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CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 23, 2010**

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

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ROLL CALL: FOLL, WHITE, MANCE, JANKE, KYLE, OHRTMAN AND ONE VACANCY.

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PRESENT: COUNCILMEMBER NANCY FOLL, COUNCILMEMBER BETTY WHITE, COUNCILMEMBER PEARL MANCE, COUNCILMEMBER LOU JANKE, COUNCILMEMBER DOUG KYLE, COUNCILMEMBER ERIC OHRTMAN AND MAYOR RICHARD NICHOLS.

STAFF PRESENT: POLICE CHIEF ROBERT MESHISHNEK, CITY CLERK/HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGER HOLLY PANNELL, CITY TREASURER VICKIE STRONG AND WATER/SEWER SUPERINTENDENT ERIC DURPOS.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- #01. **MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 9, 2010 COLVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING.**
- #02. **FEBRUARY 24, 2010 CLAIMS CHECKS #41497 ~ #41567 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$110,545.14 AS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT BY THE AUDIT COMMITTEE.**
- #03. **FEBRUARY 5, 2010 – FEBRUARY 18, 2010 CONTRACT/AGREEMENT LIST REVIEW.**

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 FEBRUARY 23, 2010 AND DOES APPROVE FOR PAYMENT THOSE VOUCHERS INCLUDED IN THE ABOVE LIST AND FURTHER DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: FEBRUARY 24, 2010 CLAIMS CHECKS #41497 ~ #41567 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$110,545.14” AND DOES APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS READ.

COUNCILMEMBER JANKE STATED THAT HE HAS SOME ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FOR ITEM #8 FROM THE FEBRUARY 9, 2010 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES. HE UNDERSTANDS THAT THIS INFORMATION IS CLOSE TO VERBATIM BUT HE THINKS THEY ARE MISLEADING. SOME THINGS THAT ARE REPORTED BY LORI ISENBERG HE FEELS THAT THEY ARE NOT TOTALLY FACTUAL. MAYOR NICHOLS REQUESTED THAT COUNCILMEMBER JANKE WAIT AND REVIEW HIS SUGGESTIONS UNDER ITEM #11 ON THE AGENDA. COUNCILMEMBER FOLL STATED THAT SHE MADE ADDITIONAL COMMENTS DURING THE PRESENTATION REGARDING THE ELECTRICAL VEHICLES. SHE STATED THAT IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT SHE SAID SHE THOUGHT IT WAS A GOOD IDEA, HOWEVER SHE WAS NOT SURE WHO SHOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR IT.

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MOTION PASSED.

PUBLIC HEARING:

- #04. **PUBLIC HEARING: PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER A VARIANCE TO COLVILLE MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 9.40 – PUBLIC NUISANCES, SECTION 9.40.030 – PARTIES, GATHERINGS, MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS AND SOUND REPRODUCTION DEVICES FOR AMPLIFIED MUSIC AT THE CITY PARK ON MAY 29, 2010.**

[7:07:44 PM](#) MAYOR NICHOLS DECLARED THE PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER A VARIANCE TO COLVILLE MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 9.40 – PUBLIC NUISANCES, SECTION 9.40.030 – PARTIES, GATHERINGS,

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MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS AND SOUND REPRODUCTION DEVICES FOR AMPLIFIED MUSIC AT THE CITY PARK ON MAY 29, 2010 OPEN AT 7:07 P.M. AND STATED THAT EVERYONE PRESENT WILL BE GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD. THE CITY CLERK WILL BE RECORDING WHAT IS SAID. WHEN YOU ADDRESS THE COUNCIL, PLEASE STEP TO THE MICROPHONE AND STATE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS. ONLY ONE PERSON WILL BE ALLOWED TO SPEAK AT A TIME.

NENA WRIGHT STATED THAT THIS WILL BE MORE ACUSTICAL AND NOT REALLY LOUD. IT WILL BE MOSTLY COUNTRY MUSIC.

LAURA WRIGHT STATED THAT IF THERE ARE ANY COMPLAINTS THEY CAN BE QUIET OR SHUT IT DOWN IF THEY NEED TO.

[7:11:53 PM](#) AS THERE WAS NO FURTHER PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ISSUE, MAYOR NICHOLS CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING AT 7:11 P.M.

- #05. DISCUSSION/ACTION: CONSIDER A VARIANCE TO COLVILLE MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 9.40 – PUBLIC NUISANCES, SECTION 9.40.030 – PARTIES, GATHERINGS, MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS AND SOUND REPRODUCTION DEVICES FOR AMPLIFIED MUSIC AT THE CITY PARK ON MAY 29, 2010.**

COUNCILMEMBER OHRTMAN MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER JANKE SECONDED THE MOTION TO GRANT THE VARIANCE TO COLVILLE MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 9.40 AS REQUESTED FOR AMPLIFIED MUSIC AT THE CITY PARK ON MAY 29, 2010.

