

**COLVILLE, WASHINGTON
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 10, 2009**

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

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ROLL CALL: FOLL, HANEY, WHITE, GRAY, JANKE, KYLE AND OHRTMAN.

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PRESENT: COUNCILMEMBER NANCY FOLL, COUNCILMEMBER MARILYN HANEY, COUNCILMEMBER BETTY WHITE, COUNCILMEMBER ED GRAY, COUNCILMEMBER LOU JANKE, COUNCILMEMBER DOUG KYLE, COUNCILMEMBER ERIC OHRTMAN AND MAYOR RICHARD NICHOLS.

STAFF PRESENT: POLICE CAPTAIN ROBERT MESHISHNEK, CITY CLERK/HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGER HOLLY PANNELL, CONTRACTED CITY ENGINEER BRENT RASMUSSEN, CITY TREASURER VICKIE STRONG, WATER/SEWER SUPERINTENDENT ERIC DURPOS, CITY ATTORNEY ALISON MCGRANE, POLICE OFFICER WILLIAM EMILY AND CUSTODIAN MIKE WAGGONER.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- #01. **MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 27, 2009 COLVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING.**
- #02. **NOVEMBER 11, 2009 CLAIMS CHECKS #40929 ~ #41009 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$422,443.04 INCLUDING VOIDED CHECK #40935 AS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT BY THE AUDIT COMMITTEE.**
- #03. **OCTOBER, 2009 PAYROLL CHECKS #24191 ~ #24282 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$268,332.93 INCLUDING VOIDED CHECK #24280 AS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT BY THE AUDIT COMMITTEE.**
- #04. **OCTOBER, 2009 MONTHLY REPORTS: EXPENDITURE, REVENUE, VENDOR AND TREASURER.**
- #05. **OCTOBER 23, 2009 – NOVEMBER 5, 2009 CONTRACT/AGREEMENT LIST REVIEW.**

MAYOR NICHOLS READ THE CONSENT AGENDA.

COUNCILMEMBER WHITE MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER HANEY 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 10, 2009 AND DOES APPROVE FOR PAYMENT THOSE VOUCHERS INCLUDED IN THE ABOVE LIST AND FURTHER DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: NOVEMBER 11, 2009 CLAIMS CHECKS #40929 ~ #41009 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$422,443.04; OCTOBER, 2009 PAYROLL CHECKS #24191 ~ #24282 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$268,332.93" AND DOES APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS READ.

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PUBLIC HEARING:

- #06. **PUBLIC HEARING: PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE ANNUAL PROPERTY TAX LEVY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2010.**

[7:03:57 PM](#) MAYOR NICHOLS DECLARED THE PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER FIXING THE ANNUAL PROPERTY TAX LEVY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2010 OPEN AT 7:03 P.M. AND STATED THAT EVERYONE PRESENT WILL BE GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD. THE CITY CLERK WILL BE RECORDING

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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.

[7:06:20 PM](#) AS THERE WAS NO PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ISSUE, MAYOR NICHOLS CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING AT 7:06 P.M.

#07. DISCUSSION/ACTION: **PROPOSED ORDINANCE FIXING THE PROPERTY TAX LEVY FOR THE YEAR 2010.**

COUNCILMEMBER HANEY MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER WHITE SECONDED THE MOTION TO ADOPT THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE FIXING THE PROPERTY TAX LEVY FOR THE YEAR 2010.

COUNCILMEMBER FOLL NOTED THAT THE PROPERTY TAX LEVY IN 1985 WAS \$2.503 PER \$1,000 OF ASSESSED VALUE AND 25 YEARS LATER IN 2010 IT IS \$2.549.

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(ORDINANCE. NO. 1426 N.S. IN ITS ENTIRETY IS ON FILE IN THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE.)

#08. PUBLIC HEARING: **PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED PRELIMINARY BUDGET FOR 2010.**

[7:08:22 PM](#) MAYOR NICHOLS DECLARED THE PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSED PRELIMINARY BUDGET FOR 2010 OPEN AT 7:08 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.

MAYOR NICHOLS STATED THAT THERE WILL BE AN ADDITIONAL PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON THE PROPOSED 2010 BUDGET.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

#09. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: **PROPOSED ORDINANCE EXEMPTING THE POSITION OF POLICE CHIEF FROM CIVIL SERVICE.**

COUNCILMEMBER KYLE MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER GRAY SECONDED THE MOTION TO ADOPT THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE EXEMPTING THE POSITION OF POLICE CHIEF FROM CIVIL SERVICE.

