

**COLVILLE, WASHINGTON  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 8, 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, COUNCILMEMBER DOUG KYLE, COUNCILMEMBER TERRY FOSTER and MAYOR RICHARD NICHOLS

**STAFF PRESENT:** DIRECTOR OF BUILDING/PLANNING JIM LAPINSKI, STREET/PARK/RECREATION SUPERINTENDENT TERRY LeCAIRE, POLICE CHIEF ROBERT MESHISHNEK, CITY CLERK/HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGER HOLLY PANNELL, CITY TREASURER VICKIE STRONG, MUNICIPAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR ERIC DURPOS AND ASSISTANT PLANNER MELINDA LEE.

**SALUTE TO THE FLAG.**

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- #01. **MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 25, 2011 COLVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING.**
- #02. **NOVEMBER 9, 2011 CLAIMS CHECKS #45092 ~ #45171 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$141,134.88 AS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT BY THE AUDIT COMMITTEE.**
- #03. **OCTOBER, 2011 PAYROLL CHECKS #45058 ~ #45091 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$237,843.29 AS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT BY THE AUDIT COMMITTEE.**
- #04. **OCTOBER 21, 2011 ~ NOVEMBER 3, 2011 CONTRACT/AGREEMENT LIST REVIEW.**
- #05. **OCTOBER, 2011 REPORTS: EXPENDITURE, REVENUE, VENDOR AND TREASURER.**

MAYOR NICHOLS READ THE CONSENT AGENDA.

COUNCILMEMBER WHITE MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER MANCE SECONDED THE MOTION THAT "VOUCHERS AUDITED AND CERTIFIED BY THE AUDITING COMMITTEE AS REQUIRED BY RCW 42.24.080 AND THOSE EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT CLAIMS CERTIFIED AS REQUIRED BY RCW 42.24.090 HAVE BEEN RECORDED ON A LISTING WHICH HAS BEEN MADE AVAILABLE TO THE COUNCIL AS OF THIS DATE NOVEMBER 8, 2011 AND DOES APPROVE FOR PAYMENT THOSE VOUCHERS INCLUDED IN THE ABOVE LIST AND FURTHER DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: NOVEMBER 9, 2011 CLAIMS CHECKS #45092 ~ #45171 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$141,134.88; OCTOBER, 2011 PAYROLL CHECKS #45058 ~ #45091 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$237,843.29" AND DOES APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS READ.

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MOTION PASSED.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:**

- #06. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** THE FLOOR IS OPEN FOR ANY PUBLIC COMMENTS.

JACK SMITH STATED THAT REGARDING THE CONFERENCE CALL WITH THE FAA (FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION) ON OCTOBER 28TH, IT SEEMS THAT THESE THINGS ALWAYS GET SWEEPED UNDER THE RUG AND THE TRUE INFORMATION NEVER GETS OUT. HE STATED THAT NOW WE CAN DECIDE WHAT IS MISLEADING AND WHAT ISN'T. HE READ AN EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING WITH THE FAA WHICH STATED THAT STAN ALLISON REITERATED THAT THE CITY SHOULD EXPECT TO PAY 50-60% OF THE TOTAL COST OF THE AIRPORT AND THAT THE CITY'S SHARE WOULD BE IN THE MILLIONS. JACK SMITH STATED THAT THE TRUE COST OF THE AIRPORT HAS BEEN DENIED AND LIED ABOUT FOR THE LAST 18 MONTHS. HE ASKED WHY THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WASN'T ASKED TO

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DO SOMETHING IMMEDIATELY. HE STATED THAT THEY COULD HAVE PUT SOMETHING ON THE RADIO AND SUBMITTED SOMETHING TO THE NEWSPAPER. HE STATED THAT HE WOULD SUGGEST THAT THE COUNCIL PASS A RESOLUTION AND CONDEMN THE BROCHURE THAT WAS PUT OUT BY THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND REQUEST A RETRACTION OF SOME KIND.

