

COLUMBIA FALLS RURAL FIRE DISTRICT

MINUTES REGULAR MEETING MONDAY, JUNE 27, 2022 – 6:00 P.M.

RURAL FIRE HALL

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL – Chairman Price called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. Present: Trustees Chapin, Hawkins, Marquesen, Price and Staland. Also present: Fire Chief Weeks, Deputy Fire Chief Petersen, and City Manager Nicosia

2. CONSENT AGENDA:
 - a. Approve May 23, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes – Staland made motion to approve the May 23rd meeting minutes as presented, motion seconded by Chapin. All trustees voted in favor of the motion.
 - b. Approve Claims and Financial Reports – Chapin made motion to approve the Claims, adding \$2,819.32 to Montana Truck Works LLC to the list, and financial reports, motion seconded by Staland. All trustees voted in favor of the motion.

3. NEW BUSINESS:
 - a. Approve 22-23 FY Preliminary Budget – Nicosia presented the 22-23 FY preliminary budget to the trustees. Nicosia reported that this was not a property revaluation year so she estimated 3% growth in taxes for preliminary budget purposes. The proposed budget, based on resources available, was \$220,645 for operations and \$93,000 for transfer to capital fund for a total budget of \$313,645. Weeks and Nicosia reviewed the line item budget with the Board. The line items include a \$90k line item to pay for 1/3 of the paid firefighters if the City does not receive a SAFER grant this year to pay for the bulk of the firefighter personnel cost. The Board also reviewed the 5 year capital plan, noting that there are no planned capital expenditures in the 23FY but the Board is saving for truck replacement. Hawkins made motion to adopt the preliminary budget as presented, motion seconded by Chapin. All trustees voted in favor of the motion.

 - b. Approve 22 FY GIS Audit – Nicosia presented the annual GIS audit as requested by Flathead County. Chapin made motion to approve and submit to Flathead County GIS, motion seconded by Staland. All trustees voted in favor of the motion.

4. REPORTS FROM BOARD AND STAFF
 - a. Fire Chief Report – Chief Weeks presented his report. Weeks also noted the recent passing of long-term firefighter Joe Smith. Upon Board discussion, Hawkins made

motion to name the Rural Fire Hall the "Joe Smith Fire Hall," motion seconded by Staland.
All trustees voted in favor of the motion.

5. ADJOURN – meeting duly adjourned at 6:59 p.m.



Chairman

Attest:


Secretary