

**CITY OF COLUMBIA FALLS
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
HELD FEBRUARY 19, 2019**

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, Fisher, Lovering, Piper and Robinson
ABSENT: Shepard

ROLL CALL

Also present were City Manager Nicosia, City Clerk Staland, City Attorney Breck and Police Chief Peters.

Pledge of Allegiance

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

**AGENDA
APPROVAL**

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

**CONSENT
AGENDA
APPROVAL**

- A. Approval of Claims -\$ 65,077.25 - February 19, 2019
- B. Approval of Payroll Claims - \$101,712.18 - February 8, 2019
- C. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes - February 4, 2019

VISITOR/PUBLIC COMMENT: (Items not on agenda)

Laney Conger with the Conservation Crew from the Columbia Falls High School said they have worked on the recycling bins at the High School and would like to see what they can do within the City. Currently they are working on decreasing styrofoam usage at the school. Lara Erickson said they are also working on implementing composting and less use of plastic. Tre Finley said as the Conservation Crew they are trying to introduce reusable metal straws to replace the plastic straws along with implementing reusable trays at the school. Mr. Finley said they would like to do a trash audit within the city facilities and urge the city to implement reusable products.

**VISITOR/PUBLIC
COMMENT**

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PUBLIC HEARINGS/NOTICES:

Public Hearing - Municipal Code Amendments - Continued until complete:

Presentation on Tuesday, Feb. 19th of proposed amendments to all 11 Chapters

**PUBLIC
HEARINGS**

The City Council of the City of Columbia Falls, shall conduct public hearings for the purpose of adopting changes to the Columbia Falls Municipal Code Title 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, and 15 pursuant to a comprehensive legal analysis of the codes for compliance with state and federal statutes.

The City Council is proposing completing the suggested text changes as recommended by the legal analysis and to update other outdated or necessary text changes as identified by City staff or Council. This hearing will be continued until the code changes are complete. Text review will be continued in January and February.

Mayor Barnhart asked for staff to continue the code update hearing. City Manager Nicosia presented the revised Title 1 General Provisions and Title 12 - Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places. Nicosia reported that after review, the Public Works Director recommended revising Chapter 12.04 to clarify provisions and to ensure consistency with the Subdivision regulations in Title 17 and the City's Public Works Standards.

Mayor Barnhart noted that the Public Hearing will continue until the code review is completed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

**UNFINISHED
BUSINESS**

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Flathead County Trail Plan support letter

Councilman Fisher motioned to send the proposed letter to the Flathead County Trail Plan, second by Councilman Lovering and the motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

B. Call for Bids - Lift Station No. 2 Improvements

City Manager Nicosia said we are asking for authorization to rebid the Lift Station No. 2 Improvements project.

Councilman Lovering made motion to approve the call for bids for Lift Station No. 2 Improvements, second by Councilman Piper, with council voting as follows. AYES: Fisher, Karper, Lovering, Piper, Robinson and Barnhart. NOES: None. ABSENT: Shepard.

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ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

None.

REPORTS/BUSINESS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL:

Councilman Lovering said a student was finding it difficult to get around with the berms at the end of driveways after the snow plowing was done. Lovering added there is a lot of snow accumulation due to plowing on 6th Street E.

Councilman Karper said the city crew has been doing a good job getting the streets plowed.

Mayor Barnhart said the Highway Department is doing a much better job with snow removal this year on Nucleus Avenue and Hwy 2.

Mayor Barnhart asked about the progress on the proposed parks bathrooms. Nicosia said the Parks Committee met and the project will be coming forward in the near future.

**REPORTS FROM
MAYOR AND
COUNCIL**

CITY MANAGER:

City Manager said the City has received the 2019 Bridge and Road Safety and Accountability program fuel tax allocation of \$73,706.48. Staff is looking at priorities and improvements that need to be addressed this year. Council will formally approve project(s) in the future.

New England Fire Company has notified Fire Chief Hagen that the Fire Apparatus is ready for delivery. Fire Chief Hagen will make sure everything on the check list has been completed prior to delivery.

Nicosia gave a Legislative update and discussed bills of significance to Columbia Falls.

**CITY MANAGER
REPORT**

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT:

None.

MISCELLANEOUS:

A. Informational Correspondence

B. REPORTS:

a. Finance – January 2019

b. Police – January activity

**CORRESPONDEN
CE/REPORTS**

ADJOURN: Upon motion duly made by Councilman Lovering and seconded by Councilman Fisher the meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

ADJOURN

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Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

APPROVED BY COUNCIL ACTION: March 4, 2019