City of Clark Fork

Minutes of the 9/14/26 Clark Fork Regular City Council Meeting

Mayor Schenck called the September 14, 2026, Regular Meeting of the City Council to order at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call of Council Members: Sharon Banning, Jay White, and Vicki Woodward were present, constituting a quorum.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA: ACTION ITEM.

Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda:
Council Member Woodward moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Council Member White seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

A. Discussion of Phase Three Water Improvements Update and Pay Request, ACTION ITEM.
Ryan Luttmann was present to submit the pay request #3 to Council for Phase Three of the water system.

Council Member White moved to approve the Phase Three pay request to La Riviere for $182,904.47. Council Member Woodard seconded.

Roll Call Vote:
Sharon Banning -Yes
Jay White -Yes
Vicki Woodward -Yes
Tim Yetter - Absent
Motion carried.

B. Discussion of Century West Engineering Engagement Letter for Fiscal Year 2026-2027, ACTION ITEM.
Mr. Luttmann presented the 2026-2027 engagement letter and explained the new numbers using the same contract as previous years.

Council Member Woodward moved to approve the mayor signing the Century West Engineering Engagement Letter for fiscal year 2026-2027. Council Member White seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Sharon Banning -Yes
Jay White -Yes
Vicki Woodward -Yes
Tim Yetter - Absent
Motion carried.

C. Discussion of Alpine Summit Engagement Letter, ACTION ITEM.

While some council members expressed concerns over the rising cost of services and legal verbiage it was stated that the contract hasn't changed in word in the past ten years and the cost is comparable in the market.

Council Member Woodward moved to approve the mayor signing the Alpine Summit Engagement Letter for fiscal year 2026-2027. Council Member Banning seconded.

Roll Call Vote:
Sharon Banning -Yes
Jay White -Yes
Vicki Woodward -Yes
Tim Yetter - Absent
Motion carried.

D. Discussion of Bonner County Law Enforcement and Prosecution Services Agreement, ACTION ITEM.

Britney Jacobs of Silver Valley Law, (City Attorney), was present and explained, along with Mayor Schenck, the email conversing they had been having with the Sheriff's department regarding some changes in the new agreement presented to the City. Ms. Jacobs explained the city could not have a contract extending beyond a year at a time that would obligate the city to a certain financial amount and that it had to be an option to revisit yearly and provide for the ability to cancel the agreement if the city desired. Furthermore, Council expressed the desire to continue receiving monthly reports as they had been in the past, which had been left out of the new agreement, but has now been corrected.

Council Member Woodward moved to approve the mayor signing the updated Bonner County Law Enforcement and Prosecution Services Agreement. Council Member White seconded.

Roll Call Vote:
Sharon Banning -Yes
Jay White -Yes
Vicki Woodward -Yes
Tim Yetter - Absent
Motion carried.

E. Discussion of Mural Beautification Project, ACTION ITEM.

City Clerk Kat King presented information on various other city mural projects. The council discussed moving forward with getting more information, possibly from other cities who have completed these projects for future consideration. The topic will be further discussed at the next regular council meeting. No action was taken.

F. Discussion of Water Feature Donation, ACTION ITEM.

Chris Stough from Annie's Orchard was present to discuss their proposal to donate a water fountain rock feature to the city. Mr. Stough's only request was for the city to provide power and water, with all materials and labor being donated. Council discussed various ways of bringing water and power, including solar panel for power and cistern for water storage. The donation would include a large stone with the Welcome to Clark Fork wording, with lights and a built-in waterfall.

Council Member Woodward moved to approve moving forward with accepting the donation of a water feature as presented by Chris Stough of Annie's Orchard. Council Member White seconded.

Roll Call Vote:
Sharon Banning -Yes
Jay White -Yes
Vicki Woodward -Yes
Tim Yetter - Absent
Motion carried.

MOTION TO ADJOURN. ACTION ITEM.

Council Member Woodward moved to adjourn the regular meeting. Council Member White seconded. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kat King, City Clerk

Russell Schenck, Mayor