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MOTION PASSED.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

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

JOHN HODDE SUBMITTED A LETTER THAT HE WANTED TO BE READ INTO THE MINUTES. JOHN HODDE WAS NOT PRESENT AND MAYOR NICHOLS READ THE LETTER FOR THE RECORD. THE FOLLOWING IS THE CONTENT OF THE REQUEST VERBATIM:

TO THE COLVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 23, 2010. I WISH TO AMEND THE BRIEF COMMENTS I MADE IN FEBRUARY 9 COUNCIL MEETING TO: JOHN HODDE STATED THAT ALL THIS SILLY PLANNING HAS LITTLE TO DO WITH THE ECONOMY, BUT EVERYTHING TO DO WITH HOW OUR CITY GOVERNMENT IS RUN. THESE SO CALLED AIRPORT STUDIES ARE JUST A PROCESS OF HOW TO GET MORE OF THE TAXPAYER'S MONEY. HE STATED THAT THIS AIRPORT IS JUST PURE NONSENSE. IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE I MADE COMMENTS ON: HOW ONE OF MY SONS WORKS FOR A LARGE WORLD WIDE CORPORATION IN THE MIDWEST IN A TOWN MUCH LIKE COLVILLE WITH THE AIRPORT AS FAR AWAY AS OURS IS TO SPOKANE. MY REFERENCE TO MAYOR NICHOLS WAS TO KING GEORGE THE 3RD, whose STUBBORN WILL BROUGHT ON THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR OF 1776. I EXPRESSED THE NEED FOR INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO BREAK FREE FROM "KING RICHARD'S" WILL AND KEEP THE PUBLIC INFORMED OF ALL THE SHENANIGANS THAT TAKE PLACE HERE, SUCH AS KEEPING THE PUBLIC IN THE DARK FOR OVER A YEAR ON THE AIRPORT PLANS. THAT THEY REPRESENT THE PUBLIC, NOT THE POWERS THAT BE. I SUMMED IT UP THAT WHAT WE NEEDED TO DO FIRST WAS FILL UP THE POT HOLES IN OUR CITY STREETS RATHER THAN FILL UP THE SKY WITH THUNDER FROM JETS OVERHEAD. IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE I AM REQUESTING THAT THE ENCLOSED GUEST EDITORIAL BE PLACED IN THE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES VERBATIM. WHO CAN AFFORD A NEW AIRPORT? BY: BILL AKIN, COLVILLE FROM THE NOVEMBER 11, 2009 ISSUE OF THE STATESMAN EXAMINER, COLVILLE.

EDITOR, THE PROPONENTS OF A NEW AIRPORT SPEAK OFTEN ABOUT THE ECONOMIC BENEFITS WE WOULD ALL ENJOY IF IT WERE BUILT, BUT THE COSTS OF BUILDING IT ARE MINIMIZED OR OBFUSCATED. THEY DO NOT SUPPORT THE ALLEGED BENEFITS WITH FACTS OR FIGURES. THEY GLOSS

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OVER THE OUT OF POCKET EXPENSES FOR CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE TO COLVILLE'S TAXPAYERS. MAYOR NICHOLS ESTIMATES THE CITY'S SHARE OF THE CONSTRUCTION COST TO BE ABOUT \$400,000. DAVE GARRINGER, THE CITY'S AIRPORT MANAGER, SAYS THE CITY HAS TO PAY A "SMALL PERCENTAGE". NEITHER OF THE FIGURES INCLUDES THE ACQUISITION OF LAND. GIVEN THE CITY'S CURRENT PROJECTED DEFICIT OF HALF-A-MILLION DOLLARS, IT IS OBVIOUS THAT THERE IS NO MONEY FOR AN AIRPORT. OF COURSE, THIS HAS NOT STOPPED THE MAYOR FROM WASTING \$8,500 IN TAXPAYER'S MONEY ON A "FACILITATOR" FOR A CITIZEN'S COMMITTEE DESIGNED TO PROVIDE AN ESCAPE ROUTE FOR A TRAPPED MAYOR WHO CAN'T PROCEED WITH HIS PLAN BECAUSE OF CITIZEN OUTRAGE AND WHO CAN NOT FIND A GRACEFUL EXIT STRATEGY. ANYONE WHO ATTENDED THE INAUGURAL MEETING OF THIS COMMITTEE, AS DID I, WILL CONCLUDE THAT IT BEGAN IN CONFUSION, BEFUDDLED THE PARTICIPANTS AND ACCOMPLISHED NOTHING. MS. EISENBERG, THE FACILITATOR, DEFTLY STEERED THE COMMITTEE AWAY FROM ADDRESSING THE ISSUES OF PROPERTY RIGHTS, GOING SO FAR AS TO CUT OFF VELMER HAWKINS, AN ENDANGERED LAND OWNER IN THE AIRPORT'S PATH, IN MID SENTENCE AS HE ATTEMPTED TO MAKE THIS POINT. THE TRUTH IS THAT THE ULTIMATE COSTS OF CONSTRUCTION COULD GO UP DRAMATICALLY, AND THE MAINTENANCE AND OPERATING COSTS ARE LARGELY UNKNOWN. IT WILL CERTAINLY INVOLVE HIGHER COSTS THAN THE EXISTING AIRPORT, ESPECIALLY CONSIDERING THERE IS NO CLEAR PICTURE OF HOW MUCH REVENUE WILL BE GENERATED. IF THE TREND AT THE EXISTING AIRPORT WERE TO CONTINUE AT THE NEW ONE, THE LOSSES WILL BE DIFFICULT FOR COLVILLE'S TAXPAYERS TO BEAR. THE CURRENT AIRPORT HAS AVERAGED LOSSES OF ABOUT \$29,000 PER YEAR FOR THE YEARS 2000 TO 2006. IN 2007 AND 2008 THE LOSSES WERE \$10,000 AND \$45,000 RESPECTIVELY. I DO NOT WISH TO SUBSIDIZE THIS OR AN EVEN BIGGER HOBBY PROJECT. THE TAXPAYERS SHOULD NOT TOLERATE THIS SITUATION. THE EXISTING AIRPORT IS A FINANCIAL DRAG ON THE COMMUNITY. LET'S CLOSE THIS LOSER NOW AND SELL IT. MAYBE THE PROCEEDS WOULD COVER SOME OF THE EXPENSES ALREADY INCURRED IN THE FUTILE SEARCH FOR A NEW AIRPORT. WE DON'T NEED ANY NEW TAXES. WITNESS THE INCREASE IN WATER AND SEWER RATES PASSED BY THE CITY ON OCT. 13 AND THE PROPOSED INCREASE IN PROPERTY TAXES TO TAKE PLACE ON OCT. 27. REVENUE FROM SALES TAXES ARE DOWN SUBSTANTIALLY, IN LARGE PART BECAUSE OF INCREASED TAXES IN OTHER AREAS SUCH AS DESCRIBED ABOVE AND FEAR OF DEBTS YET TO BE INCURRED BY THE SPECTER OF A NEW AIRPORT DEBACLE. IF A NEW AIRPORT IS BUILT, WE WILL LIKELY HAVE A HUGE WHITE ELEPHANT ON OUR HANDS THAT EATS A SPECIAL DIET OF TAXPAYER'S DOLLARS. PEOPLE ARE COUNTING PENNIES AT THE STORE AND SHOULD NOT BE EXPECTED TO PAY THESE HIGHER TAXES. WE JUST EXPERIENCED A HUGE PROPERTY TAX INCREASE THIS YEAR ALREADY. MY TAXES INCREASED 60 PERCENT. WE DON'T NEED ANY MORE. THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL HAVE SPENT PROFLIGATELY AND CREATED A HALF-MILLION DOLLAR SHORTFALL FOR 2010. THEY MUST REIN IN SPENDING AND NOT PLACE ALL THEIR HOPES IN A NEW "MAGIC" AIRPORT WHERE THE PLANES DROP GOLDEN COINS OVER THE TOWN EACH TIME THEY TAKE OFF. INCOMPETENCE DOES NOT JUSTIFY FURTHER RIPPING OFF THE TAXPAYERS. THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MUST CUT COSTS TO MEET REVENUE EXPECTATIONS, OR PERHAPS THEY COULD MAKE UP ANY SHORTFALL OUT OF THEIR OWN POCKETS. THE THIRD OPTION IS FOR THE MAYOR AND THE OTHERS RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS MESS TO RESIGN. GETTING BACK TO THE NEW AIRPORT, I OPPOSE THE ALADDIN SITE FOR THE REASONS MANY OTHERS HAVE ADDRESSED IN THIS SECTION OF THE PAPER. THE TERRAIN IS DANGEROUS AND UNSUITED FOR THE PURPOSE AS DETERMINED IN PREVIOUS STUDIES. IT RESTS ON TOP OF THE CITY'S AQUIFER. IT WOULD POSE DANGERS TO RESIDENTS OF THE DOMINION HEIGHTS AREA AND THE NEW DEVELOPMENTS AROUND THE GOLF COURSE. MIGRATORY BIRDS FROM THE WETLANDS AROUND THE GOLF COURSE POSE AN ADDITIONAL THREAT. WHEN QUERIED DIRECTLY ABOUT THIS LAST POINT, THE MAYOR'S RESPONSE WAS NOT TO DENY THE FACT, BUT TO SUGGEST THE SAME CONDITIONS EXIST AT THE WELL-STUDIED VAAGEN SITE. THE ALADDIN SITE HAS ALREADY BEEN STUDIED AND REJECTED BECAUSE OF THESE SAME CONCERNS. THE SAME ADVERSE FACTORS REMAIN TODAY. NO AMOUNT OF "TWEAKING" CAN CHANGE THESE OBSTACLES. ADD A HIGH SCHOOL AND RESIDENTS TO THE ENDANGERED COLUMN.

