

Colville, Washington
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
January 29, 2013

7:00 PM: MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR DEBORAH RARRICK.

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ROLL CALL: FOLL, BERGIN, LAWSON, BEATTY, JANKE, BIRCH AND FOSTER.

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PRESENT: COUNCILMEMBER NANCY FOLL, COUNCILMEMBER DOROTHY BERGIN, COUNCILMEMBER ANNE LAWSON, COUNCILMEMBER BILL BEATTY, COUNCILMEMBER LOU JANKE, COUNCILMEMBER MIKE BIRCH, COUNCILMEMBER TERRY FOSTER AND MAYOR DEBORAH RARRICK.

STAFF PRESENT: DIRECTOR OF BUILDING/PLANNING JIM LAPINSKI, POLICE CHIEF ROBERT MESHISHNEK, CITY CLERK/HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGER HOLLY PANNELL, CITY TREASURER VICKIE STRONG, MUNICIPAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR ERIC DURPOS AND RECREATION COORDINATOR JAKE WILSON.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG.

CONSENT AGENDA:

#01. JANUARY 30, 2013 CLAIMS CHECKS #48306 ~ #48336 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$22,450.15 AS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT BY THE AUDIT COMMITTEE.

#02. DECEMBER, 2012 REPORTS: EXPENDITURE, REVENUE, VENDOR AND TREASURER.

#03. JANUARY 18, 2013 ~ JANUARY 24, 2013 CONTRACT/AGREEMENT LIST REVIEW.

MAYOR RARRICK READ THE CONSENT AGENDA.

COUNCILMEMBER BERGIN MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER FOSTER 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 JANUARY 29, 2013 AND DOES APPROVE FOR PAYMENT THOSE VOUCHERS INCLUDED IN THE ABOVE LIST AND FURTHER DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: JANUARY 30, 2013 CLAIMS CHECKS #48306 ~ #48336 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$22,450.15" AND DOES APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS READ.

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MOTION PASSED.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

#04. PUBLIC COMMENT: THE FLOOR IS OPEN FOR ANY PUBLIC COMMENTS.

MAYOR RARRICK STATED THAT THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD IS NOT A QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD, IT IS TIME FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL.

STEVE MYERS, 725 SOUTH SUMMIT, STATED THAT THIS IS THE FIRST TIME HE HAS HEARD ABOUT A WEBSITE REDESIGN PROPOSAL. THE COLVILLE WEBSITE WAS THE BEST HE SAW WHEN HE DID SOME RESEARCH ON OTHER WEBSITES. HE THOUGHT THE WATER RATES WERE RAISED BECAUSE THE CITY NEEDED MONEY AND APPARENTLY THAT ISN'T THE CASE. HE STATED THAT HE ASSUMES THAT WE PASSED THE GREENHOUSE GAS POLICY AT THE LAST MEETING AND WE ARE PREPARING OURSELVES TO GET A FEDERAL GRANT THAT ISN'T TRULY FREE. HE STATED THAT HE CAN'T BELIEVE THAT WE ARE BRINGING UP THE 2ND AMENDMENT ISSUE AGAIN WHEN WE HAD A PERFECT PROCLAMATION AT THE LAST MEETING.

KEN BARKER, DEER LAKE, STATED THAT 'SO HELP ME GOD' IS MISSING FROM THE PROPOSED PROCLAMATION.

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WILL HORNER, STARVATION LAKE, STATED THAT PEOPLE SEEKING GRANTS SHOULD REALIZE THAT THIS MONEY STILL COMES FROM THE TAXPAYERS, ITS NOT FREE MONEY. HE ALSO STATED THAT HE DOESN'T UNDERSTAND WHY WE NEED TO DO BACKGROUND CHECKS ON GOOD, LAW ABIDING CITIZENS AND WE DON'T DO THEM ON GANG MEMBERS, HE STATED THAT HE THINKS THE REASON IS THAT IT IS TOO DANGEROUS.

JACK SMITH, COLVILLE, STATED THAT HE FINDS THE PROCLAMATION TONIGHT A LITTLE SURPRISING. NO ONE NEEDS REASSURANCE THAT THE COUNCIL TOOK AN OATH TO SUPPORT THE CONSTITUTION, EVERY ONE OF OUR ELECTED STATE AND FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVES ARE NOW MOVING HEAVEN AND EARTH TO UNDERMINE OUR 2ND AMENDMENT RIGHTS AND THEY TOOK THE SAME OATH TO UPHOLD THE CONSTITUTION. THE PROCLAMATION TONIGHT REALLY DOES NOT SAY ANYTHING CENTRAL TO THE ISSUE. HE STATED THAT THIS PROCLAMATION IS BORN OF FEAR AND THE EMPTY POSTURING OF ELECTED OFFICIALS SEEKING TO SAVE FACE AND SCURRYING FOR COVER. LAST WEEK SOME OF THE COUNCILMEMBERS GOT CAUGHT FOR EVERYONE TO SEE THEIR TRUE FEELINGS ON THE 2ND AMENDMENT, DON'T COMPOUND LAST WEEKS SHAME WITH HYPOCRISY TONIGHT, IF YOUR HEARTS ARE TRUE THEN BRING BACK THE PROCLAMATION FROM LAST WEEK.

