

**CITY OF COLUMBIA FALLS
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
HELD JUNE 6, 2016**

Regular Meeting - Transact Routine Business

Mayor Barnhart called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with roll call as follows:

PRESENT: Mayor Barnhart

COUNCIL: Karper, Shepard, Fisher, Lovering and Piper

ABSENT: Petersen

ROLL CALL

Also present were City Manager Nicosia, City Clerk Staaland, City Attorney Breck and Police Chief Perry.

Pledge of Allegiance

PLEDGE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Mayor Barnhart requested a motion to approve the agenda. Councilman Fisher moved to approve the agenda, second by Councilman Piper, and the motion carried unanimously.

**AGENDA
APPROVAL**

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilman Karper moved to approve the consent agenda noting that all claims appeared to be in order, second by Councilman Fisher. Motion carried with Council voting as follows: AYES: Lovering, Karper, Shepard, Fisher, Piper and Barnhart. NOES: None. ABSENT: Petersen.

**CONSENT
AGENDA
APPROVAL**

A. Approval of Claims - \$ 293,029.80 - June 6, 2016

B. Approval of Payroll Claims - \$ 63,255.30 - May 20, 2016

Approval of Payroll Claims - \$ 87,273.17 - June 3, 2016

C. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes - May 16, 2016

D. Approval of 2017 Columbia Falls Swim Team Agreement and authorize City Manager to sign.

E. Final Approval of Memorandum of Agreement for Continuing Transportation Planning between MDT and the City of Columbia Falls and authorize City Manager to sign.

F. Approval of Memorandum of Agreement for QRU Services between the Flathead County EMS Office and the City of Columbia Falls Fire Department for June 1, 2016 - Dec. 31, 2016 and authorize City Manager to sign.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION:

A. Gene Woods, WWTP Operator - 20 years, Barb Staaland, City Clerk - 10 years of service and Nona Boyd, Dep. City Clerk - 5 years.

Mayor Barnhart presented longevity pins and thanked employees for their years of service.

**EMPLOYEE
RECOGNITION
Woods, Boyd &
Staaland**

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VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT: (Items not on agenda)

Barbara Proctor, 727 2nd Ave. West, said she was here to discuss the parking issues and loud music on Community Market night. Ms. Proctor said she thought the market ended at 7:30 p.m. but the music goes on past that time. She is also concerned that emergency vehicles cannot get through the road with people parking on both sides and blocking driveways. Ms. Proctor said she did phone the Police Department about her handicapped neighbor not being able to access his property and her driveway was blocked. She reported that an Officer did provide no parking signs. Proctor believes this is a commercial event and should be parking in commercial parking lots only. Mayor Barnhart asked City Manager Nicosia to look into Ms. Proctors remarks. Councilman Lovering said the hours are advertised as 8:00 p.m.

**VISITOR/PUBLIC
COMMENT**

PUBLIC HEARINGS/NOTICES:

NOTICES OF HEARINGS/PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A. Mayor Barnhart read the Notice of Hearing: The Columbia Falls City-County Planning Board will hold a public hearing for the following item at their regular meeting on Tuesday, June 14th at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 130 6th Street West, Columbia Falls, Montana. The Columbia Falls City Council will hold a subsequent hearing on July 18, 2016 starting at 7:00 p.m. in the same location.

**NOTICE OF
PUBLIC
HEARINGS-
Request for a Zone
Change-Giddeon**

Request for a Zone Change in the Columbia Falls Zoning Jurisdiction:

William T. Giddeon is requesting to amend the zoning district map on a portion of property in the Columbia Falls Zoning Jurisdiction. The applicant owns 18.21 acres of land but approximately one acre is not located in the Columbia Falls zoning Jurisdiction and is not zoned by the City or County. The zone change request only affects the 17+/- acres that are zoned. The property is currently zoned SAG-10 but is adjacent to other R-1 properties and therefore, the applicant is request R-1 zoning for his acreage. The property is described as that portion of Lot 1 of Subdivision 193 in Section 20, T30N, R20W, P.M.M., located north of the south boundary of the NE1/4 NE1/4 line. The property is addressed as 3985 Columbia Falls Stage in Columbia Falls. Persons may testify at the hearing or submit written comments prior to the meeting. Written comment may be sent to Columbia Falls City Hall, Attention: Susan Nicosia, City Manager, 130 6th Street West, Room A, Columbia Falls, MT 59912. For more information call Eric Mulcahy, Columbia Falls City Planner at 755-6481.