COUNCILMEMBER WHITE STATED THAT SHE SEES POTENTIAL DANGERS IF THIS WAS TO HAPPEN.

COUNCILMEMBER JANKE STATED THAT HE ALSO FEELS THAT THIS COULD CREATE A PROBLEM. HE HAS NOT HEARD ANY REASONS WHY THIS WOULD BE BENEFICIAL TO THE CITY.

COUNCILMEMBER FOLL STATED THAT SHE IS AGAINST THE MOTION. THE MAYOR HAS THE OPTION TO SELECT FROM A LIST PRESENTED FROM THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION. THE MAYOR DOES NOT NEED TO SELECT THE FIRST NAME ON THE LIST. IF THERE IS SOMEONE WITHIN THE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT THAT IS QUALIFIED, THE MAYOR COULD ASK THE CIVIL SERVICE FOR A PROMOTIONAL LIST FROM WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT AND WOULD AVOID THE COSTS OF ADVERTISING EXTERNALLY. THIS WOULD BE AN OPTION THAT WOULD ALLOW THE CITY TO SAVE MONEY AND PROMOTE FROM WITHIN. SHE STATED THAT SHE IS OPPOSED TO TAKING THIS POSITION OUT OF CIVIL SERVICE.

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COUNCILMEMBER KYLE STATED THAT HE DOESN'T SEE THIS AS A JUDGMENT OF THE CIVIL SERVICE SYSTEM. THE CHIEF MUST BE AN OFFICER BY LAW AND THE COUNCIL STILL HAS THE AUTHORITY TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF THE MAYOR.

COUNCILMEMBER OHRTMAN STATED THAT THE COUNCIL STILL GETS TO APPROVE OF THE APPOINTMENT OF THE MAYOR.

COUNCILMEMBER GRAY STATED THAT HE AGREES WITH COUNCILMEMBER KYLE. THIS POSITION IS PRIMARILY RESPONSIBLE TO THE COUNCIL AND THE MAYOR.

COUNCILMEMBER FOLL ASKED IF THE LOYALTY IS GREATER TO THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON OR TO THE MAYOR. COUNCILMEMBER GRAY STATED THAT IT IS TO THE CITY. COUNCILMEMBER FOLL ASKED WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF THE MAYOR ASKED A POLICE CHIEF TO DO SOMETHING THAT WAS OUTSIDE OF THE LAW, WHAT RECOURSE DOES THE CHIEF HAVE. COUNCILMEMBER GRAY STATED THAT THE CHIEF CAN GO TO THE COUNCIL. COLVILLE MUNICIPAL CODE STATES THAT IF THE MAYOR WERE TO TERMINATE THE CHIEF, FOUR MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL MUST APPROVE OF THE REMOVAL.

COUNCILMEMBER FOLL ASKED IF THE MAYOR HAS KNOWLEDGE OF ANY TIME THAT A MAYOR HAS ASKED THE POLICE CHIEF TO DO SOMETHING AGAINST THE LAW. MAYOR NICHOLS STATED THAT THERE ARE NONE THAT HE IS AWARE OF.

JEFF HOLTER, CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION CHAIRMAN, STATED THAT WHEN YOU EXEMPT A POLICE CHIEF, THE AVERAGE TIME THAT PERSON STAYS ON THE JOB IS 24 MONTHS OR LESS. HE FEELS HE REPRESENTS THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY AND HE FEELS THAT HE CAN SELECT SOMEONE THAT IS CAPABLE OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES. THERE IS NOTHING TO BE GAINED BY NOT HAVING THE CIVIL SERVICE INVOLVED IN THIS PROCESS. HE STATED THAT WE NEED TO ENSURE THAT THERE IS PUBLIC TRUST IN THIS POSITION. HE STATED THAT IT USUALLY TAKES AT LEAST 12 MONTHS FOR AN ADMINISTRATIVE POSITION TO BECOME FULLY TRAINED.

WILLIAM EMILY, KETTLE FALLS, STATED THAT HE IS HERE TO SPEAK ON A PERSONAL LEVEL ABOUT THE POLICE CHIEF POSITION. HE STATED THAT HE HAS CONCERNS WITH REMOVING THE CHIEF OF POLICE POSITION FROM CIVIL SERVICE. HE STATED THAT HE HAS BEEN A POLICE OFFICER FOR ALMOST 22 YEARS. HE STATED THAT HE PREVIOUSLY WORKED AS THE NORTHPORT MARSHAL. HE STATED THAT DURING THIS TIME HE WAS APPROACHED BY INDIVIDUAL CITY COUNCILMEMBERS AND TOLD THAT CERTAIN CITIZENS WERE NOT TO BE BOTHERED AND CERTAIN LAWS WERE NOT TO BE ENFORCED. HE ASKED THE CITY COUNCIL TO CONSIDER THE LONG TERM CONSEQUENCES OF REMOVING THE CHIEF OF POLICE POSITION FROM THE PROTECTIONS OF CIVIL SERVICE.