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NO ONE HAS ADDRESSED THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH CLEANING UP THE CITY'S WATER SUPPLY IF THE AQUIFER BECOMES CONTAMINATED. THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS A LEAK-PROOF TANK! WITNESS THE TRAIN REFUEL DEPOT IN NORTH IDAHO AND THE SHELL STATION HERE IN COLVILLE. AND THERE IS CERTAINLY NO DEFENSE AGAINST HUMAN ERROR. CONTAMINANTS MUST BE KEPT CLEAR OF OUR WATER SOURCE. KEEP IN MIND THAT THE LANDOWNERS AFFECTED BY THE PROPOSED USE OF EMINENT DOMAIN STEADFASTLY REFUSE TO SELL THEIR PROPERTY. YET THEY ARE BEING PRESSURED AND THREATENED. WHY IS THIS BEING DONE WHEN THE ALADDIN SITE IS SO PROBLEMATIC ON ALL COUNTS? FORTUNATELY, THE PREVIOUSLY APPROVED SITE NEXT TO VAAGEN'S IS STILL AVAILABLE AND HAS A WILLING SELLER. THAT LOCATION IS CLOSE TO TOWN AND ON THE INDUSTRIAL WEST SIDE. WHY THE ALADDIN SITE IS BEING PUSHED SO HARD BY OUR SUPPOSEDLY "NEUTRAL" MAYOR IS A MYSTERY. IN REVIEWING THE CITY'S RECORDS RELATING TO THE HISTORY OF A NEW AIRPORT, I CAME ACROSS A LETTER DATED JULY 10, 1985 FROM THEN MAYOR, HELEN WHITE. SHE DISCUSSED THE FACT THAT THE VAAGEN SITE WAS RECOMMENDED BY THE COLVILLE AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE, THE AIRPORT BOARD, CH2M HILL, AND DEVCO AVIATION CONSULTANTS. THE THEN CITY COUNCIL APPROVED THE SITE. THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS EVEN SIGNED OFF ON THE PROJECT! THE SITE WAS LATER ABANDONED BECAUSE THE CITY COULD NOT REACH AGREEMENT ON THE PRICE FOR THE LAND. EMINENT DOMAIN WAS NOT USED TO CONFISCATE THE LAND THEN. WHY IS IT BEING PUSHED NOW? RATHER THAN CONTINUING WITH THIS FARCE OF A CITIZEN'S COMMITTEE, WHY NOT REFER THE ISSUE TO VOTE OF ALL CITIZENS OF COLVILLE? I DOUBT THE MAYOR WILL EVER AGREE TO THIS BECAUSE OF THE HUGE AND GROWING OPPOSITION. THE ALADDIN SITE SHOULD BE DROPPED FROM CONSIDERATION AND THE FOCUS SHOULD BE PLACED ON OTHER OPTIONS. PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS MUST BE RESPECTED AND THAT SHOULD BE THE PRECONDITION FOR ANY PROSPECTIVE SITE. AND WHY IS COLVILLE GOING IT ALONE? THIS IS SUPPOSED TO BE A REGIONAL AIRPORT. SHOULDN'T THE ENTIRE COUNTY AND PERHAPS ADJACENT COUNTIES BE INVOLVED? OR IS THE MAYOR JUST TRYING TO BUILD A BIGGER HOBBY AIRPORT FOR THE FEW PEOPLE WHO USE IT. PERHAPS HE JUST WANTS TO HAVE A BIGGER PANCAKE BREAKFAST AT THE ANNUAL FLY-IN. THERE ARE NO IDENTIFIED COMPANIES DECLARED TO MOVE TO COLVILLE ON THE BASIS OF A NEW AIRPORT. AIRPORT PROPONENTS SUCH AS THE MAYOR AND THE COUNCIL SAY THEY WANT TO BUILD THIS AIRPORT TO HELP THE ECONOMY AND CREATE JOBS. WE DON'T EVEN KNOW THE TYPES OF JOBS IT MIGHT BRING. COULD IT MEAN MORE TAX-SUPPORTED CITY EMPLOYEE POSITIONS WITH BENEFITS INCLUDING RETIREMENT? IF THE FOCUS IS JOBS, THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL SHOULD FORGET THE AIRPORT AND START CUTTING FEES AND TAXES NOW THAT REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF MONEY AVAILABLE TO SUSTAIN OUR LOCAL BUSINESS PEOPLE AND CREATE PRIVATE SECTOR, WEALTH-CREATING JOBS. THE RISE IN FEES, RATES, AND TAXES MERELY DISCOURAGES BUSINESS INVESTMENT AND JOB CREATION, THE STATED PURPOSE OF THE AIRPORT! LET US NOT RUN COLVILLE INTO THE GROUND IN THE NAME OF PROGRESS AND PROSPERITY.