BILL PIFER, 1930 EAST IVY, STATED THAT HE IS CONCERNED ABOUT THE PLANS TO SPEND SOME MONEY ON DIAGONAL PARKING. HE STATED THAT THE MEMO TO COUNCIL SAYS THAT THE BID (BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT) FUNDS CAN'T BE USED FOR DIAGONAL PARKING. HE STATED THAT HIS QUESTION IS, WHERE THE MONEY IS GOING TO COME FROM. IT SOUNDS LIKE IT WILL BE THE GENERAL FUND. HE STATED THAT IT BOTHERS HIM THAT WATER/SEWER AND GARBAGE HAVE ALL BEEN RAISED AND NOW HE WILL BE ASKED TO PAY FOR DIAGONAL PARKING. HE ALSO STATED THAT IF HE UNDERSTANDS THIS CORRECTLY, THERE WILL NO LONGER BE ANY LEFT TURNS OFF MAIN STREET. HE IS CONCERNED ABOUT HOW THE TRAFFIC FLOW WILL WORK.

VELMER HAWKINS STATED THAT REGARDING THIS PHONE CONVERSATION WITH STAN ALLISON AND THE FAA. HE STATED THAT HE HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH STAN ALLISON AND HE HAS SAID THAT THE CITY SHARE WILL BE 55-60% THE WHOLE TIME. HE STATED THAT THE MAYOR HAS BEEN ON THE RADIO AND IN THE NEWSPAPER THAT IT WOULD BE 95% EVEN WHEN IT WAS PROVED THAT THIS IS WRONG. HE STATED THAT WHEN THE BROCHURE WAS PUT OUT BY THE CHAMBER, THEY HAD NO REASON TO DOUBT WHAT THE CITY IS SAYING BECAUSE THIS IS WHAT THE MAYOR HAS SAID ALL ALONG. HE STATED THAT THIS AIRPORT SITUATION HAS COST A LOT OF MONEY AND A LOT OF HIS HEALTH. HE ASKED WHERE THE MONEY IS GOING TO COME FROM. HE STATED THAT HE HOPES EVERYONE WILL USE COMMON SENSE.

JODY ROBERTS, 1121 BEAR CREEK RD, STATED THAT SHE IS HERE TO DISCUSS MUSEUM FUNDING. SHE STATED THAT THEY ARE ASKING FOR ENOUGH MONEY TO COVER THE KELLER HOUSE PORTION OF THE BILLS. SHE STATED THAT THIS WOULD ACTUALLY BE PAYING THE CITY BILLS FOR STUFF THAT THE CITY OWNS. THEY WERE HOPING TO GET HOTEL/MOTEL FUNDS FOR A LAWNMOWER AND TO HELP WITH SNOW PLOWING. SHE STATED THAT SHE IS ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT THE AIRPORT ISSUE AND WONDERED WHY THE COUNTY WAS NOT INVOLVED.

**PUBLIC APPEARANCES:**

- #07. DISCUSSION:                   REQUEST FROM THE FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER FOR 2012 FUNDING.**

MARY PAGE, FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER, STATED THAT SHE IS HERE TO DISCUSS RENEWAL OF THE CONTRACT FOR FUNDING FOR THE FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER IN 2012. SHE STATED THAT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IS GENERATIONAL AND SHE REVIEWED INFORMATION AND STATISTICS REGARDING THESE ISSUES AND THE ASSOCIATED COSTS.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- #08. DISCUSSION:                   REVIEW OF THE FINAL DRAFT OF THE 2011 UPDATE TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN INCLUDING THE 2012-2017 CAPITAL FACILITIES PLAN EXECUTIVE SUMMARY.**

DIRECTOR OF BUILDING/PLANNING JIM LAPINSKI STATED THAT EVERYTHING HAS BEEN RANKED AND IS CURRENT IN THE EXECUTIVE SUMMARY. COUNCILMEMBER JANKE STATED THAT HE WANTS THIS PROCESS REVIEWED AND WOULD LIKE THE COUNCILMEMBERS TO BE INVOLVED IN THE RANKING OF THE CURRENT EXPENSE PROJECTS. COUNCILMEMBER JANKE ALSO STATED THAT NEXT TIME AROUND SOME OF THE BUILDING MAINTENANCE ITEMS NEED TO BE ADDED TO THIS LIST.