SUE SWIM, CIVIL SERVICE SECRETARY, STATED THAT THE APPLICANTS FOR POLICE CHIEF MUST MEET MANY REQUIREMENTS. WE WILL NOT SEND YOU AN APPLICANT THAT DOES NOT HAVE THE ADMINISTRATIVE ABILITIES. THE WORST THING YOU COULD DO TO THE COLVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT IS TO REMOVE THE CHIEF OF POLICE POSITION FROM CIVIL SERVICE. BY MAKING THE POSITION EXEMPT YOU ARE OPENING THE DOOR FOR PROBLEMS.

COUNCILMEMBER JANKE WONDERED WHAT THE MAYOR THOUGHT ABOUT COUNCILMEMBER FOLL'S PROPOSAL TO DO A PROMOTIONAL REGISTER.

MAYOR NICHOLS STATED THAT HE BELIEVES THAT WE COULD DO EXTERNAL, INTERNAL OR BOTH.

SUE SWIM STATED THAT SHE BELIEVES THAT THE BOOK SAYS YOU CAN DO ONE OR THE OTHER, AN INTERNAL OR AN EXTERNAL, NOT BOTH AT THE SAME TIME.

MAYOR NICHOLS REQUESTED A ROLL CALL VOTE:

OHRTMAN – YES; KYLE – YES; JANKE – NO; GRAY – YES; WHITE – NO; HANEY – NO; FOLL – NO.

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MOTION FAILED.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

#10. PUBLIC COMMENT: THE FLOOR IS OPEN FOR ANY PUBLIC COMMENT.

RAYMOND DRIGGS, 210 ALADDIN ROAD, ASKED IF WE ARE PUTTING IN AN UNDERGROUND WATER SYSTEM IN THE CITY PARK. MAYOR NICHOLS STATED THAT YES WE ARE INSTALLING AN UNDERGROUND SPRINKLER SYSTEM. MR. DRIGGS ASKED WHY THE TREE ROOTS IN THE CITY PARK ARE BEING CUT TO PUT IN A SPRINKLER SYSTEM UNDER THE GROUND. THOSE TREES NEED THOSE ROOTS.

NEW BUSINESS:

#11. DISCUSSION: PROPOSED AIRPORT PROGRESS AND COLVILLE 2000 AND BEYOND COMMITTEE UPDATE.

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LARRY COMER, WELCH COMER AND ASSOCIATES, STATED THAT WITH HIM ARE LORI ISENBERG AND DAVID KETCHUM, HE STATED THAT THERE IS AN OUTLINE IN THE PACKET ABOUT WHAT THEY HAVE DONE SO FAR AND WHERE THEY ARE HEADED WITH THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS.

LORI ISENBERG STATED THAT SHE HASN'T COME BACK TO THE COUNCIL BECAUSE THERE WERE DECISIONS THAT HADN'T BEEN MADE. ONE OF THOSE ITEMS WAS THE COMPOSITION OF THE COMMITTEE. SHE STATED THAT THERE IS SOME CONCERN ABOUT THE CURRENT COMPOSITION OF THE COMMITTEE. THERE WILL BE AN OPPORTUNITY TO REVISE THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE LATER. SHE STATED THAT IN JULY THE CITY DECIDED TO HIRE A CONSULTANT AND OUTLINED THE SCOPE OF WORK. THE COMMITTEE WAS APPOINTED IN EARLY OCTOBER. QUESTIONS WERE IDENTIFIED AT THE FIRST MEETING THAT THE COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE ANSWERS TO. SHE STATED THAT THEY ARE GOING TO WORK ON ANSWERING THOSE QUESTIONS. THE NEXT MEETING IS MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2009 FROM 6:30 – 8:30 P.M. AT THAT MEETING THEY WILL BEGIN TO ANSWER QUESTIONS. THERE WILL BE A REPORT BACK TO THE COUNCIL IN JANUARY OR FEBRUARY. THIS IS ALL A PRECURSOR TO THE SITE SELECTION PROCESS.

