he had already been attacked once before, and subject to harassment daily. He wanted help, and he was following through with what he needed to do to help himself.

The way his life was taken has broken the hearts of everyone that knew him, and for many that didn't. It also demonstrates a part of current society that has created a narrative that the folks struggling with housing instability are 2nd or 3rd citizens and unworthy of being in our communities. The acts in-person and messaging on social media platforms regarding homelessness and specific unhoused folks are intimidating, hateful and completely dehumanizing. Our unsheltered community (the most vulnerable homeless population) are usually advised to keep to themselves, and to be "out-of-sight/out-of-mind". Now, we are encouraging these folks to stay in groups to have safety in numbers.

Reactions, responses and ordinances are happening so quickly these days, and without a full understanding of the issues. Currently and historically speaking, items aimed at promoting public safety and deterring unhoused individuals usually result in exacerbating the overall issue of homelessness due to adding more hurdles and barriers for folks struggling to survive. It is and can also be seen as validating their forced exit from our communities. We find ourselves questioning why are we creating new ordinances for law enforcement to enforce when laws (indecent exposure, trespassing, possession, etc.) are already being broken, but rarely result in court-ordered treatment or commitments to the state hospital.

The County Commissioner's letter that stated "enough is enough" started 2023 off to a rough start for our unhoused neighbors and service providers. The following week, the City of Kalispell suggested some bills for proposal that were intent on addressing the issue of homeless groups congregating in covered structures at Woodland and Depot parks, as well as temporary shelters and excessive personal belongings. This was done in response to concerns from the public. While this is going on, the group known as the 'Carhartt Gang' was a focus of the 'Flathead 411' Facebook page, and people rallied on social media at the suggestion of forming a group that would force these individuals out of town. The

Homeless Outreach Team reacted quickly and made sure that those individuals were no longer wearing their "Carhartts".

One week following the Commissioner's letter, our annual Point-in-Time (PIT) Survey took place. The PIT Survey is done nationally, and is used to give an accurate report on the current homeless population. While many would think that our homeless population numbers would increase, they did not. In fact, according to the 2023 PIT we saw nearly an 18% reduction (319 in 2022 and 263 in 2023) in our overall homeless population and a 13% reduction (87 in 2022 and 76 in 2023) in our chronically homeless (disabling condition/unhoused for at least 1 year in the past 3 years) population. Northwest Montana was the only community in Montana to see a reduction in their homeless population (the entire State's homeless population increased by 1/3). The 'Eye Test' today, and earlier this year, would likely differ from this data. However, this is the data that the Department of Housing and Urban Development see when they are determining grant allocations.

When we connected with folks that we didn't see during the PIT survey this year, they stated they hid due to being scared after the Commissioner's letter and a presentation at a City Council meeting that included pictures of homeless individuals. The narrative on social media continued to grow in negativity as Winter went on into Spring. This is when the harassment and attacks on our most vulnerable unhoused folks started to happen.

Please don't misunderstand, I bring these items up not to point fingers, or place blame. Quite the opposite, I bring these up to show you how influential a 'Letter' or ordinances can be on the public, especially in the day and age of social media.

The 'Call to Action' is simple. We need your help, and not just when it comes to approving programs, projects or plans. We need the help of our elected officials to change the narrative on 'homelessness'. Right now, unhoused folks are feeling like our community sees them as less than human. One questioned to me why the community cares so much about animals running around, to the point that there is a county animal shelter, but not a county human shelter. While solutions are simple, they are not easily accomplished or achieved. Across the nation there is a need for the leaders our communities to help appropriately develop and implement community solutions that create and maintain programs, projects and plans that cater towards our neighbors struggling with housing instability. This is anyone on a fixed income, or that struggles with disabling conditions that prevent them from maintaining regular employment, but it also the 1st year teacher that can't afford their rent or deposit. From the unhoused to the 'glue' of society, if we don't have your help now, the housing instability issues will get dramatically worsen.

I have included a copy of the 5 goals CHS has identified in our most recent strategic plan to reach 'functional zero' with homelessness. The idea is that more unhoused folks will be obtaining housing than folks entering homelessness.

Please feel free to follow-up with any questions, concerns or to become involved with CHS.

