

# **COLUMBIA FALLS RURAL FIRE DISTRICT**

## **MINUTES REGULAR MEETING MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2022 – 6:00 P.M.**

### **CITY FIRE HALL**

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL – Chairman Price called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm. Present: Trustees Chapin, Hawkins (6:13), Marquesen, Price and Staaland. Also present: Fire Chief Karl Weeks, City Manager Susan Nicosia
  
2. CONSENT AGENDA:
  - a. Approve June 27, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes – Marquesen made motion to approve the meetings, motion seconded by Chapin. All members voted in favor of the motion.
  - b. Approve Claims and Financial Reports – Chapin made motion to approve the claims and financial reports, motion seconded by Staaland. All members voted in favor of the motion.
  
3. NEW BUSINESS:
  - a. Resolution # 23-01 Adopt 22-23 FY Final Budget and Mill Levies – Nicosia and Weeks reviewed the Final Budget appropriations and resources and recommended setting the levy at the maximum allowed. Nicosia noted that the final budget includes a “placeholder” for the paid firefighters if the City does not receive the SAFER grant, the Rural Fire Department will pay 1/3 of the cost of the three full-time firefighters. Hawkins made a motion to adopt Resolution #23-01, Setting the mill levy and adopting the final 22-23 FY budget, motion seconded by Chapin. All members voted in favor of the motion.
  - b. Approve 21-22 FY Financial Report for Submission to State DOA – Nicosia presented the 21-22 Fiscal Year Financial report for submission to the State of MT. Hawkins made motion to approve the annual report submission to the State, motion seconded by Chapin. All members voted in favor of the motion.
  
4. REPORTS FROM BOARD AND STAFF
  - a. Fire Chief Report: Chief Weeks reported that the Fire Department has 29 volunteers and recently completed the interviews for the career firefighters and have narrowed the candidates to a pool of 4. As discussed during the budget review, we have not received word on the SAFER grant so final hiring will not be made until we know if we have the grant. Chief Weeks also updated the Board on the 500 gallon tank on 41 that has gone bad. The replacement tank price is \$6,800. The department will install it with only minimal supply purchases.
  - b. The Board discussed the naming of the Rural Hall after Joe Smith and asked that a plaque designating it as the Joe Smith Hall should be installed.

5. ADJOURN – meeting duly adjourned at 6:53 PM.

  
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Chairman

Attest:

  
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Secretary