NEW BUSINESS:

#07. DISCUSSION/ACTION: **PROPOSED CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR THE PHASE 2 RESERVOIR WELL DRILLING PROJECT.**

ERIC DURPOS, WATER/SEWER SUPERINTENDENT STATED THAT ADDITIONAL WELL SCREEN WAS INSTALLED TO INCREASE POTENTIAL WELL YIELD. MORE HOURS OF DEVELOPMENT WERE ALSO REQUIRED TO FULLY DEVELOP THE WELLS DUE TO SAND PRODUCTION. IN ORDER TO DETERMINE THE ACTUAL OPERATIONAL CAPABILITIES OF THE WELLS, BOTH WELLS WERE PUMPED SIMULTANEOUSLY DURING THE TEST PUMPING OF THE SECOND WELL. HE STATED THAT THE CONTRACTOR PROVIDED ADDITIONAL STAFF DURING THE TESTING AND MONITORING.

COUNCILMEMBER KYLE STATED THAT HE WAS UNCLEAR WHAT THE ADDITIONAL WELL DEVELOPMENT WAS. ERIC DURPOS STATED THAT WELL DEVELOPMENT IS AFTER THE SCREEN IS PUT

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IN, A PIPE IS PUT IN TO SIMULATE SUCTION AND IT TAKES IN ALL THE FINE SAND AND SILT THAT WILL COME THROUGH THE SCREEN AND IS THEN TAKEN OUT. IN THIS CASE THERE WAS A LOT OF SAND AND SILT SO IT REQUIRED A LOT OF EXTRA HOURS TO WORK IT AND REMOVE THE EXCESS SAND AND SILT.

COUNCILMEMBER JANKE ASKED HOW MUCH IS LEFT IN THE CITY'S PORTION OF THIS PROJECT. ERIC DURPOS STATED THAT THERE IS ABOUT \$260,000 LEFT OF THE CITY'S \$750,000 AFTER THIS CHANGE ORDER. COUNCILMEMBER JANKE STATED THAT HE FIRST BECAME AWARE OF THIS ISSUE WHEN HE WAS AUDITING THE VOUCHERS RECENTLY AND SOME OF THIS WOULD BE COMING LATER. HE STATED THAT HE TALKED TO ERIC DURPOS AT THE TIME AND THIS CHANGE ORDER APPEARS TO BE MORE THAN WHAT WAS ORIGINALLY ANTICIPATED. ERIC DURPOS STATED THAT THE VOUCHER THAT COUNCILMEMBER JANKE IS REFERRING TO WAS A DIFFERENT PART OF THIS CONTRACT. HE STATED THAT THIS ITEM WAS A RESULT OF AN INCREASE IN BID ITEMS.

COUNCILMEMBER JANKE MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER KYLE SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR THE PHASE 2 RESERVOIR WELL DRILLING PROJECT TO THE FOGLE PUMP & SUPPLY, INC. CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$34,993.67.

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MOTION PASSED.

**#08. DISCUSSION/ACTION: POSSIBLE FINAL ACCEPTANCE OF THE PHASE 2
UPPER ZONE SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS – WELL DRILLING PROJECT.**

COUNCILMEMBER JANKE MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER OHRTMAN SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE FINAL ACCEPTANCE OF THE PHASE 2 UPPER ZONE SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS – WELL DRILLING PROJECT AS CONSTRUCTED BY FOGLE PUMP & SUPPLY, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$108,697.52.