Sincerely,



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Collaborative Housing Solutions of Northwest Montana's Goals to End Homelessness
(Functional Zero)

1. Increase emergency shelter space and the number of beds available to accommodate all of the people experiencing homeless in Northwest Montana.

Data consistently illustrates that about half of the local homeless population is unsheltered, and is disproportionately one of the largest in Montana. (2018-2021 MT PiT Survey Data) Homelessness in Northwest Montana encompasses veterans, families, children, youth, domestic violence victims and survivors, persons with disabilities, seniors and all other individuals. In the best interest of our community, we must provide a robust emergency shelter system with an adequate number of beds in a safe and appropriate shelter space(s) for all demographics.

2. Efficient coordination and communication between social service providers and the community with an emphasis on coordinated points of entry and preventive measures.

Research and data strongly support the conclusion that when homelessness is prevented, the entire community benefits economically. To address homelessness in Northwest Montana, we use a coordinated approach, moving from a collection of individual programs to a community-wide response that is strategic and data driven. Our local approach, called Coordinated Entry, allows our community to quickly identify, assess, refer and connect people in crisis to housing and assistance, no matter where they show up to ask for help. Coordinated Entry fosters a more efficient assistance systems for those experiencing housing instability by:

- Helping people move through the system faster to housing;
- Reducing new entries into homelessness by consistently offering prevention and diversion resources upfront; and
- Improving data collection and quality, and providing accurate information on what kind of assistance consumers need.

3. Increase affordable and supportive, permanent housing opportunities for people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

The general definition of affordable housing (rent and utilities equal to or less than 30% gross income (HUD) is more suitable to households earning a 'livable wage', or the amount of income needed to afford a decent standard of living. Housing that is affordable for working-class, low-income, fixed-income and severely disabled households must be prioritized to counter the clear and obvious shortages in overall housing stock. We will create affordable, permanent housing opportunities through initiatives targeting: local regulation and zoning, new housing developments, permanent housing programs, maintaining current affordable housing units, and supportive housing solutions for the hardest-to-serve folks.

4. Increasing public awareness and community involvement as they are paramount to ending homelessness in Northwest Montana.

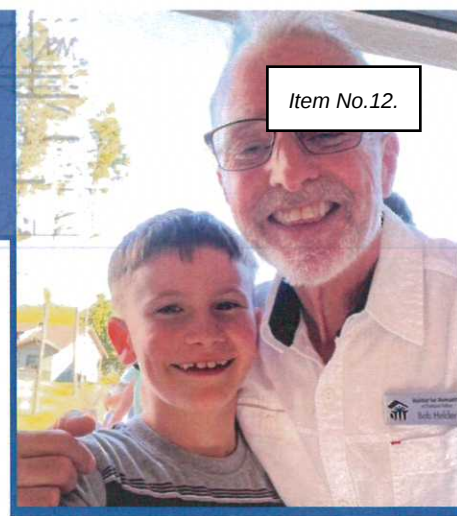
Perception is reality, and so if the community is not aware of the issues surrounding homelessness in Northwest Montana, then effective measures will never be taken. The Northwest Montana community will receive access to relevant training and education available to help people avoid the conditions leading to homelessness and the misconceptions that often follow. This also includes organizing and hosting events such as the annual Project Homeless Connect (i.e. Winter Warm-up), which provides much needed services to hundreds of individuals and families that are homeless or at-risk of being homeless.

5. Crisis Response System

The crisis response system will quickly identify and connect people who are experiencing or are at risk of experiencing homelessness to the Homeless Outreach Team, local Coordinated Entry System, appropriate emergency services and shelter, housing assistance and other services.

Dear City of Columbia Falls,

As a member of the Habitat community, you know that I am leaving Habitat for Humanity of Flathead Valley after serving for over 5 years as Executive Director. It has been an honor.



This past year, we helped four families move into their new Habitat homes in Lakeside and Columbia Falls. Right now, we are building homes in Somers for three excited families, and our application period just closed for three additional Habitat homes. Our ReStore is busier than ever, providing significant financial support to the affiliate. It is an incredible time to be a part of Habitat.

I know that Habitat's future is bright, working alongside YOU and the Flathead community. Through the Power of ONE...ONE donation, ONE dollar, ONE volunteer day, ONE purchase or donation at the ReStore, we can help build strength, stability and self-reliance through shelter right here in the Flathead Valley. In fact, I believe we can do more than ever before!