DAVID KETCHUM, AIRSIDE, STATED THAT HE DID THE MASTER PLAN FOR THE CURRENT AIRPORT AND HE ALSO DID THE RECENT FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR THE ALADDIN SITE. HE STATED THAT THE FEASIBILITY STUDY WAS NEVER MEANT TO BE A STUDY FOR THE AIRPORT AT THAT SITE. IT WAS JUST INTENDED TO BRING THE ISSUE FORWARD AND DEFINE WHAT KIND OF AN AIRPORT WOULD BE ENVISIONED. IT WAS NEVER INTENDED TO BE THE SITE. HE STATED THAT HE CAN'T THINK OF ANYTHING THAT WOULD BE MORE IMPORTANT TO THE CITY OF COLVILLE AND THE ECONOMY OF THE REGION OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS THAT IS AS IMPORTANT AS SITING A REGIONAL AIRPORT IN THIS AREA. THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DOT) HAS BEEN WORKING ON A LONG RANGE AVIATION STUDY. THAT STUDY RECOGNIZES THE COLVILLE AREA AS A BENEFICIAL LOCATION FOR A REGIONAL AIRPORT. IF WE DECIDE TO MOVE FORWARD, THE NEXT STEPS WOULD INCLUDE SCOPING, ALTERNATIVES SELECTION, PREPARATION OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND FINALIZING THE DOCUMENT. MR. KETCHUM REVIEWED THE STEPS IN THE PROCESS IN MORE SPECIFIC DETAIL.

COUNCILMEMBER JANKE ASKED IF WE HAVE CONFIRMED THE NEED FOR AN AIRPORT IN THE AREA. HE STATED THAT OUR COMPREHENSIVE PLAN SAYS WE DO AND THE STATE SAYS WE DO. WE NEED TO HAVE A CLEAR STATEMENT OF NEED AND WHERE WE ARE AT AND WHERE WE ARE GOING IN THIS PROCESS. DAVID KETCHUM STATED THAT THE DOT HAS ESTABLISHED A NEED. THERE HAS NOT BEEN AN INDEPENDENT STUDY BY THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION (FAA). COUNCILMEMBER JANKE STATED THAT WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF UPDATING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND AIRPORT IS BEING ADDED IN SOME AREAS AND WAS ALREADY IN THE PLAN IN OTHER AREAS. THIS IS THE ONLY OTHER PLACE THAT HE KNOWS ABOUT THAT ADDRESSES THE NEED FOR AN AIRPORT.

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COUNCILMEMBER JANKE STATED THAT THE OBJECTIVES AS OUTLINED DON'T MATCH THE OBJECTIVES IN THE CONTRACT OR THE FAA ADVISORY GUIDELINES FOR SITING AN AIRPORT. [8:06:08 PM](#)

DAVID KETCHUM STATED THAT IF THE FAA GETS INVOLVED FINANCIALLY THEN WE MUST FOLLOW THEIR GUIDELINES TO THE LETTER.

COUNCILMEMBER JANKE ASKED ABOUT THE COMMITMENT FOR A COMMUNICATION PLAN. IT WAS STATED THAT THERE WOULD BE INFORMATIONAL SHEETS AND LINKS ON THE CITY WEBSITE, ETC. HE IS CURIOUS WHERE WE ARE AT TO DATE. HE HASN'T SEEN ANY ITEMS FOR THIS PART OF THE PROCESS.

LORI ISENBERG STATED THAT THEY DECIDED TO LET THE COMMITTEE HELP THEM WITH SOME OF THESE ISSUES. THE FIRST MEETING WITH THE COMMITTEE ASKED THEM TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE COMMUNICATION PLAN. SHE WILL DRAFT SOMETHING FOR THE NEWSPAPER, BUT IT WILL BE FORWARDED TO STAFF AND IT WILL BE UP TO THE CITY TO SUBMIT IT TO THE NEWSPAPER. COUNCILMEMBER JANKE ASKED WHAT THE INTENT IS TO COMMUNICATE TO THE PUBLIC. LORI ISENBERG STATED THAT SHE HAS HAD ABOUT 15-18 ADDITIONAL CITIZENS THAT REQUESTED TO BE ADDED TO THE DISTRIBUTION LIST. THEY ARE COMMUNICATING VIA E-MAIL AND THE NEWSPAPER AND ANYONE IS WELCOME TO CONTACT HER TO BE ADDED TO THE COMMUNICATION LIST.

COUNCILMEMBER JANKE POINTED OUT THAT THE ANSWER TO ONE OF THE QUESTIONS ON LORI'S LIST ABOUT A REGIONAL OR CITY AIRPORT WAS ANSWERED THAT THE INTENT OF THIS AIRPORT WOULD BE THAT IT WOULD BE OWNED AND OPERATED BY THE CITY. HE STATED THAT THIS IS CONFUSING SINCE WE ARE TALKING ABOUT A REGIONAL AIRPORT.