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MOTION PASSED.

**#09. DISCUSSION/ACTION: PROPOSED RESOLUTION INCREASING THE MAYOR'S
AUTHORITY TO APPROVE LIMITED PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS.**

ERIC DURPOS, WATER/SEWER SUPERINTENDENT STATED THAT THERE IS A LOT OF PROJECTS GOING ON AND THEY ARE ALL BUDGETED AND FIT THE CRITERIA FOR A LIMITED SMALL WORKS ROSTER PROJECT. THIS IS ONLY AN ATTEMPT TO STREAMLINE THE PROCESS FOR THESE SMALLER PROJECTS.

COUNCILMEMBER OHRTMAN MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER WHITE SECONDED THE MOTION TO ADOPT PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 03-10 INCREASING THE MAYOR'S AUTHORITY TO APPROVE LIMITED PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS TO \$35,000.

COUNCILMEMBER JANKE STATED THAT HE IS CONCERNED ABOUT THE BUDGET SIDE OF THINGS. HE STATED THAT HE IS OK IF THE ITEM IS IN THE BUDGET AND ALREADY PLANNED.

COUNCILMEMBER KYLE STATED THAT HE WANTS TO SEE IT HAVE A LIMIT SO IT DOESN'T EXCEED AN ANNUAL PERCENTAGE OF THE BUDGET.

COUNCILMEMBER FOLL ASKED HOW THE SMALL WORKS ROSTER WORKS AND IS CURRENTLY ADMINISTERED. ERIC DURPOS EXPLAINED HOW A VENDOR GETS ON THE ROSTER AND HOW BIDS ARE SOLICITED FOR PROJECTS. COUNCILMEMBER FOLL ASKED IF WE CHECK FOR LAWSUITS AGAINST A CONTRACTOR. ERIC DURPOS STATED THAT THIS IS CHECKED WHEN THEY APPLY TO BE ON THE ROSTER.

COUNCILMEMBER JANKE MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER WHITE SECONDED THE MOTION TO AMEND SECTION "M" OF THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION TO HAVE THE PROPOSED AMOUNT REMAIN AT \$10,000 AND NOT BE RAISED TO \$35,000 AS PROPOSED.

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MOTION FAILED. COUNCILMEMBER JANKE VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE AMENDMENT.

COUNCILMEMBER JANKE MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER WHITE SECONDED THE MOTION TO AMEND THE MOTION TO AMEND SECTION "N" TO ADD THAT THE ITEM IS WITHIN THE SCOPE AND CONTINGENT ON BEING INCLUDED IN THE CURRENT BUDGET.

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MOTION TO AMEND PASSED.

COUNCILMEMBER FOLL ASKED TO HAVE THE RELEVANT RCW INSERTED IN SECTION "N" ALSO.

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ORIGINAL MOTION AS AMENDED PASSED.

(RESOLUTION NO. 03-10 IN ITS ENTIRETY IS ON FILE IN THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE.)

VELMER HAWKINS ASKED WHERE THE CITY GOT THE WATER RIGHT FOR THESE WELLS. ERIC DURPOS STATED THAT THE CITY CONSOLIDATED ITS WATER RIGHTS IN 2002.

#10. DISCUSSION/ACTION: PROPOSED RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE FOR THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT.

COUNCILMEMBER OHRTMAN MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER MANCE SECONDED THE MOTION TO ADOPT PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 04-10 ESTABLISHING A GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE FOR THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT.

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MOTION PASSED.

(RESOLUTION NO. 04-10 IN ITS ENTIRETY IS ON FILE IN THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE.)

#11. DISCUSSION: AIRPORT ~ GOALS, TIMELINE/SCHEDULE, FINANCIAL FEASIBILITY PLAN.

COUNCILMEMBER JANKE STATED THAT IN THE MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 9, 2010 IN ITEM #8 THE COMMENTS ARE MISLEADING TO THE PUBLIC SO HE WOULD LIKE TO CLARIFY WHAT HE BELIEVES THE TONE SHOULD BE. HE STATED THAT THIS IS REALLY THE FINAL REPORT OF THE COLVILLE 2000 AND BEYOND COMMITTEE AND NOT THE FINAL REPORT FROM THE CITY OR THE CITY COUNCIL. HE STATED THAT THIS IS ALSO INTENDED TO BE A PRE-NEPA/SEPA DOCUMENT AND IN NO WAY IS IT FINAL. THE REPORT STATES THAT THE PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROCESS BEGAN 7 MONTHS PRIOR, BUT THE PUBLIC REALLY GOT INVOLVED BEGINNING IN LATE OCTOBER. THE MINUTES ALSO STATE THAT THE CITY APPOINTED A 20 MEMBER COMMITTEE TO REFLECT A DIVERSE VIEW OF THE COMMUNITY, HE THINKS THEY DISCUSSED THIS AT COUNCIL AND WHETHER OR NOT THE MEMBERS SELECTED REALLY REFLECTED THE COMMUNITY. HE STATED THAT IT NEEDS TO BE VERY CLEAR THAT THIS IS NOT THE FINAL VIEW OF THE COUNCIL THIS IS ONLY THE COMMITTEE REPORT AND IT TIERS INTO A LARGER PROCESS. THE COUNCIL HAD NO INPUT INTO THE MEMBERS THAT WERE PUT ON THIS COMMITTEE. THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES ARE FROM THIS COMMITTEE AND THIS COMMITTEE ONLY, THE COUNCIL HAS TAKEN NO ACTION TO ADOPT ANY GOALS OR OBJECTIVES FOR THE AIRPORT. THE COUNCIL WILL BE WORKING ON THESE ISSUES IN THE FUTURE. HE STATED THAT THIS INFORMATION IS MISLEADING AS A STAND ALONE DOCUMENT FROM HIS PERSPECTIVE.

