

**CITY OF COLUMBIA FALLS
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
HELD APRIL 1, 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, Shepard, Fisher, Lovering, Piper and Robinson

ABSENT: None

ROLL CALL

Also present were City Manager Nicosia, City Clerk Staland, City Attorney Breck, Police Chief Peters and Public Works Director Bradshaw

Pledge of Allegiance

PLEDGE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Mayor Barnhart requested a motion to approve the agenda. Councilman Lovering moved to approve the agenda, second by Councilman Piper, 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 with an added claim of \$3,300 bringing the total to \$58,378.83, second by Councilman Robinson. Motion carried with Council voting as follows: YES: Lovering, Piper, Robinson, Shepard, Fisher, Karper and Barnhart NOES: None. ABSENT: None.

**CONSENT
AGENDA
APPROVAL**

A. Approval of Claims -\$ 58,378.83 - April 1, 2019

B. Approval of Payroll Claims - \$ 69,157.57 - March 22, 2019

Approval of Payroll Claims - \$17,545.26 - 1st Quarter Work Comp/Unemp.

C. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes - March 18, 2019

D. Approval of Northwest Drug Task Force Memorandum of Understanding, July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020 and authorize City Manager to execute.

VISITOR/PUBLIC COMMENT: (Items not on agenda)

None.

**VISITOR/PUBLIC
COMMENT**

PUBLIC HEARINGS/NOTICES:

A. **Public Hearing - Municipal Code Amendments - Continued until complete:**

**PUBLIC
HEARINGS**

Presentation on April 1st of proposed amendments to all 11 Chapters

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

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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Council is proposing completing the suggested text changes as recommended by the legal analysis and to update other outdated or necessary text changes as identified by City staff or Council.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 until complete.

City Manager went through Title 15, Buildings and Construction text amendments, noting the code that should've been replaced with the administrative adoption in 2007 with Ordinance 684.

Mayor Barnhart stated the Public Hearing will remain open at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

**UNFINISHED
BUSINESS**

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Award Lift Station #2 Bid - Downing Underground, \$230,800

Public Works Director Bradshaw said Downing Underground was the apparent low bidder on Lift Station #2 in the amount of \$230,800. Bradshaw reported the project is a complete rebuild on the lift station, including replacing the force main as well.

Councilman Lovering motioned to approve awarding the Lift Station #2 Bid to Downing Underground second by Councilman Robinson, with voting as follows. AYES: Piper, Robinson, Shepard, Fisher, Karper, Lovering and Barnhart. NOES: None. ABSENT: None.

NEW BUSINESS

B. Letter of Support - Northwest Montana Drug Task Force MT Board of Crime Control Grant

Councilman Piper made motion to approve the letter of support to the Northwest Montana Drug Task Force MT Board of Crime Control Grant, Second by Councilman Fisher and the motion carried.

REPORTS/BUSINESS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL:

Councilman Robinson inquired about mosquito control for 2019. Nicosia said the Mosquito Control Officer has reached out to us and we will soon schedule a meeting.

Councilman Shepard asked how we are doing on the cat project at River's Edge Park. Nicosia said the Spay and Neuter Task Force along with The Animal Shelter are still working on it significantly.

Councilman Shepard asked if residents on 5th Ave. EN were still without

**REPORTS FROM
MAYOR AND
COUNCIL**

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water. Public Works Director Bradshaw said yes there are some still frozen. Councilman Lovering reported the blinking lights on the push button crosswalk on Nucleus and 6th only work on one side. Councilman Fisher said with the spring weather the new basketball court is being used. Fisher reported the 3rd Ave. connector trail is in great shape and was well used this past winter. Fisher noted that the trail needs minor work at this time. He also noted that he was glad to see that the low swampy area had been filled by gravel. Bradshaw said it was filled in with the fill dirt from the fish pond. Fisher said he attended a Parks and Weeds meeting this morning and was told if we have a weed issue to call the city and not the county. Nicosia noted that pursuant to the City's agreement with the County Weed Department, we assist with noxious weeds within the city limits.

MANGERS REPORT:

City Manager Nicosia reported on the following:

April 9th the City will be presenting at the Chamber luncheon, Mayor and Council are invited to attend.

Nicosia reviewed Legislation, noting that cities are still fighting to protect entitlement funds from deduction to pay state OPD expenses. The TEDD bill was revised so it is less harmful but it requires additional reporting to the state but we will be able to live with the requirements. The Columbia Falls Rising TEDD has recently received certification from DOR.

Nicosia received the Teamsters Union Local No. 2 letter requesting the opening of contract negotiations. Nicosia noted that the city had received a letter from MFPE to open negotiations on the police contract but shortly thereafter, the Police Association notified the City of their intent to change representation from MFPE to FOP (Fraternal Order of Police).

We are still working on addressing the leak detection report regarding the 17 service lines and 13 fire hydrants.

Nicosia gave thanks to Dave Konopatzke for grooming 23.5 miles throughout the park during the winter months.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

None.

OTHER REPORTS:

Public Works Director Bradshaw said the Request for Proposals for the River's Edge Park Development Plan is coming in this week. A committee will review and select the consultant and negotiate a contract. We also have a request for quotes out for the access roadway and landscaping that was tore up during the fishing pond construction.

**CITY MANAGER
REPORT**

**CITY ATTORNEY
REPORT**

OTHER REPORTS

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INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE - List available for Review
REPORTS:

**CORRESPONDENCE
/REPORTS**

a. Fire - 2018 and YTD 2019 Activity

ADJOURN: Upon motion duly made by Councilman Fisher and seconded by Councilman Lovering, the meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

ADJOURN

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

APPROVED BY COUNCIL ACTION: April 15, 2019