As I depart, I encourage you to give to Habitat for Humanity of Flathead Valley, so it can be more blessed and poised for impact than ever! Far too many families and individuals struggle to find a safe place for themselves and their children in Northwest Montana. We know decent, affordable housing can create transformational change for individuals, families and communities.

Families are waiting and volunteers are willing. With your generous financial gift, Habitat could:

- Provide more opportunities for affordable housing to deserving Flathead families.
- Complete the purchase of the ReStore facility – permanently giving Habitat a home of their own.
- Launch new programs like Neighborhood ReNew and Aging in Place.
- Build more homes, hire more construction staff, buy more land, renovate existing homes, and ...
DREAM BIG.

Perhaps you were created for a time like this. Esther 4:14. Join me in creating intentional, impactful results for our community, and support affordable housing here in the Flathead and Habitat's future today.

A heartfelt thank you,



Bob Helder

P.S. Let's build homes and hope together! Every dollar matters... \$186 equals 1 square foot of a child's bedroom or a family's kitchen.



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From: Josh Johns <joshdjohns@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 30, 2023 10:33 AM
To: B Staaland
Subject: Columbia Falls Skate park

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I am writing to express my full support for the proposed Columbia Falls skatepark. I understand the issue is coming up at the next council meeting and want to show my complete support.

Growing up in Columbia Falls I was one of the few kids skateboarding in the 90s and dreamed of an area I could gather with friends and skateboard. I now have three children of my own in Columbia Falls and would love to have a local skatepark for them to enjoy. We have used the Whitefish skatepark for years and while traveling tried out many other parks around Montana, Idaho and Washington. I feel like this will be a long term benefit to the community and provide a great opportunity for local kids. Giving the children the opportunity to be outside and active compared to stuck behind a screen or idle time leading to bad behavior is truly important. Although I am focusing on the benefits to children adults also skateboard! Skateboarding has evolved from an underground sport to an Olympic event with all the major brands and sponsors. This is not a fad that will be going away and providing the community with this opportunity will pay off for years.

Thank you,

Josh Johns
Columbia Falls Resident

From: Jill Johns <jillloe@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 30, 2023 4:00 PM
To: B Staaland
Subject: Skateparks are a community asset

Hello,

I am a parent of 3 children in CFalls. I am very much looking forward to the addition of a skatepark to the community. Although I'm 43 yrs old, my husband and I both can skateboard and have since we were younger, growing up here in the Flathead. We've raised our kids partially in different areas outside of CFalls, and in that time have encountered several different cities with skateparks and other indoor skate offerings. Providing places for both young kids and older kids to congregate and learn how to skate is a vital asset to a town. I've only seen the positive. It's a culture where encouraging others is completely part of the process, like an unspoken rule. It's really cool. It provides a fun, safe place to go that's close to home and not expensive! We need more of that here.

Skateboarding is a special skill that requires tons of repetition and practice, **giving kids a great thing to focus their efforts on**, while spending time outside and away from screens. Skateboarding is addictive... you always want to learn the next progression of a trick. **It's good for kids' physical exercise, and even their drive & work ethic!** Skateboarding around Bozeman, Whitefish (and even West Glacier) as a kid was a huge part of our area's snowboarding/skateboarding culture, and **created opportunities for youth to meet others and partake in a focused outdoor community.** The skateboarding community is diverse and can accommodate youth & adults from all types of socioeconomic status. **Unlike other outdoor sports, there is a very low cost of entry...** you just need to find a skateboard, wheels & trucks (you can get this for <\$100 if you look) and a pair shoes & helmet. Not bad compared to other hobbies around here!

I am very much looking forward to Columbia Falls joining the ranks of other small Montana towns in offering this special kind of park. I've always felt safe taking my kids to skateboard parks in other towns & cities! We've skated in Seattle, too, and their skateparks are friendly, clean places — even in a big city!

Take it from this middle-aged mom: build it and they will come. It will service the community in many positive ways, I promise.

-Jill

My kids pictured below are all CFalls junior high and high school kids now who thrive in both athletics & school. The mom skating below would even use the CF Skatepark!