DAVID KETCHUM STATED THAT DEFINITIONS AND TERMS ARE IMPORTANT, THE TERM REGIONAL AIRPORT COMES FROM THE STATE SYSTEM. REGIONAL AIRPORT DESIGNATION IS BASED ON LENGTH OF RUNWAY, AND OTHER CRITERIA, IT CAN STILL BE OWNED AND OPERATED BY THE CITY, AND THIS IS JUST A CATEGORY. THE ONLY GOOD REASON TO USE THE TERM REGIONAL IS TO GAIN STATE AND FAA FUNDING. COUNCILMEMBER JANKE STATED THAT WHEN JIM LAPINSKI APPLIED FOR AN AIRPORT GRANT HE TALKED TO NUMEROUS OTHER CITIES AND COUNTIES IN THE REGIONAL AREA, HE GOT LETTERS OF SUPPORT FROM THESE AGENCIES. HE STATED THAT HE FEELS THAT IT IS IMPORTANT TO HAVE THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES INVOLVED IN ORDER FOR THIS TO BE SUCCESSFUL.

MAYOR NICHOLS STATED THAT WHEN WE STARTED WITH THIS PROCESS WE STARTED AS A CITY AIRPORT AND TALKED ABOUT WHAT WAS THE NEXT APPROPRIATE SIZE AIRPORT THAT WE SHOULD LOOK AT AND IT ENDED UP BEING THE REGIONAL AIRPORT CLASSIFICATION.

COUNCILMEMBER JANKE STATED THAT WE DON'T KNOW YET IF IT WILL BE PRUDENT FOR THE CITY TO OWN AND OPERATE THIS PROPOSED AIRPORT. WE DON'T KNOW THE ANSWER TO THIS QUESTION YET.

COUNCILMEMBER FOLL STATED THAT WE NEED TO TRY TO FOLLOW SOME OF THE SAME CONCEPTS THAT WERE USED IN COLVILLE 2000 TO COMMUNICATE THIS PROJECT. SHE WANTS MORE PUBLIC INFORMATION GOING OUT TO THE PUBLIC. SHE STATED THAT SHE IS NOT IN FAVOR OF E-MAILS GOING OUT WITH A BLIND COPY. IF YOU ARE PART OF A CITY COMMITTEE THIS COMMUNICATION AVENUE NEEDS TO BE AVAILABLE TO EVERYONE. IF YOU DON'T WANT TO BE CONTACTED THEN MAYBE YOU SHOULDN'T BE ON THE COMMITTEE. SHE STATED THAT THIS TURNED INTO A VISIONING FOR THE CITY OF COLVILLE. THERE IS A LACK OF DIVERSITY ON THIS COMMITTEE AND THAT ISSUE HAS BEEN RAISED. THE MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS OF THIS COMMITTEE ARE NOT EVEN RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF COLVILLE. WE HAVE ADJACENT LANDOWNERS ON THIS COMMITTEE AND WE DON'T EVEN HAVE A SITE SELECTED. IT ISN'T CLEAR WHAT THE INTENT IS FOR THIS COMMITTEE. THE COMMITTEE THAT IS GOING TO VISION FOR THE CITY OF COLVILLE NEEDS TO BE MEMBERS OF THE CITY OF COLVILLE, THERE IS ONLY ONE WOMAN AND THE MAJORITY DON'T EVEN LIVE IN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF COLVILLE. NOW WE HAVE A VERY CONFUSED ISSUE AND THESE PEOPLE DO NOT PAY TAXES IN THE CITY OF COLVILLE.

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LARRY COMER STATED THAT ABOUT A YEAR AGO THEY WERE CONTRACTED TO DO A FEASIBILITY STUDY ON ONE PARTICULAR SITE. THE FOOTPRINT COULD BE PICKED UP AND MOVED TO OTHER SITES TO TEST. HE STATED THAT THE CITY GOT A GRANT TO HELP WITH PUBLIC PARTICIPATION THAT GOT US TO THIS POINT. THE NEXT FEW MEETINGS WILL BE TO WORK DOWN TO THE SPECIFIC QUESTIONS ABOUT SITING AN AIRPORT.

COUNCILMEMBER JANKE STATED THAT THE FOCUS SEEMS TO BE ON THIS PARTICULAR SITE AND THE COMMITTEE MAKEUP IS ALL WRONG. THE QUESTIONS THAT ARE GOING TO BE RAISED WILL BE SPECIFIC TO THIS SITE.

MAYOR NICHOLS STATED THAT EVEN IF THE ALADDIN SITE SHOULD BE SELECTED AS THE SITE. THE FAA WILL STILL REQUIRE US TO GO THROUGH A CONFIRMATION SITE SELECTION PROCESS.