- #09. DISCUSSION/ACTION:       PROPOSED ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE PERIODIC UPDATE TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.**

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COUNCILMEMBER KYLE MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER WHITE SECONDED THE MOTION TO ADOPT PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 1467 N.S. ADOPTING THE PERIODIC UPDATE TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN INCLUDING THE 2012-2017 CAPITAL FACILITIES PLAN EXECUTIVE SUMMARY.

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MOTION PASSED.

*(ORDINANCE NO. 1467 N.S. IN ITS ENTIRETY IS ON FILE IN THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE.)*

**#10. DISCUSSION/ACTION:      **DIAGONAL PARKING ON MAIN STREET.****

MUNICIPAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR ERIC DURPOS STATED THAT THIS IS BEING BROUGHT BACK TO COUNCIL WITH FURTHER INFORMATION AND DETAILS. HE STATED THAT THERE WILL BE NO LEFT HAND TURN POCKETS (LANE), BUT LEFT TURNS WILL STILL BE ALLOWED AS WELL AS ADDING LEFT TURNS AT ASTOR. HE ALSO STATED THAT IT IS IN THE PROPOSED BUDGET TO FUND THE DIAGONAL PARKING PROPOSAL OUT OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT 1% UTILITY TAX FUNDS. HE STATED THAT THE FINAL REPORT HAS BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE DOT AND HE WILL EVENTUALLY WANT THEIR APPROVAL IN WRITING. HE ALSO STATED THAT WELCH COMER HAS SUBMITTED A PRELIMINARY DESIGN FOR DIAGONAL PARKING. COUNCILMEMBER JANKE STATED THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE SOMETHING IN WRITING FROM THE DOT (DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION) BEFORE WE PROCEED. THE FINAL DESIGN HAS NOT BEEN DONE UNTIL WE MAKE THE DECISIONS ABOUT THE CENTER ISLAND AND THE TRAFFIC LIGHTS, ETC.

COUNCILMEMBER KYLE STATED THAT HE IS CONCERNED ABOUT ELIMINATING THE SIGNALS AT BIRCH AND 1<sup>ST</sup> AND THE ABILITY TO CROSS OR ACCESS MAIN STREET.

STEVE WISNER, PARKING COMMISSION, STATED THAT HE AND RYKE DAHLEN HAVE TALKED TO THE BUSINESS OWNERS. HE STATED THAT THEY ARE ALL IN FAVOR AND WOULD LIKE TO SEE IT EXTENDED TO THE AREA BETWEEN 1<sup>ST</sup> AND 2<sup>ND</sup>.

COUNCILMEMBER FOLL STATED THAT THEY WANT IT IN WRITING FROM THE DOT AND WHAT THE TRIGGER IS ON THE TRAFFIC COUNT THAT IT WILL NEED TO BE LOOKED AT AGAIN FOR AN ALTERNATE TRAFFIC CONFIGURATION. ALSO WHETHER OR NOT THE SIGNALS WOULD BE BAGGED OR TAKEN DOWN.

ERIC DURPOS STATED THAT HE WILL GET MORE INFORMATION TO CLARIFY THESE QUESTIONS AND BRING THIS ISSUE BACK FOR APPROVAL OF TASK ORDER 11-03 AFTER THOSE QUESTIONS HAVE BEEN ANSWERED.