B. Mayor Barnhart read the Notice of Hearing – June 20, 2016: The Columbia Falls City Council will hold a public hearing for the purpose of approving parking restrictions on specific city streets, at their regular meeting, Monday, June 20, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. The hearing will be held in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 130 6th ST. West, Columbia Falls, MT.

**Parking
Restrictions on
Specific Streets**

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City staff reviewed parking restrictions for the following specified streets pursuant to City Codes governing narrow streets, snow removal and hazardous or congested places. The streets that were reviewed and the proposed parking restrictions for each are as follows:

1. Franlou Park Lane - allow street parking only on the north side of Franlou Park Lane
2. Diane Road - allow street parking only on the south side of Diane Road
3. Wildcat Drive - no on street parking during winter months
4. 14th and 16th St West (between 4th Ave and 5th Ave West) - no on street parking

The proposed parking restrictions are available for review at the office of the City Clerk, City of Columbia Falls 130 6th Street West, Columbia Falls, MT.

Written comments concerning this amendment may be addressed to the City Clerk at 130 6th Street West, Columbia Falls, MT 59912 or delivered in person to the City Council during the hearing.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

**UNFINISHED
BUSINESS**

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:

A. RESOLUTION # 1724 - A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Columbia Falls, Montana, Approving the Petition of Joel Hewitt for Annexation of Property Described As Tract 1 COS 20265, SW 1/ 4 Section 9, Township 30 North, Range 20 West, P.M.M., Flathead County, Montana as Shown on file at the Flathead County Plat Room

**RESOLUTION
#1724-Hewitt
Annexation**

City Manager Nicosia reported that this is the final step for the Hewitt's to construct a new home and connect to City Water and Sewer. The Hewitt's had purchased approximately 20 acres and have gone through the appropriate steps, including a variance request before the Board of Adjustment, to build a home. The City is only annexing the approximate 0.37 acre for the home and accessory building.

Councilman Fisher motioned to approve Resolution 1724, second by Councilman Shepard with Council voting as follows. AYES: Shepard, Fisher, Karper, Lovering, Piper and Barnhart. NOES: None. ABSENT: Petersen.

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REPORTS/BUSINESS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL:

Councilman Piper said the parking lot at Circle Plaza was finished.
Councilman Shepard believes the Police Department should start writing speeding tickets to violators on Highway 2 due to the increase in traffic. Shepard said there was a great article in the Daily Interlake on the clean-up of CFAC.

Councilman Lovering believes the pedestrian sign on Nucleus is helping slow traffic. Lovering asked for clarification on the parking signage at Columbus Park as it is marked "boulevard parking." City Manager Nicosia said they should be parking adjacent to the street and not in the park on the lawn as was occurring before the signage was installed.

Councilman Fisher said he also noticed people slowing down at the pedestrian caution sign on Nucleus, he would rather see more of these on Nucleus Avenue than the push button signs. Nicosia said the push button signs are ordered noting that the movable signs provide short-term assistance and will have to be removed during the winter months while the push button signs can be used year round.

Councilman Lovering said Erma Gladieux spoke to her about the problem at River's Edge Park with people once again letting their dog run at large in the park.

Mayor Barnhart said he was disappointed with the lack of support for the American Legion walk on Memorial Day. Mayor inquired about the speed cart reading the correct speed. Chief Perry reported that the sign grabs your first speed, up to 2 blocks away, and then flashes a warning to slow down.

REPORTS/BUSINESS FROM CITY ATTORNEY:

None.

CITY MANAGER:

Nicosia said there will be a Public Hearing on June 20th on the recommended parking restrictions on specific city streets. Public Notice will be made in the newspaper, city website, city bulletin board along with letters to households on each of those streets.

Nicosia reminded Council that due to the holiday, there will be no July 5th meeting.

RPA is working on updating the Riverwood water/sewer/street engineering and once completed, the City will hold an informational meeting with the neighborhood.

A. INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE - List available for Review

ADJOURN: Upon motion duly made by Councilman Piper and seconded by Councilman Shepard, the meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

**REPORTS FROM
MAYOR AND
COUNCIL**

**REPORT FROM
CITY ATTORNEY**

**CITY MANAGER
REPORT**

**CORRESPON-
DENCE**

ADJOURN

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Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

APPROVED BY COUNCIL ACTION: June 20, 2016