

**COLVILLE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM  
BRIEFING SHEET**

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**Meeting Date:** 09/11/2018

**Contact:** Doug Kyle

**Topic or Problem Statement:** It has come to our attention that When Steven Higgins is here to carve the stumps later this year, it would be prudent to install the borate rods in the 3 remaining stump. By installing the rods at this time it will stabilize the other stumps until carved, and will be cheaper to do while he is here. The cost to install the rods would be \$210.00 Plus sales Tax totaling 225.96.

**Type of Briefing:**

Information Only       Discussion Only       Decision Needed

**Background of Situation:** The following is an excerpt from an e-mail that started this discussion with the Vinson fund Committee: *"Today Steven Higgins reminded me that the three stumps for future carving also should be stabilized with borate rods and a tin cap on the topped surface to retard water accumulation in the stumps. Each tree would require about seven rods at \$10/rod. Steven buys these in bulk and would insert them in the three stumps when he's here this fall at his cost for the rods, \$210 (3 trees X 7 rods at \$10/rod)."* After some discussion and questions it was determined that, it would be prudent to have the rods installed since it is likely we will ask to fund some additional carvings next year. It seems that the best funding source would be the Vinson Fund itself.

Currently there is an unassigned surplus of \$421 after our approved expenditures. The Committee has voted to request the council to approve the expenditure of \$225.96 to install the rods including sales tax. When Steven is in town to carve our stumps.

**Goals and Objectives:** i.e., CFP, Comprehensive Plan, Safety, etc. To stabilize the 3 remaining uncarved stumps in Yep Kanum Park for future carving.

**Evaluate Alternatives or Options/Consequences of Inaction:** Possible root degradation that could shorten the useful life of the carvings when completed.

**Funding Needed and Recommended Source (BARS #):** Vinson Fund Surplus

**Attachments:** Copy of e-mail that was sent to Committee Members to vote on.

**Recommended Action with Justification:** Authorize use of Vinson funds to pay Steven Higgins to add apx. 7 borate rods to each of the thre uncarved stumps in Yep Kanum Park to stabilize them for future carving.

**From:** Kyle, Doug  
**Sent:** Friday, August 24, 2018 3:52 PM  
**To:** Kathy Ahlenslager (ckeloggers@gmail.com); Lesley Mann (lmanndking@gmail.com); Linda Ray (open7542@yahoo.com); Sharon McGrane (sharonmcgrane@hotmail.com); Tiane Shoemaker ; Kyle, Doug  
**Subject:** Additional 2018 expenditure for the Stumps in the Park

It has come to our attention that When Steven Higgins is here to carve the stumps later this year, it would be prudent to install the Borate rods in the 3 remaining stump. By installing the rods at this time it will stabilize the other stumps until carved, and will be cheaper to do while he is here. The cost to install the rods would be \$210.00 Plus sales Tax totaling 225.96. Though we have approved \$5000 for this event there is an exception in the limitations clause of the Operating Principals and Guidelines, (see below) allows to spend 100% of the actual income generated, we currently have a balance of just over \$400.00 left this year. I have also included the Annual Expenditures clause that is included in the Operating Principles and Guidelines.

D. Limitation: *In approving the use of funds, the City Council shall be limited to a sum of \$5,000.00 for each event or project, with no more than five events nor more than \$25,000.00 for all projects per year, provided however that in any single year, expenditures can be increased to be as high as one hundred percent of the actual income generated by the Fund. Said financial limitations shall be adjusted by inflation based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) from the date of my death.*

2. Annual Expenditures. The Vinson Fund may expend each year the annual income (the annual income) generated by the Fund over the course of the prior calendar year. At the beginning of the year the City Council shall inform the Vinson Committee of the prior year's annual income that will enable the Committee to establish a budget for the Committee that can be spent in the upcoming year. While the goal will be to spend all of the annual income, any unspent funds shall be carried over by the Committee to be spent in ensuing years. In the unlikely event the Fund income is less than \$25,000 in any calendar year, a minimum budget shall be set at \$25,000, with principal from the fund making up the difference between the actual annual income and \$25,000.

In order to expedite approval of this additional expense The Chair has asked me to take an e-mail poll of the board to approve or disapprove this expense. Please respond by e-mail.

Thank You

Here is the text from the e-mail Kathy sent that started this discussion.

I'm planning to submit a Vinson Fund application for 2019 to carve them. Today Steven Higgins reminded me that the three stumps for future carving also should be stabilized with borate rods and a tin cap on the topped surface to retard water accumulation in the stumps. Each tree would require about seven rods at \$10/rod. Steven buys these in bulk and

would insert them in the three stumps when he's here this fall at his cost for the rods, \$210 (3 trees X 7 rods at \$10/rod).

## Vinson Funding 2018

FUNDING AVAILABLE \$ 39,404.00

	Agr.#	Name	Amount Approved	Amount Paid	Council Approval	Status	Report Rec'd	Date(s) of Event
		Vinson Fund Committee						
1	7.090	Colville High School - Jazz Festival	\$ 2,820.00	\$ 2,820.00	12/12/17	pd 4/11/18	3/23/18	2/1/18- 2/2/18
2	17.001	Colville Parents for the Performing Arts	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	12/12/17	pd 8/15/18	4/12/18	2/24/18
3	7.090	CJHS - Peter Underhill	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00	1/23/18	pd 3/14/18	3/23/18	3/8/18 - 3/9/18
4	15.086	Colville Piecemakers' Quilt Guild	\$ 1,200.00		1/23/18			9/14/18- 9/15/18
5	15.007	Kettle Range Conservation Group	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,600.00	1/23/18	pd 3/28/18	3/14/18	3/1/18- 3/3/18
6	18.022	Jerry McKellar Statues	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 10,670.33	1/23/18			n/a
7	16.007	Kettle Falls Historical Center	\$ 3,419.00		2/13/18			n/a
8	18.023	Steven Higgins - Stump Carvings	\$ 5,000.00		2/27/18			n/a
9	16.021	Area 36 Blues & Music Benefit	\$ 3,000.00		3/13/18		8/3/18	7/14/18
10	17.039	Tri-County Community Health Fund - Doctor's Concert	\$ 915.00		3/27/18			8/18/18
11	16.079	Volunteer Food & Resource Center Tap Out Hunger	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 4,800.00	4/10/18	pd 6/27/18	6/11/18	5/19/18
12	18.052	Madonna Jones - Friends of the LPC	\$ 328.96		5/8/18			11/2/18
13	18.057	Libraries of Stevens Co. - Summer Kickoff Concert	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	5/22/18	pd 8/15/18	7/3/18	6/30/18
14	101.24.433	Colville Chamber of Commerce - Light Up Colville	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	5/22/18	pd 9/12/18	8/30/18	6/16/18 7/21/18 8/25/18
15	03.09	Rendezvous	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	7/10/18	pd 8/3/18		8/3/18- 8/5/18

**TOTAL APPROVED** \$ 38,982.96 \$ 30,790.33

**FUNDING BALANCE** \$ 421.04 \$ 8,613.67

Last revised 9/4/18

2018 Available Amount	\$ 39,404.00
2018 Awarded Amount	\$ 38,982.96
<b>2018 Remaining Funds</b>	<b>\$ 421.04</b>