COUNCILMEMBER JANKE STATED THAT HE IS AT THE POINT THAT HE FEELS THAT WE MIGHT NEED TO SUSPEND THE CONTRACT AT THIS POINT UNTIL WE CAN FIGURE THIS OUT. HE STATED THAT WE NEED A CLEAR STATEMENT OF NEED, CLEAR ALTERNATIVES, FAIR REPRESENTATION ON THE COMMITTEE, AND WE NEED TO KEEP COUNCIL AND THE PUBLIC INFORMED. [8:38:11 PM](#)

LARRY COMER STATED THAT HE WILL DELIVER ON THE CURRENT CONTRACT AND HE FEELS THAT THEY ARE ON TRACK TO FINISH THE CONTRACT.

COUNCILMEMBER JANKE STATED THAT THERE SHOULD ALREADY BE A READY ANSWER FOR THE QUESTION OF WHY WE NEED AN AIRPORT.

MAYOR NICHOLS STATED THAT THERE ARE EIGHT PEOPLE ON THIS COMMITTEE THAT ARE OPPOSED TO THE ALADDIN SITE. THE SCHOOL, THE HOSPITAL, THE DNR (DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES) AND OTHERS THAT MIGHT ALSO BE AFFECTED BY THIS SITE HAVE REPRESENTATIVES ON THIS COMMITTEE. RUSSELL VAAGEN IS ALSO ON THE COMMITTEE AS A SOLE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE VAAGEN SITE. FOREST COLLINS WAS ALSO ASKED TO BE ON THE COMMITTEE DUE TO HIS SUGGESTION FOR THE ORIN RICE SITE. CITIZENS THAT DON'T LIVE IN THE CITY STILL HAVE A VESTED INTEREST IN THE CITY AND THIS PROJECT.

COUNCILMEMBER JANKE STATED THAT THERE IS NO AREA REPRESENTATION FROM EACH POTENTIAL SITE.

COUNCILMEMBER KYLE STATED THAT HE HAS ATTENDED THE MEETINGS AND IS A COMMITTEE MEMBER. THIS COMMITTEE IS OPENING THE DIALOGUE ON THE AIRPORT. HE STATED THAT MAYBE IT JUST NEEDS TO BE FINE TUNED.

COUNCILMEMBER FOLL STATED THAT SHE IS CONCERNED ABOUT THIS COMMITTEE IF THEY WILL BE VISIONING FOR THE CITY OF COLVILLE. SHE ASKED WHAT AIRPORT CLASSIFICATION CHEWELAH IS CONSIDERED. DAVID KETCHUM STATED THAT IT IS CONSIDERED A COMMUNITY AIRPORT. COUNCILMEMBER FOLL STATED THAT SHE HAS BEEN A HUGE SUPPORTER OF THE CURRENT AIRPORT IN COLVILLE AND SHE SUPPORTED A NEW AIRPORT BECAUSE OF THE POTENTIAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. SHE ASKED HOW WE WILL DEVELOP THAT BUSINESS COMPONENT. [8:58:43 PM](#)

VELMER HAWKINS STATED THAT THERE ARE LAND OWNERS ON THIS COMMITTEE BECAUSE THE MAYOR APPOINTED THEM. HE STATED THAT IF A JET NEEDS TO DUMP FUEL, WHERE WILL IT BE.

MAYOR NICHOLS STATED THAT AS SOON AS THE COUNCIL MADE THE DECISION TO ACCEPT THE STUDY THEY NOTIFIED THE PROPERTY OWNERS AND HAD A MEETING IMMEDIATELY.

COUNCILMEMBER OHRTMAN STATED THAT WE NEED TO START SOMEWHERE, WE ARE IN THE BEGINNING OF A VERY LONG PROCESS. WE ARE PRIMARILY TALKING ABOUT COMMUNICATION AT THIS POINT.

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COUNCILMEMBER WHITE STATED THAT SHE HAD A CLOSE FRIEND THAT ALMOST DIED DUE TO THE LACK OF AN AIRPORT IN COLVILLE THAT COULD GET HIM TO HARBORVIEW.

KEN EMMIL, COLVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT, STATED THAT HE HAS BEEN QUESTIONED ABOUT SUPPORTING OR OPPOSING THE MOVING OF THE AIRPORT SITE. THE SCHOOL DISTRICT HAS NOT VOTED OR DECIDED ON THIS ISSUE. HE STATED THAT THEY DO HAVE SOME CONCERNS ABOUT THE AIRPORT'S CURRENT LOCATION.