**#11. DISCUSSION:      **CONTINUED REVIEW OF THE 2012 PROPOSED BUDGET INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, AIRCRAFT COUNTING DEVICE, HISTORICAL SOCIETY FUNDING, HOTEL/MOTEL FUND.****

COUNCILMEMBER FOLL STATED THAT THE REVISIONS IN THE PROJECTIONS FOR THE HOTEL/MOTEL FUND SHOULD GO BACK TO THE LODGING TAX COMMITTEE FOR CONSIDERATION.

COUNCILMEMBER KYLE STATED THAT REGARDING THE AIRCRAFT COUNTING DEVICE, HE DOES NOT THINK IT IS PRUDENT TO SPEND ANY FURTHER MONEY ON THE AIRPORT AT THIS TIME.

THERE WAS SOME DISCUSSION REGARDING THE MATCH FUNDS THAT HAVE BEEN PLACED IN THE BUDGET FOR A FEASIBILITY STUDY OF AN INDUSTRIAL PARK. COUNCILMEMBER JANKE FELT THAT THIS WAS PREMATURE AT THIS TIME. COUNCILMEMBER KYLE STATED THAT HE DOES NOT UNDERSTAND WHY THE CITY WOULD GET INVOLVED IN THIS ISSUE. THE CONSENSUS WAS TO REMOVE THE MATCH FUNDS FROM THE PROPOSED 2012 BUDGET.

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COUNCILMEMBER JANKE STATED THAT HE IS IN FAVOR OF EXPLORING A RECREATION COORDINATOR FOR AN 8-MONTH RECREATION DEPARTMENT RATHER THAN GIVING THIS RESPONSIBILITY TO THE POLICE CHIEF.

**COMMITTEE OR SPECIAL REPORTS:**

**#12. REPORTS: MONTHLY REPORTS FROM ALL DEPARTMENT HEADS.**

COUNCILMEMBER KYLE ASKED WHAT THE PLAN IS FOR THE LEAVES THAT HAVE YET TO FALL. STREET/PARK SUPERINTENDENT TERRY LECAIRE STATED THAT THEY WILL HAVE TO GO BACK TO SOME OF THE AREAS AND PICK UP THE LEAVES AGAIN.

**#13. AIRPORT RELOCATION PROJECT: REPORT ON ANY PENDING ITEMS.**

COUNCILMEMBER JANKE REQUESTED THAT THE MINUTES FROM THE CONFERENCE CALL WITH THE FAA BE LISTED IN THEIR ENTIRETY IN THE MINUTES OF THIS MEETING.

**Conference Call**

**Mayor's Office at City Hall**

**October 28, 2011**

**9:00 a.m.**

**Present:**

Jeff Harshman – Colville Airport Board Chairman

Eric Durpos, Colville Municipal Services Administrator

Dorothy Bergin, Colville City Councilmember

Holly Pannell, Colville City Clerk

Lou Janke, Colville City Councilmember

Nancy Foll, Colville City Councilmember

Richard Nichols, City of Colville Mayor

Stan Allison, FAA (Federal Aviation Administration)

Deepa Parashar, FAA (Federal Aviation Administration)

Nancy Foll stated that she requested that this meeting be recorded and the Mayor has decided not to do that. She stated that since the FAA asked to speak to all the councilmembers she felt it would have been appropriate to have the recording available to all councilmembers.

Stan Allison stated that he was glad to hear that minutes would be taken of this meeting. He stated that Andy Hydorn, Colville Chamber of Commerce President stopped by to see him yesterday afternoon and they talked about this issue. Stan stated that they were given a copy of the brochure that was distributed by the Chamber encouraging a yes vote for the airport on the November ballot. In the brochure it was a statement of fact that the construction costs would be paid at 95% by the FAA and 2.5% by the State and 2.5% by the City. He was concerned that this was listed as a fact. He stated that he has tried to be clear from the beginning on what the City could expect to pay, which is 50-60% of total construction costs. He is concerned that this went out in Colville right before the vote and it is a misrepresentation of the facts. His experience in 25 years of these types of projects is that the best approach is just to be straight forward with the facts. People should be told the true story and this leaves the perception about the funding from the FAA that just isn't true. He stated that he has tried to be clear, our project is in the discretionary venue for the FAA and when you get to this amount of money, our best hope is 50-60% of discretionary

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funding. He is very concerned that this brochure tilted the story. It was asked what Andy Hydorn's response was to Stan's concerns. Stan stated that Andy apologized and he didn't want to mislead people, he expressed that as a business man and President of the Chamber, he wanted to advocate for this project and help put a positive view on the airport from a business and chamber perspective and had no intention of misleading.