DOUG KYLE, COLVILLE, STATED THAT HE WANTED TO TALK ABOUT THE WEBSITE AND COLVILLE MOUNTAIN, AND IT IS ALL ABOUT PRIORITIZATION. HE STATED THAT HE THINKS THE WEBSITE IS VERY EFFECTIVE THE WAY IT IS. HE WOULD LIKE TO MAKE COLVILLE MOUNTAIN MORE OF AN ACCESSIBLE AREA TO THE PUBLIC.

RICHARD SWIM, COLVILLE, STATED THAT HE NEVER HEARD ANYTHING ABOUT THE CITY DOING ANYTHING WITH THE PROPERTY ON COLVILLE MOUNTAIN UNTIL YESTERDAY. HE STATED THAT HE IS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS LODGE AND THEY WANT THE 'C' ON THE MOUNTAIN PROTECTED NO MATTER WHAT.

NEW BUSINESS:

#04A. DISCUSSION/ACTION: **PROPOSED COUNCIL PROCLAMATION AFFIRMING THEIR OATH OF OFFICE AND SUPPORTING THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE STATE OF WASHINGTON.**

COUNCILMEMBER FOLL STATED THAT SHE BROUGHT FORWARD THE PROCLAMATION, THIS IS AN INDIVIDUAL PROCLAMATION AND SHE ISN'T ASKING FOR A VOTE OF THE COUNCIL. DURING AND SINCE LAST WEEK, THE COUNCIL HAS BEEN TOLD REPEATEDLY THAT THEY DON'T SUPPORT THE 2ND AMENDMENT. SHE STATED THAT SHE DIDN'T SUPPORT THE PREVIOUS PROCLAMATION BECAUSE OF SOME AMBIGUOUS LANGUAGE THAT WAS IN IT. THIS PROCLAMATION SAYS EXACTLY WHAT SHE BELIEVES, SHE SUPPORTS THE 2ND AMENDMENT AND SHE SUPPORTS THE CONSTITUTION AND THE LAWS OF THE COUNTRY. HOWEVER, THE CITY COUNCIL HAS VERY LITTLE TO DO WITH FEDERAL LAW. SHE STATED THAT LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS ARE JUST PROPOSALS, UNTIL THEY ARE PASSED, THE CURRENT LAWS REMAIN. SHE STATED THAT SHE WILL BE SIGNING THIS PROCLAMATION AND HOPES THAT THE RADIO AND THE NEWSPAPER WILL SPEND AS MUCH TIME TO PUBLICIZE THIS AS THEY DID LAST WEEK.

COUNCILMEMBER FOSTER STATED THAT HE WAS ALSO NOT PLEASED WITH SOME OF THE RADICAL RHETORIC FROM LAST WEEK. HE WAS HOPING THAT WE COULD SEND A MESSAGE TO THE COUNTY AND THE STATE THAT THIS CITY STANDS BEHIND OUR RIGHT TO PROTECT OURSELVES. HE HAS ALSO SIGNED THE PROCLAMATION TONIGHT.

COUNCILMEMBER BEATTY ASKED HOW THIS MADE IT ON THE AGENDA. HE FEELS THAT THE COUNCIL HAS TO ABIDE BY THE SAME DEADLINE AND RULES TO GET THINGS ON THE AGENDA. COUNCILMEMBER FOLL STATED THAT SHE ASKED FOR IT TO BE DONE AND IF IT WASN'T ON THE AGENDA SHE WOULD SPEAK TO IT UNDER HER INDIVIDUAL REPORT. COUNCILMEMBER BEATTY STATED THAT THIS APPEARED TO HIM TO BE AN EFFORT TO COVER FOR THE ACTIONS OF LAST WEEK.

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HE STATED THAT HE VOTED FOR THE PROCLAMATION LAST WEEK AND HE'S PROUD OF THAT AND THINKS IT SHOULD COME UP AGAIN.

COUNCILMEMBER BERGIN STATED THAT THIS NEW PROCLAMATION JUST PUTS IN WRITING WHAT WAS VOTED ON LAST WEEK, BUT OBVIOUSLY A LOT OF PEOPLE DIDN'T LISTEN TO WHAT WAS SAID LAST WEEK.

COUNCILMEMBER LAWSON STATED THAT SHE OBJECTS TO THIS BEING CATEGORIZED AS COVERING HER ACTIONS FROM LAST WEEK. SHE WILL BE SIGNING IT NOT BECAUSE SHE IS EMBARRASSED BUT TO REAFFIRM THAT SHE DOES SUPPORT THE CONSTITUTION.