DAVID KETCHUM ASKED HOW WE CAN MAKE THE MOST OF THE CURRENT PROCESS. HE STATED THAT HE HEARD SOME COMPLAINTS BUT NO RECOMMENDATIONS.

COUNCILMEMBER JANKE STATED THAT HE WOULD RECOMMEND THAT THE FOCUS NOT REMAIN SOLELY ON THE GRANGE SITE, IDENTIFY ALL POTENTIAL SITES AND THEN TALK MORE IN GENERAL ABOUT THE EFFECTS OF AN AIRPORT. HE STATED THAT WE ALSO NEED TO ADD THE EXISTING AIRPORT SITE.

DAVID KETCHUM STATED THAT HE WOULD PROVIDE A RECAP OF THE POTENTIAL SITES.

DAVID KETCHUM STATED THAT THE LATEST INFORMATION FROM FAA IS THAT THEY ARE WILLING TO COMMIT FUNDING FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROCESS. HE STATED THAT AS WE ARE MOVING FORWARD WE SHOULD ALSO MOVE TO THE CONSULTANT SELECTION PROCESS.

COUNCILMEMBER JANKE STATED THAT A FORMAL PROPOSAL NEEDS TO BE PRESENTED TO THE COUNCIL IN ORDER TO MOVE FORWARD WITH ANY ACTION.

JOHN SMITH, PRESIDENT OF COLVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, STATED THAT THE BUSINESSES IN COLVILLE BELIEVE THAT THE PROCESS OF DEVELOPING A NEW AIRPORT NEEDS TO CONTINUE.

#12. DISCUSSION/ACTION: POSSIBLE FINAL ACCEPTANCE OF THE SOUTH OAK STREET IMPROVEMENTS.

COUNCILMEMBER HANEY MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER WHITE SECONDED THE MOTION TO ACCEPT THE SOUTH OAK STREET IMPROVEMENTS AS CONSTRUCTED BY COLVILLE CONSTRUCTION CO., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$580,800.76.

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MOTION PASSED.

#13. DISCUSSION/ACTION: POSSIBLE APPOINTMENT TO THE COLVILLE YOUTH COMMISSION.

COUNCILMEMBER OHRTMAN MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER JANKE SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF RYLEE WITTMAYER TO THE COLVILLE YOUTH COMMISSION.

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MOTION PASSED.

#14. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: 2010 PROPOSED BUDGET STATUS.

MAYOR NICHOLS REVIEWED THE LIST OF BUDGET CUTS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE IN ORDER TO BALANCE THE 2010 BUDGET. HE STATED THAT THERE ARE STILL SOME ITEMS TO BE ENTERED AND ADJUSTED. THIS IS ONLY A PRELIMINARY PROPOSED BUDGET. MAYOR NICHOLS REVIEWED THE PROPOSED STAFF SCHEDULE FOR THE STREET DEPARTMENT IN THE WINTER IN ORDER TO COVER SNOW PLOWING NEEDS.

MAYOR NICHOLS STATED THAT FUNDING FOR THE FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER WAS PUT BACK IN THE BUDGET AT \$5,000 AND HE REQUESTED THAT A MESSAGE BE PLACED ON THE CITY UTILITY BILL

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REQUESTING RESIDENTS TO ROUND UP ON THE UTILITY BILL WITH THE PROCEEDS GOING TO THE FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER. CITY TREASURER VICKIE STRONG EXPRESSED SOME CONCERNS WITH THIS PROCESS AND CHANGES THAT WOULD NEED TO BE MADE WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT.

MAYOR NICHOLS STATED THAT THE EMPLOYEES AFSCME UNION VOTED TO ACCEPT OUR CONCESSIONS. THEY WILL RECEIVE NO COLA FOR 2010 AND THEY WILL BE MOVED TO A LESS EXPENSIVE AWC MEDICAL PLAN AS OF 1-1-2010. THE TEAMSTERS UNIONS VOTED TO REJECT OUR CONCESSIONS. THEY WILL RECEIVE A 2% COLA AND THEY WILL REMAIN ON THE AWC PLAN A MEDICAL PLAN.

MAYOR NICHOLS REPORTED THAT DUE TO THE UTILITY TAX 1% SET ASIDE, THE STREET DEPARTMENT IS CURRENTLY \$399,000 SHORT FOR 2010. IF COUNCIL TAKES ACTION TO ELIMINATE THE SET ASIDE REQUIREMENT THE STREET DEPARTMENT WILL BE BALANCED.