Lou Janke explained that his understanding of what Stan is saying is that for this type of project, 50-60% is the best that we can expect. He stated that the Council has been receiving information that there are other examples of small airports getting 95% funding and wants to understand the distinction.

Stan Allison stated that there are eligible costs and ineligible costs under the AIP (Airport Improvement Program). This governs all the grant money for construction. The runway is eligible, a water line for example is not eligible. When we look at building a new airport and all the things to construct, the aprons, roads, hangars, fuel, runway, etc. many will be eligible and many will not be. When you put estimated dollar values with those, the eligible vs. the ineligible runs about 50-60% and the City is responsible for the rest. He stated that when we go to the FAA and say we want \$10, 20 or even \$30 million dollars – he stated as a reference point, St. George just built an airport and \$160 million is what they got from AIP funds and that was 60% of the total costs. Haley, ID is looking at \$300 million plus, so he is skeptical that we think we can build an airport for \$5 million. Our request would fall into the discretionary funding arena. We will have to compete with projects at SeaTac, Denver, Salt Lake City, etc. Their question to us will be how much the City is going to pay. The City will be asked to pay 50% if we want 50% from the AIP funding. We won't get \$30 million and only have to pay 2.5%. He stated that a new airport, general aviation, will fall under discretionary funds. It was stated that Poplar, MT has been used as an example. Stan Allison stated that this airport was funded over many years and there are some differences and this was done in a better budget scenario and he would have to contact a colleague and find out what the bottom line came down to. He stated that he could provide many examples of less funding.

Mayor Nichols stated that if someone comes to the City and asks for information about the airport, one of the things they could get are emails from Stan that say exactly what he has been saying today. These emails also say that Poplar, MT is close to our scenario. Information from a representative in Poplar, MT has told the city that their project cost 7.2 million and 95% came from the FAA and 2.5% came from the state and they were given a low interest loan for the local match. Their timeframe to build was extended over many years. Mayor Nichols stated that until we have a site determined we have no idea what to expect for cost. He realizes that it is overall costs. He also stated that there have been other things, such as letters to the editor that have been printed that are also deceptive comparing us to Haley, ID, which has 50 corporate jets, 2 commercial airlines, rental car companies and services Sun Valley. We are no way anything like Haley, ID. He stated that he knew the Chamber was going to do a brochure, but knew nothing of the contents and did not see it before it went out.

Lou Janke stated that his understanding is that these are competitive projects and the City should expect to pay 50% in this environment. It sounded to him like we would need to have a large match to be competitive.

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Mayor Nichols stated that he understood that there are two sources of funds, the AIP and another. Stan Allison stated that it is all AIP, it might be in different pots, but all the same. He stated that there are entitlement funds, which are primary and non-primary. Primary funds go to commercial airports. The non-primary max is \$150,000/year, based on a formula and can be banked for up to 4 years. The current Colville airport is not on the NPIAS (National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems), the new airport would be, but no non-primary entitlement would be eligible now. He stated that WA, OR and ID get approximately \$3-4 Million State Apportionment each year which is discretionary money for each state and they use this money to help with projects that the local agency wouldn't be able to complete on their own. There isn't enough money to fund the entire cost of a new airport, especially in one year. This leaves the pure discretionary funding arena and we would compete with the larger projects in Spokane, Salt Lake City, SeaTac, etc. The local match needs to be larger in order to compete.