JACK SMITH STATED THAT HE AGREES WITH COUNCILMEMBER JANKE, HE ADDED THAT HE DOESN'T LIKE THAT IT SAYS THAT THIS CONCLUDED THE 7 MONTH PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROCESS. LORI ISENBERG WAS ONLY THE FACILITATOR, SHE HAS NO AUTHORITY TO SAY THAT THIS CONCLUDES THE PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROCESS. THIS IS ONLY THE BEGINNING OF THE PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

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PROCESS AND THERE IS STILL A LONG WAY TO GO. FACTUALLY INACCURATE IS THAT IT SAYS THAT THERE WAS A CONSENSUS OF THE COMMITTEE THAT THERE IS A NEED FOR A NEW AIRPORT. HE STATED THAT THIS IS NOT ACCURATE, THERE WAS NEVER AGREEMENT ON THE NEED FOR A NEW AIRPORT. COUNCILMEMBER KYLE STATED THAT HE IS CORRECT, THERE WAS NO CONSENSUS OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE NEED FOR A NEW AIRPORT.

COUNCILMEMBER FOLL STATED THAT THE ISSUE OF NEED VERSUS WANT HAS BECOME VERY CONFUSING DURING THIS PROCESS. SHE DOES NOT THINK THAT THE NEED FOR A NEW AIRPORT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED. THE DESIRE TO HAVE SOMETHING IS A WANT. SHE STATED THAT THE DRAFT OF THE CERB GRANT APPLICATION THAT SHE WAS GIVEN DID NOT USE THE WORDS EXPANSION, BUT THE FINAL DOCUMENT DID. SHE STATED THAT SOMEHOW IT APPEARS THAT WE ARE IN FAVOR OF AN EXPANDED AIRPORT AS OPPOSED TO POSSIBLY MOVING THE LOCATION FOR SAFETY REASONS. AT THIS POINT THERE IS NO AGREEMENT OR CONSENSUS ON THESE ISSUES. THE CERB GRANT SAYS THAT CONSULTANT SERVICES WILL BE CHOSEN IN THIS MONTH (FEBRUARY) SHE WAS WONDERING HOW THAT COULD BE DONE. THERE ARE NUMEROUS STATEMENTS IN THE APPLICATION THAT HAVE NOT COME FROM THE CITY COUNCIL. SHE STATED THAT ATTACHMENT "E" IS VERY CONFUSING AND DOES NOT GIVE ANY IDEA OF WHAT THE SCOPE OF WORK IS REALLY ATTEMPTING TO DO. REGARDING THE COLVILLE 2000 AND BEYOND COMMITTEE REPORT, SHE IS STILL REALLY DISTURBED WHY THOSE NEGATIVE LETTERS WERE NOT INCLUDED AND LORI ISENBERG STATED THAT THEY WERE NOT INCLUDED BECAUSE THEY WERE NOT PRESENT AND PART OF THAT PUBLIC PROCESS. SHE STATED THAT IN THE FUTURE ALL COMMENTS WILL NEED TO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT. SHE STATED THAT APPARENTLY THERE HAS BEEN A LOT OF CONTACT FROM THE COMMUNITY WITH THE FAA. THE FAA IS SAYING THAT 95% IS NOT GOING TO BE PAID BY THE FAA AND AT SOME POINT IN THE FUTURE IT WILL BE MAYBE 50% THAT WOULD BE PAID BY FAA. MAYOR NICHOLS STATED THAT THIS IS NOT CORRECT. COUNCILMEMBER FOLL STATED THAT SHE WOULD LIKE TO SEE WRITTEN CLARIFICATION ON THIS ISSUE. MAYOR NICHOLS STATED THAT THE INFRASTRUCTURE TO THE SITE WOULD NOT BE INCLUDED, BUT 95% OF THE ACTUAL AIRPORT CONSTRUCTION ITSELF WOULD BE INCLUDED. HE STATED THAT OFF SITE ISSUES WOULD BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CITY.

JANE EVANS STATED THAT SHE SPOKE TO STAN ALLISON AT THE FAA AND ASKED THIS VERY QUESTION. SHE SAID HE WAS VERY CLEAR THAT THIS WAS FOR THE PLANNING PORTION ONLY. SHE STATED THAT MR. ALLISON SAID THAT THE FAA IS VERY INTERESTED IN SEEING THE CITY'S BUSINESS PLAN, FINANCIAL PLAN AND HE IS VERY INTERESTED IN FINDING OUT HOW THE CITY IS GOING TO FINANCE THEIR PORTION OF THE 50% OF CONSTRUCTION AND ENGINEERING. SHE STATED THAT STAN ALLISON STATED THAT THE FAA DOES NOT PAY FOR CONSTRUCTION AND ENGINEERING THAT PART WOULD ONLY BE AT 50% APPROXIMATELY.

COUNCILMEMBER JANKE STATED THAT HE IS CONCERNED ABOUT THIS AS WELL AND WE NEED SOMETHING IN WRITING FROM FAA THAT SAYS WHAT OUR FINANCIAL OBLIGATION IS GOING TO BE. HE STATED THAT WE NEED TO LOOK AT OUR FINANCIAL CAPABILITY BEFORE WE MOVE ANY FURTHER. HE STATED THAT THERE ARE MINIMAL FUNDS AVAILABLE IN THE CURRENT BUDGET AT BEST. HE STATED THAT WE NEED TO HAVE SOME KIND OF A PLAN AND WHAT THE TRADE OFFS WOULD BE TO OTHER PROGRAMS OR SERVICES.

