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COLVILLE PARKING COMMISSION

May 18, 2015

5:30 P.M. – City Hall

MINUTES

The Colville Parking Commission held a meeting on Monday, May 18, 2015, at City Hall. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ryke Dahlen at 5:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Ryke Dahlen, Karen Abeid, Steve Wisner, and Mike Birch, Council Liaison. One vacancy exists.

FINANCE REPORT

The Chairman presented the May 5, 2015 finance report. The year to date expenditures totaled \$7,602.29. The current account balance is \$89,063.63. Council Liaison Mike Birch asked for an accounting of snow removal/de-icing from the past winter. Mike will contact City Treasurer Vickie Strong to get the figure.

MAINTENANCE REPORTS

- Lot Cleaning/Lot Re-Striping. The Chairman reported that lot cleaning was last done in the fall of 2014. It is time for spring cleaning and Chairman Dahlen will contact Terry LeCaire at the Street Department. Mike Birch also suggested that the Fire Department be used to hose off lots where possible. Re-striping is set for July as usual.
- Weed Maintenance. Chairman Dahlen advised that MJR Services performed weed maintenance last July. It was suggested that MJR Services be contacted as to their status this year.
- Re-Grade Keefe Lot. The Chairman reported that the Keefe lot was graded by the Street Department in April to level off the surface and it is in good shape. It was felt that this lot needs to be graded at least (3) times a year.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Garbage Can on Keefe Lot.

Steve Wisner moved and Karen Abeid seconded the motion to purchase a garbage can for the Keefe lot to cut down on the trash. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Open Commission Position.

Chairman Ryke Dahlen advised that as Brian Wear has sold his business on Main Street, he has decided to resign from the Parking Commission. Discussion as to who could fill his position followed. The two names mentioned were Michael Clay, the new owner of the Kitchen Korner, and

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Chris Montgomery who recently purchased the Yogurt Shop/Don's Printery building. Those individuals will be contacted by the Chairman.

B. County opts out of Parking Commission Fee.

It was reported that as of 2015, the City was notified that Stevens County has opted out of the Parking District. They were paying a flat fee of \$100 per month. It was discussed that the County now owns property behind the former Avista building that should be converted into parking lots.

Steve Wisner moved and Karen Abeid seconded the motion that the City and the Parking Commission urge the Stevens County Commissioners to draft a comprehensive, long term parking plan for the Courthouse and adjacent County facilities to alleviate congestion. Motion passed.

C. Possible loss of Hardwick Lot.

It was noted that last spring (2014), Rob Hardwick notified the Parking Commission that he plans to build on his lot in the near future. That would be a loss of 12-15 parking spaces. It was felt that this makes the possible purchase of the Keefe lot imperative.

D. Purchase option on Keefe Lot.

It was pointed out that the Keefe lot has shown high use since the Parking Commission's lease and rehabilitation of the property.

Karen Abeid moved and Steve Wisner seconded the motion that the Parking Commission approach Mr. Keefe's agent as to possible purchase of the lot. Motion passed.

E. Bike Racks on Heritage Court.

The Parking Commission has been approached by Rotary as to participating in adding bike racks to the Heritage Court remodel. The Parking Commission is waiting to get more information.

OTHER BUSINESS

A. Annual Parking Lot Inspection.

It was reported that parking lot inspection is set for June 1st.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 P.M.