Stan Allison used Deer Park as an example. He stated that they are on the NPIAS and they have a list of projects for the next 20 years. That list gets loaded into a computer program and based on a formula it calculates 1/5 of the total cost of those projects for a 5 year period or \$150,000, whichever is less. Most airports get the \$150,000 of non-primary entitlement, the AIP program has to be appropriated to a level of \$3.2 billion in order for the non-primary program to kick in. The existing Colville airport is not on the NPIAS, the new Colville airport is and as we go forward this is how we could get a grant for the new airport. But since we have no projects identified, we won't get any AIP funds for projects. Once we get through the EIS (Environmental Impact Statement), then we will put projects on the list such as the runway, etc. then we could start receiving \$150,000/year, which might get us a few things, but not enough to construct the new airport.

Nancy Foll stated that they have been told that we would get \$150,000/year to help maintain our airport. Stan Allison stated that we could once it is built. There aren't many airports that make money just by using their \$150,000/yr. the City will still need to contribute to the on-going maintenance and if they expect to become financially solvent, they will need land leases, hangars, businesses and fuel, etc.

Lou Janke asked how the FAA would move forward knowing that this brochure may have tainted the vote. Stan Allison stated that the FAA will take no action on this project until the vote is done. Congress has funded the FAA until the end of January and they are not going to be in a grant cycle between now and the end of January. No grants are going out right now.

Mayor Nichols read from the official statement that was prepared and accepted by the City Council and is available on-line via the County and the City websites. The information in our official statement does mention eligible costs and until a site is identified, the cost and the City contribution are unknown, although it is extremely unlikely that the City could only pay 2.5%.

Stan Allison stated that if he is a voter in Colville and he reads the information in the brochure, he might be encouraged to for it, because it states that the FAA is going to pay 95%. He thinks the City will have to come up with millions of dollars and where will the City get that money. This brochure leads people to believe what FAA will do and states it as a fact.

Deepa Parashar stated that citizens might not understand what the full picture is.

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Stan Allison stated that the FAA will fund 95% of the runway, taxiway and probably lights. The aprons, utilities, fuel, hangars, parking, etc. will be all city along with everything else. He stated that he is not sure that we are being clear with the public. Where is the City going to get the money for this. He stated that he just wants to make sure that the community totally understands the magnitude when they vote in terms of cost, time and effort to the city.

Mayor Nichols stated that his understanding is that at the completion of each step, the Council will need to make a decision to move forward and some of the FAA money to that point might need to be returned if we don't proceed. Until we have a site, we have no idea what the cost will be.

Lou Janke stated that the brochure has already been sent out to everybody. The City put some information in the voter's pamphlet, but you have to know that it is there and how to find it. He stated that we vote by mail in Colville and the ballots have been out for about a week. Is the FAA requesting that we do anything to correct this?

Nancy Foll stated to Jeff Harshman that she understood that he participated in the creation of the document put out by the chamber and that he has repeatedly told the public that the FAA would pay 95%. She asked if he still has the same understanding of this information after hearing what Stan had to say today. Jeff Harshman stated that he was asked some questions about the brochure, but he did not develop it. He felt that the only piece missing is the word eligible.

Stan Allison stated that the price tag for the City will be in the millions of dollars, even if it is just like Poplar, MT and he's not sure everyone understands that.

Mayor Nichols stated that the next step is the most critical and then we can determine costs and determine if it is in our means or not.

Stan Allison stated that this brochure is not being straight forward with the community. In his opinion, it is most prudent to be straight forward with the community, the city is still going to be on the hook for millions of dollars.

Nancy Foll stated that it seems like all of this information is always up for interpretation in different ways by people.

Stan Allison stated that if we say at the end of the next step we can't afford it, the FAA will say OK and now pay us back. Should we move forward and there is a site, if we find a site and the City says it's too expensive, the FAA will want us to re-pay them. He stated that he was told that we have property that we can sell and the FAA will want its money back if we don't proceed unless there is no acceptable site identified.