[8:47:50 PM](#) MAYOR NICHOLS CALLED FOR A BREAK AT 8:47 P.M.

[8:54:54 PM](#) MAYOR NICHOLS RECONVENED THE REGULAR MEETING AT 8:54 P.M.

MAYOR NICHOLS STATED THAT A SHORT WHILE AGO HE AND BRENT RASMUSSEN CALLED STAN ALLISON AT THE FAA, COUNCILMEMBER KYLE WAS ALSO THERE. HE STATED THAT NUMEROUS QUESTIONS WERE ASKED ABOUT THIS PROCESS AND THERE WERE SOME MINUTES TAKEN THAT WERE FORWARDED TO STAN ALLISON AND HE JUST RESPONDED TO WHAT WAS DISCUSSED DURING THAT MEETING. MAYOR NICHOLS REVIEWED SOME INFORMATION THAT WAS RECENTLY RECEIVED FROM STAN ALLISON AT THE FAA. MR. ALLISON'S COMMENTS NOTED THAT IT HAS BEEN ERONEOUSLY STATED THAT THE FAA WILL PAY 95% OF ALL COSTS. HE STATED THAT THIS MIGHT BE TRUE FOR THE PLANNING PHASE, SITE SELECTION AND ENVIRONMENTAL. A MORE REALISTIC AMOUNT MIGHT BE 50% FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND ENGINEERING PHASE. MAYOR NICHOLS STATED THAT THE FAA

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HAS ALSO STATED THAT THERE IS NO MONEY CURRENTLY COMMITTED FOR COLVILLE OR ANY OTHER AIRPORT IN THIS AREA.

COUNCILMEMBER JANKE MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER WHITE SECONDED THE MOTION TO DO AN IN HOUSE FINANCIAL FEASIBILITY STUDY TO BE COMPLETED BY AND PRESENTED AT THE APRIL 27, 2010 COUNCIL MEETING. WE NEED TO KNOW HOW MUCH MONEY THE CITY WILL BE ABLE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THIS PROJECT, COUNCILMEMBERS JANKE AND KYLE WILL WORK WITH CITY STAFF TO COMPLETE THE STUDY TO DETERMINE OUR FINANCIAL CAPABILITY TO FUND THE PLANNING, ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION PHASES FOR A NEW AIRPORT AND PERCEIVED SUPPORT FACILITIES, THE EXPECTATION IS THAT THERE WILL BE A WRITTEN REPORT.

COUNCILMEMBER OHRTMAN STATED THAT HE DOESN'T WANT TO TAX CITY STAFF ANY FURTHER.

COUNCILMEMBER KYLE STATED THAT HE REFERS TO THIS AS AN ORDER OF MAGNITUDE ESTIMATE. A VERY BROAD SCOPE OF THE BIG PICTURE.

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MOTION PASSED.

COUNCILMEMBER FOLL STATED THAT SHE WOULD LIKE TO GET BACK TO THE CERB GRANT APPLICATION. SHE STATED THAT THERE ARE A LOT OF AREAS WERE WE ARE TALKING ABOUT ITEMS THAT ARE REFERRED TO AS FEASIBILITY OR FEASIBLE. IT STATES THAT AIRPORT FEASIBILITY HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND IN THE NARRATIVE AT THE BOTTOM, IT SAYS THAT THIS IS ALL ALREADY DONE IN THE FEASIBILITY STUDY THAT WAS DONE IN THE ALADDIN FEASIBILITY STUDY SITE. IT MENTIONS NUMEROUS THINGS THAT ARE SUPPOSE TO BE IN THE STUDY, SHE DOESN'T REMEMBER ANY OF THAT MEASURABLE DATA BEING INCLUDED IN THAT STUDY.

FOREST COLLINS STATED THAT ONE OF THE FACTORS THAT LEAD HIM TO BE INVOLVED WAS THE ALADDIN SITE, HE CONSIDERS THAT TO BE ONE OF THE MOST DANGEROUS AIRPORT SITES HE HAS SEEN IN HIS WHOLE LIFE AND HE IS ALSO OPPOSED TO EMINENT DOMAIN. WE ARE NOW APPROACHING FIRE SEASON AND HE WISHES THAT THE FOREST SERVICE COULD GET THEIR BIG TANKERS IN HERE. THE ALADDIN SITE DOES NOT HAVE THE CAPABILITY OF EVER HANDLING LARGER AIRCRAFT. NONE OF THE PEOPLE DOING THESE FEASIBILITY STUDIES HAS A TRAINED AVIATOR ON THEIR STAFF. HE IS TOTALLY AGAINST THE ALADDIN SITE FOR ALL REASONS KNOWN IN AVIATION.

MAYOR NICHOLS STATED THAT HE SPOKE TO STAN ALLISON LAST SUMMER AND WAS TOLD THAT COLVILLE WOULD NEED TO START THE PROCESS OVER FROM THE BEGINNING. HE WAS TOLD THERE WERE OTHER SITES PREVIOUSLY AND A NEW SITE SELECTION PROCESS NEEDS TO BE DONE. THE FAA IS NOT WILLING TO DECIDE ON ANY SITE AT THIS TIME UNTIL ALL THE WORK IS DONE AGAIN. ALL THE POTENTIAL SITES WILL NEED TO BE LOOKED AT AND EITHER RULED IN OR OUT.

COUNCILMEMBER FOLL STATED THAT THE CERB GRANT APPLICATION STATES OR REFERS TO A SPECIFIC SITE, WHAT SITE ARE WE TALKING ABOUT. MAYOR NICHOLS STATED THAT THERE IS NO SPECIFIC SITE IDENTIFIED. SHE STATED THAT THE FINAL REPORT STATES THAT IT WILL HAVE TO HAVE ONE.