CITY COUNCIL REQUESTED DOLLAR AMOUNTS BE ADDED BY EACH ITEM THAT HAS BEEN REFLECTED IN THE BUDGET CUTS AND IMPACTS NEED TO BE ADDRESSED BY THE INDIVIDUAL DEPARTMENTS IN WRITING. [10:06:36 PM](#)

COUNCILMEMBER JANKE STATED THAT WE NEED TO ADDRESS AN APPROACH TO ENACT A MORE LONG RANGE PLAN TO KEEP COSTS DOWN SO FUTURE BUDGETS AREN'T IN JEOPARDY.

MAYOR NICHOLS STATED THAT HE WILL HAVE INFORMATION ON THE NEXT COUNCIL AGENDA FOR POSSIBLE SURPLUS AND DISPOSAL OF THE TRIANGLE PIECE OF PROPERTY NEAR WASHINGTON AND THE TRUCK ROUTE SINCE THERE IS AN INTERESTED PARTY.

#15. DISCUSSION/ACTION: **PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO ELIMINATE THE SET ASIDE REQUIREMENT FOR UTILITY TAX REVENUE.**

COUNCILMEMBER HANEY MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER OHRTMAN SECONDED THE MOTION TO ADOPT THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO ELIMINATE THE SET ASIDE REQUIREMENT FOR UTILITY TAX REVENUE.

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MOTION PASSED.

(ORDINANCE NO. 1427 N.S. IN ITS ENTIRETY IS ON FILE IN THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE.)

#16. EXECUTIVE SESSION: **DISCUSS PERSONNEL ABSENCES AND MEDICAL LEAVE ISSUES.**

[10:20:43 PM](#) MAYOR NICHOLS CALLED FOR AN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL ABSENCES AND MEDICAL LEAVE ISSUES AT 10:20 P.M. AND STATED THAT IT WOULD LAST APPROXIMATELY 10 MINUTES. CITY CLERK/HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGER HOLLY PANNELL AND CITY ATTORNEY ALISON MCGRANE REMAINED IN ATTENDANCE DURING THE EXECUTIVE SESSION.

[10:30:07 PM](#) MAYOR NICHOLS RECONVENED THE REGULAR MEETING AT 10:30 P.M.

MAYOR NICHOLS STATED THAT PERSONNEL LEAVE AND COVERAGE OF LEAVE WAS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

COUNCILMEMBER FOLL MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER WHITE SECONDED THE MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE COMBINATION OF A PARK AND RECREATION DIRECTOR POSITION ON A TEMPORARY BASIS, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, APPOINTED BY THE MAYOR WITH A CORRESPONDING SALARY INCREASE BASED ON THE SALARY SCHEDULE OF THE CITY.

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MOTION PASSED.

**COLVILLE, WASHINGTON
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 10, 2009**

COMMITTEE OR SPECIAL REPORTS:

- #17. MONTHLY REPORTS: REVIEW MONTHLY REPORTS FROM ALL DEPARTMENT HEADS.**

NO REPORT.

- #18. DISCUSSION/REPORT: COLVILLE 2000 AND BEYOND COMMITTEE.**

NO REPORT.

- #19. DISCUSSION/REPORT: COLVILLE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE.**

NO REPORT.

- #20. CITY ATTORNEY: REPORT ON ANY PENDING ITEMS.**

NO REPORT.

- #21. COUNCIL PENDING ITEMS: REVIEW LIST OF COUNCIL PENDING ITEMS.**

NO REPORT.

INDIVIDUAL REPORTS BY MAYOR, COUNCILMEMBERS AND STAFF:

COUNCILMEMBER OHRTMAN MENTIONED THAT WE WERE FINALLY SERVED ON THE NEWMAN TRIP AND FALL LAWSUIT. MAYOR NICHOLS STATED THAT THE INSURANCE COMPANY HAS ASSIGNED AN ATTORNEY ON OUR BEHALF. COUNCILMEMBER OHRTMAN ALSO STATED THAT HE WILL NOT BE HERE NEXT MEETING.

COUNCILMEMBER FOLL STATED THAT THERE WAS AN ERROR WITH THE AMOUNT FOR THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY REQUEST SHE PRESENTED AT THE LAST COUNCIL MEETING. THE LODGING TAX COMMITTEE MEETS TOMORROW AND SHE WILL HAVE THEM REVIEW THIS ISSUE AND SHE WILL BRING FURTHER INFORMATION BACK TO THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING.

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

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MOTION PASSED.

TIME OF ADJOURNMENT: 10:34 P.M.

MAYOR RICHARD NICHOLS

Attest:_____

Holly Pannell, CMC, PFO, City Clerk/
Human Resources Manager