The following is clarification added from Stan Allison regarding the repayment question – AFTER the conference call:

[Nancy, this is what I stated in my e-mail of August 9, 2010. : If, after performing the site assessment, it turns out that the cost to develop a new airport \(based on new site information and new development costs\) is \*\*prohibitively\*\*](#)

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expensive for the City, and the City elects not to proceed on financial grounds then we would probably not require the City to repay the FAA for planning funds spent to that point.

I recall that when I made that statement we had been talking about the potential for the site development costs to become exorbitant, similar to the escalation of costs we are experiencing with our project for Hailey. In other words if it becomes completely out of sight we might not require the City to repay us for the site assessment study. However, we know now that it is going to at least be in the millions of dollars and if, say, it turns out that the airport could be built for something similar to what had been done in Poplar, MT and the costs are "reasonable" for building a new airport and the City elects not to go forward, then we probably would require the City to repay the FAA. In other words, we know it is going to be expensive now, before we even start. If we know that and we chose to expend several hundred thousand dollars on a Site Assessment and the City chooses not to continue (and the costs have not gotten prohibitive for a new airport), then we would likely require the City repay us. Does that help clarify?

Nancy Foll stated that she doesn't believe that the Council has taken a position that they would sell land to fund this project.

Mayor Nichols stated that the City just sold property that was airport and the Council elected to put the money into the current expense fund and not the airport relocation reserve. Nancy Foll stated that this money came from current expense to begin with and was not airport specific.

Mayor Nichols asked what the next step should be.

Lou Janke asked if the FAA wants the City or the Chamber to do something. Would the FAA like to see a correction or a retraction?

Stan Allison stated that this is a local decision and he understands that there may be a cost, this is not something the FAA would direct us to do. If we or the Chamber decide to do something they would be in support of it. Stan Allison stated that this is viewed as a partnership, this will be a hard road to go without setting up our own roadblocks. He would advise us to be as up front as possible. This brochure does not achieve that. It is up to the City to decide what to do next.

Nancy Foll stated that she was asked to relay a question from another councilmember who could not attend. The question is, why the FAA is asking to talk to the city about this brochure and not the Chamber since it is their document.

Stan Allison stated that the city is the sponsor and our relationship is with the City. His first call will always be to the City when there is an issue. They will look to the City to manage this project. Stan stated again that he is concerned about the brochure, but it is up to us if we do anything about it. He recommends that we be as up front as possible and be honest, that is his advice and recommendation. He reiterated that they are waiting for the results of the election and there will be no grants between now and the end of January.

Lou Janke thanked Stan and Deepa for the information and clarity on this issue. Nancy Foll also thanked them and that this call was very helpful, she wished we would have recorded it.

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Conference call ended at 10:10 a.m.

**#14. CITY ATTORNEY: REPORT ON ANY PENDING ITEMS.**

NO REPORT.

**#15. COUNCIL PENDING ITEMS: REVIEW LIST OF COUNCIL PENDING ITEMS.**

NO REPORT.

**INDIVIDUAL REPORTS BY MAYOR, COUNCILMEMBERS AND STAFF:**

COUNCILMEMBER JANKE STATED THAT HE ATTENDED THE TEDD (TRI-COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT) MEETING ON OCT 26. HE STATED THAT THEY ARE TRYING TO RE-ACTIVATE THE COMMITTEE FOR THE KETTLE FALLS TO COLVILLE TRAIL. HE ALSO STATED THAT THE TRENDS WEBSITE WILL NO LONGER BE AVAILABLE AND TEDD IS APPLYING FOR A GRANT FOR THE WEBSITE TO KEEP IT AVAILABLE. HE ALSO STATED THAT THERE IS A FRANCHISE AGREEMENT BEING NEGOTIATED WITH NOANET AND THE STEVENS COUNTY PUD REGARDING THE FIBER OPTIC LINES IN COLVILLE.

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

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MOTION PASSED.

**TIME OF ADJOURNMENT: 9:33 P.M.**

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MAYOR RICHARD NICHOLS

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