COUNCILMEMBER BIRCH STATED THAT WE WERE ELECTED TO REPRESENT THE PEOPLE AND THE PEOPLE HE REPRESENTS SAID THEY WANTED THE PROCLAMATION LAST WEEK. HE STATED THAT WE SHOULD STOP SAYING WHAT WE WANT AND LISTEN TO WHAT THE PEOPLE WANT.

COUNCILMEMBER JANKE STATED THAT HE HAS TALKED TO QUITE A FEW PEOPLE AND MOST OF THE PEOPLE HE TALKED TO ARE IN SUPPORT OF THE ACTIONS TAKEN LAST WEEK. HE STATED THAT THE COUNTRY IS CLEARLY DIVIDED ON THESE ISSUES. HE STATED THAT HIS JOB IS TO REPRESENT THE PEOPLE OF COLVILLE.

THE PROPOSED PROCLAMATION WAS NOT READ INTO THE RECORD AT THE MEETING. THE FOLLOWING IS THE CONTENT OF THE PROPOSED PROCLAMATION:

WHEREAS, certain people have expressed concerns regarding the Second Amendment of the Constitution of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Colville City Council are asked to proclaim that the amendment is constitutional; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Colville City Council are asked to stand as an example of respect for the Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Colville City Council are asked to make a testament to such.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it proclaimed that the members of the Colville City Council hereby affirm our oath of office and that we swear that we support the Constitution of the United States (including the Second Amendment) and further proclaim to support the Constitution and laws of the State of Washington and that we will faithfully and impartially perform and discharge the duties as such duties are prescribed by law, to the best of our ability.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand on this 29th day of January, 2013

#05. DISCUSSION: REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING POSSIBLE USES FOR OR THE SALE/LEASE OF LAND OWNED BY THE CITY ON COLVILLE MOUNTAIN.

JIM LAPINSKI, DIRECTOR OF BUILDING/PLANNING, STATED THAT SOME OF THE INFORMATION IS SUPPLEMENTAL SINCE THE PACKET WAS DONE. HE STATED THAT THIS IS THE INITIAL DISCUSSION FOR THE CITY PROPERTY ON COLVILLE MOUNTAIN. THE BIGGEST CONCERN THAT HE HAS HEARD IS THAT THEY WANT THE 'C' AND THE CROSS MAINTAINED. HE STATED THAT THE POSSIBILITY OF SALE IS ALWAYS AN OPTION. THIS ITEM WILL BE BACK ON THE AGENDA IN FEBRUARY FOR FURTHER COMMENTS AND DISCUSSION.

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DON STRAND, 715 EAST 10TH AVENUE, STATED THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST THAT A GOOD ASSESSMENT IS DONE IF WE ARE GOING TO CONSIDER SELLING THE PROPERTY. HE STATED THAT IT MIGHT BE GOOD TO MAINTAIN SOME OPEN SPACE OVERLOOKING THE CITY, HE WOULD LIKE THE COUNCIL TO CONSIDER ALL OPTIONS AND KEEP AN OPEN MIND.

BILL PIFER, 1930 EAST IVY, STATED THAT HE DID SUBMIT A LETTER IN WRITING, BUT HE IS OPPOSED TO ANY SALE OF THE PROPERTY. HE STATED THAT WE SHOULD FOCUS ON QUALITY OF LIFE AND THE RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE PROPERTY.

DOUG KYLE, COLVILLE, STATED THAT THERE IS NO EASY LEGAL ACCESS TO THE PROPERTY FOR THE CITY OR THE PUBLIC.

COUNCILMEMBER JANKE STATED THAT ALL OF THE COMMENTS RECEIVED AT THIS POINT ARE IN FAVOR OF RETAINING OWNERSHIP. HE WOULD LIKE TO EXPLORE ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH ACCESS AND WHERE THE PRIMARY ACCESS SHOULD BE. HE ASKED IF THE COUNTY HAS BEEN CONTACTED. HE THINKS THAT THIS SHOULD BE DONE AND GET THEIR INPUT. HE ALSO STATED THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO TAKE ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AT THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING.

JAKE WILSON, COLVILLE RECREATION COORDINATOR, STATED THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO MOVE FORWARD AND DEVELOP THE CITY LAND FOR RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AND HE WOULD LIKE TO HELP WORK ON SOME OF THESE ISSUES.

ERIC DURPOS, MUNICIPAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR, STATED THAT AS WE WORK THROUGH THIS PROCESS IN GENERAL HE WOULD LIKE US TO KEEP AN OPEN MIND AND GET BACK TO THE BASICS AND THE ESSENTIAL PARTS OF GOVERNMENT. MAYBE IT WOULD BE BETTER TO SELL PROPERTY AND USE THE MONEY TO PUT TOWARDS OTHER ITEMS AS A WHOLE THAT WOULD BENEFIT THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY, SUCH AS FIRE TRUCKS, POLICE CARS, STREET SWEEPERS, ETC.