JANE EVANS STATED THAT IT SOUNDS LIKE THE CERB GRANT APPLICATION IS SPECIFIC TOWARDS THE ALADDIN SITE, WHAT IS THE CITY'S RESPONSIBILITY IF WE GET THAT MONEY, BUT ALADDIN ISN'T THE SITE.

COUNCILMEMBER FOLL STATED THAT THESE ARE THE REQUIREMENTS THAT WE NEED TO PROVIDE IN THE FINAL REPORT ACCORDING TO THIS APPLICATION. SHE ASKED WHERE THE MONEY IS GOING TO COME FROM TO DO A STUDY ON ALL THESE OTHER SITES. MAYOR NICHOLS STATED THAT IT WOULD BE MORE APPROPRIATE FOR IT TO SAY A SITE. COUNCILMEMBER FOLL STATED THAT THE DOCUMENT SAYS THE SITE.

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COUNCILMEMBER FOLL ASKED IF WE HAVE RECEIVED ANY NEW OR REVISED LETTERS FROM THE COUNTY OR ANYONE ELSE REGARDING THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE PROPOSED AIRPORT. MAYOR NICHOLS STATED THAT WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED ANY NEW LETTERS AT THIS TIME.

CECIL MCNINCH STATED THAT THE ALADDIN/CHOPOT SITE COULD NOT HAVE AN AIRPORT BUILT ON IT TO MEET THE MINIMUM FAA REQUIREMENTS.

COUNCILMEMBER JANKE STATED THAT PART OF THE PROCESS FOR THE COLVILLE 2000 AND BEYOND COMMITTEE WAS STATED THAT THEY WERE SUPPOSED TO DO PRESENTATIONS TO GROUPS, THIS DID NOT HAPPEN. HE WANTS TO LOOK AT A COMMUNICATION PLAN TO GET GOOD FACTUAL INFORMATION OUT TO EVERYONE. HE ALSO STATED THAT THERE WAS SUPPOSED TO BE A MEETING WITH WSDOT AVIATION AND BRENT RASMUSSEN DID ATTEND. MAYOR NICHOLS STATED THAT THE MEETING DID OCCUR AND HE NEEDS TO GET A REPORT FROM BRENT RASMUSSEN. COUNCILMEMBER JANKE STATED THAT IT HAS BEEN MENTIONED ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS THAT IN ORDER TO BE SUCCESSFUL WE WILL NEED TO HAVE A GOOD RELATIONSHIP AND SUPPORT OF THE SURROUNDING COUNTIES ON THIS ISSUE.

COMMITTEE OR SPECIAL REPORTS:

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

NO REPORT.

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

NO REPORT.

INDIVIDUAL REPORTS BY MAYOR, COUNCILMEMBERS AND STAFF:

COUNCILMEMBER OHRTMAN STATED THAT THE STEVENS COUNTY RURAL LIBRARY DISTRICT EXTENDED AN OFFER FOR THE POSITION OF COLVILLE LIBRARY MANAGER, BUT IT WAS REJECTED. HE STATED THAT THEY ARE REVIEWING POTENTIAL ALTERNATE CANDIDATES. HE ALSO STATED THAT HE MET WITH DOMINION MEADOWS REGARDING WATER ISSUES AT THE GOLF COURSE AND THE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE BOARD AND THEY HAVE AN AGREED UPON PLAN TO MOVE FORWARD. HE WILL SEND A PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE IRRIGATION RATE FOR 501C3 USERS AND WILL PROPOSE TO ELIMINATE THE CAP. HE ALSO STATED THAT THEY GAVE OUT 2,651 FREE GOLF PASSES AT THE SPOKANE GOLF SHOW.

COUNCILMEMBER KYLE STATED THAT HE NOTICED THERE IS WORK PROCEEDING ON THE PARCEL THAT WAS SOLD TO MR. AND MRS. KARRE ON THE CORNER OF WASHINGTON STREET. HE STATED THAT HE DEVELOPED A FORM TO HELP STEER THE CONVERSATION ON GOALS AND OBJECTIVES. HE STATED THAT HE MET WITH THE AIRPORT BOARD AND THEY HAVE COME UP WITH SOME GOALS/OBJECTIVES. THESE GOALS ARE FOR THE SITE SELECTION PROCESS. HE STATED THAT COUNCILMEMBERS SHOULD EACH COME UP WITH A GOAL AND A FEW OBJECTIVES AND GET THEM TO HOLLY PANNELL NO LATER THAN MARCH 3, 2010 AND THEY WILL BE CONSOLIDATED AND BROUGHT BACK AT THE MARCH 9TH MEETING FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION AND REVISION.

COUNCILMEMBER MANCE STATED THAT SHE IS NEW TO THIS COMMUNITY AND WOULD LIKE THE COUNCIL TO BE ABLE TO GO OUT AND LOOK AT THE DIFFERENT POTENTIAL AIRPORT SITES. MAYOR NICHOLS STATED THAT HE CAN ARRANGE TO HAVE MS. MANCE TAKEN TO THE DIFFERENT SITES.

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COUNCILMEMBER FOLL ASKED FOR POTENTIAL DATES FOR THE COUNCIL RETREAT. MAY 7 -8, 2010 WERE TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR RETREAT DATES. COUNCILMEMBER FOLL ASKED COUNCIL TO GET ANY POTENTIAL TOPICS TO HER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

WATER/SEWER SUPERINTENDENT ERIC DURPOS STATED THAT MARCH 5, 2010 IS THE SCHEDULED DATE TO POTENTIALLY PUT THE NEW RESERVOIR ON LINE.

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

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MOTION PASSED.

TIME OF ADJOURNMENT: 10:11 P.M.

MAYOR RICHARD NICHOLS

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