

COLVILLE, WASHINGTON
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 15, 2011

7:00 PM: MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR RICHARD NICHOLS.

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ROLL CALL: FOLL, BERGIN, WHITE, MANCE, JANKE, KYLE AND FOSTER.

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PRESENT: COUNCILMEMBER NANCY FOLL, COUNCILMEMBER DOROTHY BERGIN, COUNCILMEMBER BETTY WHITE, COUNCILMEMBER PEARL MANCE, COUNCILMEMBER LOU JANKE (VIA TELEPHONE), COUNCILMEMBER DOUG KYLE, COUNCILMEMBER TERRY FOSTER AND MAYOR RICHARD NICHOLS.

STAFF PRESENT: DIRECTOR OF BUILDING/PLANNING JIM LAPINSKI, CITY CLERK/HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGER HOLLY PANNELL AND CITY ATTORNEY CHARLES SCHUERMAN.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG.

1. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION ALLOWING COUNCILMEMBERS TO PARTICIPATE AND VOTE BY TELEPHONE FOR THIS SPECIAL MEETING.

COUNCILMEMBER KYLE MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER WHITE SECONDED THE MOTION TO ALLOW COUNCILMEMBER JANKE TO PARTICIPATE AND VOTE BY TELEPHONE FOR THIS SPECIAL MEETING.

COUNCILMEMBER MANCE STATED THAT TO HER KNOWLEDGE THIS ISSUE HAS NEVER COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL. NO THOUGHT HAS BEEN PUT INTO ANY PARAMETERS AND THERE ARE NO RULES TO GUIDE US. SHE IS AGAINST ALLOWING COUNCILMEMBERS TO VOTE BY PHONE TONIGHT AT THIS SPECIAL MEETING. SHE STATED THAT THE STAFF REQUESTED GUIDANCE FROM MUNICIPAL RESEARCH AND SERVICES CENTER AND THEY ADVISED THAT COUNCIL SHOULD FIRST ADOPT A RULE AND SET UP PARAMETERS. SINCE THE COUNCIL HAS NOT ADOPTED ANY RULES, SHE DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT COUNCILMEMBER JANKE SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE TONIGHT.

CITY ATTORNEY CHARLES SCHUERMAN STATED THAT THERE IS NO STATUTE THAT PROHIBITS THIS AND EACH COUNCIL SHOULD SET ITS OWN RULES AND GUIDELINES. HE STATED THAT EVEN IF WE ALLOW PARTICIPATION TONIGHT IT WOULD NOT CARRY FORWARD TO ANY SUBSEQUENT MEETING. HE STATED THAT THE COUNCIL SHOULD CONSIDER RULES AND GUIDELINES FOR THE FUTURE.

COUNCILMEMBER FOLL STATED THAT THESE CIRCUMSTANCES ARE UNUSUAL. THERE WAS NO WAY TO KNOW THAT THERE WOULD BE SPECIAL SESSIONS.

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MOTION PASSED. *THERE WERE DISSENSIONS NOTED FROM COUNCILMEMBERS MANCE AND FOSTER.*

2. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION CONCERNING A PROPOSED RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN ADVISORY VOTE FOR THE NOVEMBER 8, 2011 GENERAL ELECTION ON WHETHER OR NOT THE CITY OF COLVILLE SHOULD PROCEED WITH THE PROCESS TO RELOCATE AND EXPAND THE COLVILLE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT.

COUNCILMEMBER KYLE MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER WHITE SECONDED THE MOTION TO ADOPT PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 07-11 AUTHORIZING AN ADVISORY VOTE FOR THE NOVEMBER 8, 2011 GENERAL ELECTION ON WHETHER OR NOT THE CITY OF COLVILLE SHOULD PROCEED WITH THE PROCESS TO RELOCATE AND EXPAND THE COLVILLE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT.

COUNCILMEMBER MANCE STATED THAT THE CITY DOES NOT HAVE THE MONEY TO CONDUCT A NON-BINDING ADVISORY VOTE. IF THE SITE SELECTION PROCESS PROCEEDS THERE WILL BE SEVERAL PUBLIC HEARINGS WHERE EVERYONE CAN EXPRESS THEIR OPINIONS. IF THE ADVISORY BALLOT ISSUE IS SO IMPORTANT, MAYBE THE RESIDENTS SHOULD COLLECT DONATIONS TO PAY TO HAVE THIS

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ISSUE ON THE BALLOT. UNTIL THE SITE SELECTION STUDY IS COMPLETED WE WILL NOT KNOW WHETHER WE CAN MOVE FORWARD WITH THE AIRPORT. THE PUBLIC WILL BE VOTING ON MIS- INFORMATION.

COUNCILMEMBER KYLE STATED THAT OPINIONS ARE GOOD. HE STATED THAT HIS GOAL IS TO LET THE VOTERS HAVE A SAY ABOUT HOW WE SPEND THE MONEY.

COUNCILMEMBER JANKE STATED THAT THE FAA HAS REPEATEDLY SAID THAT IN ORDER TO BE SUCCESSFUL, WE WILL NEED PUBLIC SUPPORT AND THE SUPPORT FROM OTHER ENTITIES. THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO SEE WHERE THE CITY AT LARGE STANDS ON THIS ISSUE.

COUNCILMEMBER FOSTER STATED THAT HE HAS BEEN DOING RESEARCH SINCE HE IS NEW TO THE COUNCIL. HE STATED THAT THE CITY DESERVES A CHANCE TO SEE IF THERE IS AN APPROPRIATE SITE FOR A POTENTIAL NEW AIRPORT. HE STATED THAT HE IS AGAINST THE RESOLUTION BECAUSE OF THE TIMING, WE HAVE HAD MONTHS TO DO THIS AND NOW WE ARE PURSUING IT AFTER A DECISION TO MOVE FORWARD HAS ALREADY BEEN MADE.

COUNCILMEMBER FOLL STATED THAT NOW IS A GOOD TIME BECAUSE WE NEED TO KNOW IF WE HAVE THE SUPPORT TO MOVE FORWARD. TO THIS POINT THERE HASN'T BEEN A LARGE AMOUNT OF MONEY SPENT, IF WE CONTINUE WE MAY BE OBLIGATED TO PAY BACK A LARGE AMOUNT OF MONEY. SHE STATED THAT VOTING IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF OUR DEMOCRACY AND SHE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR WHERE THE PUBLIC STANDS.

MAYOR NICHOLS REQUESTED A ROLL CALL VOTE:

FOSTER – NO; KYLE – YES; JANKE – YES; MANCE – NO; WHITE – NO; BERGIN – YES; FOLL – YES.

MOTION PASSED.

AS THERE WAS NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL, COUNCILMEMBER FOSTER MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER WHITE SECONDED THE MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.

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MOTION PASSED.

TIME OF ADJOURNMENT: 7:27 P.M.

MAYOR RICHARD NICHOLS

Attest: _____
Holly Pannell, CMC, PFO, City Clerk/
Human Resources Manager