BILL DEPO, ALADDIN ROAD, STATED THAT THE HIGH SCHOOL TRACK TEAM USES THE MOUNTAIN AS WELL.

COUNCILMEMBER FOSTER STATED THAT THIS IS THE JEWEL OF THE CITY AND HE WOULD HATE TO SEE US SELL THIS PROPERTY.

#06. DISCUSSION/ACTION: **REQUEST TO PROCEED WITH THE CITY WEBSITE REDESIGN PROJECT.**

CITY CLERK/HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGER HOLLY PANNELL STATED THAT THIS ITEM WAS PURSUED AT THE REQUEST OF THE CITY COUNCIL AT THE LAST WORK SESSION MEETING.

COUNCILMEMBER FOLL STATED THAT SHE WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE DETAIL ABOUT WHAT WE COULD DO WITH A NEW WEBSITE. SHE ALSO REQUESTED MORE DETAILED INFORMATION ABOUT THE POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES. MUNICIPAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR ERIC DURPOS STATED THAT IT IS IMPORTANT TO LOOK AT A MORE INTERACTIVE WEBSITE AND THE ABILITY TO TAKE PAYMENTS ON LINE, ETC.

COUNCILMEMBER JANKE STATED THAT WE NEED TO TAKE CARE OF OUR PRIORITIES AND THIS IS VERY LOW PRIORITY AND WOULDN'T BE A NECESSITY.

#07. DISCUSSION: **2012 WELLNESS COMMITTEE REPORT.**

MAYOR RARRICK STATED THAT THE WELLNESS PROGRAM IS A GREAT PROGRAM OF THE CITY. THE WELLNESS COMMITTEE WAS THANKED FOR ALL OF THEIR WORK THROUGHOUT THE YEAR ON THESE PROGRAMS.

COMMITTEE OR SPECIAL REPORTS:

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#08. CITY ATTORNEY: REPORT ON ANY PENDING ITEMS.

NO REPORT.

#09. COUNCIL PENDING ITEMS: REVIEW LIST OF COUNCIL PENDING ITEMS.

COUNCILMEMBER JANKE STATED THAT THE BUILDING MAINTENANCE SHEETS ARE GETTING CLOSE TO BEING DONE AND THOSE WILL BE BROUGHT BACK TO COUNCIL IN THE NEAR FUTURE. SOME OF THESE ITEMS WILL NEED TO BE LOOKED AT DURING THE BUDGET PROCESS FOR FUNDING.

INDIVIDUAL REPORTS BY MAYOR, COUNCILMEMBERS AND STAFF:

COUNCILMEMBER FOLL STATED THAT IT IS TIME TO THINK ABOUT A WORK SESSION AND WHEN WE WOULD LIKE TO SCHEDULE ONE. SHE STATED THAT SHE WILL COME BACK WITH SOME POTENTIAL DATES FOR APRIL/MAY.

COUNCILMEMBER JANKE STATED THAT THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR HAD EXPRESSED CONCERNS ABOUT GROUND WATER AND STORM DRAIN ISSUES. COUNCILMEMBER JANKE STATED THAT HE WANTED TO REMIND EVERYONE ABOUT IT AND EVERYONE SHOULD BE THINKING ABOUT HOW WE ARE GOING TO DEAL WITH IT. HE ALSO STATED THAT THIS MIGHT MAKE A GOOD WORK SESSION ITEM.

ERIC DURPOS STATED THAT THE STORM WATER/GROUND WATER ISSUES ALSO AFFECT THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT. HE STATED THAT HE WOULD RATHER NOT WAIT THAT LONG, STAFF NEEDS SOME DIRECTION SOONER THAN LATER. ERIC DURPOS STATED THAT HE WOULD LIKE IT ON THE AGENDA BEFORE APRIL, SO HE WILL PREPARE AN ITEM AND PLACE IT ON THE AGENDA.

MAYOR RARRICK STATED THAT SHE WILL NOT BE AT THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING, SHE IS GOING TO A MEETING IN SPOKANE REGARDING MARIJUANA SPONSORED BY THE LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD. SHE STATED THAT THE 2012 EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR IS RYAN POWER AND THE VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR IS JEFF HUGHES. THERE WILL BE A POTLUCK LUNCH ON FEBRUARY 13 AT 12:00 NOON AT CITY HALL IN THEIR HONOR AND EVERYONE IS INVITED TO ATTEND.

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

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MOTION PASSED.

TIME OF ADJOURNMENT: 8:30 P.M.

MAYOR DEBORAH RARRICK

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