

Information Memorandum  
2/28/2020

**1. Public Works**

TSS LED Conversions

TSS completed another phase of LED conversions for Kalispell’s street lights. They replaced 53 old high-pressure sodium luminaires ranging from 100w-200w. The lights are primarily located downtown as well as a few around the hospital.

Location	Light	Quantity
E Center St	200w HPS	13
3rd Ave EN	200w HPS	12
1st St E	200w HPS	3
2nd St E	200w HPS	3
2nd Ave W	150w HPS	6
1st St W	200w HPS	2
3rd St W	200w HPS	2
Sunnyview	100w HPS	8
Heritage	100w HPS	4



The new LED lights are 85w and match the other LED upgrades with a 5000k color temperature. They have a “multi-tap” feature allowing TSS to change the lumens from 9,000-12,700 depending on the location. The muti-tap feature allows TSS to use one standard head instead of a having to stock different head varieties. The purchase price was \$11,660 and we are estimating the City will receive a rebate from FEC for about \$6,000.

## **2. Police Department**

The Kalispell Police camera registration project has officially been released. The system is available through the city of Kalispell website at <https://www.kalispell.com/567/Camera-Registration-Service>. Camera registration started almost immediately with participation from community members. It is important to note there is no remote access to the camera. The registration allows detectives to see dots on our existing GIS program with contact information for the camera owners. This allows our detectives a more efficient mechanism to contact camera owners asking for help. The mapping will only be available to law enforcement.

Several KPD officers are participating in a drug interdiction course sponsored by the Montana Highway Patrol in Kalispell. The Course is occurring February 26, 27 and 28. It will assist patrol officers in developing and refining skills for successful drug investigations based on proactive patrol work.

Year to date calls for service in 2020 are 5407. This compares with 5743 in 2019, and 4948 in 2018.

Officer Dan Williams has been selected and assigned to the vacant Detective position. He will begin the assignment on March 2.

## **3. Planning Department**

The Kalispell City Planning Board will hold a public hearing at their March 10 meeting to hear three application requests consisting of the following:

1. File #KCU-20-01 - A request from Owl Corporation for a conditional use permit to allow a multi-family development as a second phase of an existing multi-family development. The project would contain ten buildings with a total of 120 dwelling units. The property is located on the west end of Sawyer Lane/Owl View Subdivision near West View Estates and is located in an RA-2 (Residential Apartment/Office) zone.
2. File #KCU-20-02 – A request from The Meridian Apartments, LLC for a conditional use permit to allow a multi-family development with four buildings and a clubhouse, with a total of 144 dwelling units. The property is located at 41 Meridian Court in a B-1 (Neighborhood Business) zone.
3. File #KPP-19-04– A request from Eagle Valley Ranch Apartments, LLC and Stillwater Corporation for major subdivision approval of Kalispell North Town Center, Phases 3 and 4. The subdivision is located within Kalispell North Town Center (previously known as The Glacier Town Center PUD) and is generally located east of Kalispell Ford, east of the Kalispell Armory, west of Jefferson Boulevard and north of Lincoln Street. Overall, Kalispell North Town Center is 485.5 acres and includes four zoning designations of R-3 (single-family

residential), R-4 (two-family residential), B-1 (neighborhood business), and B-2 (general business). The subdivision request encompasses a portion of the commercial component of the PUD. Phases 3 and 4 total 39.3-acres and include a total of 26 commercial lots (23 in Phase 3 and 3 in Phase 4), common area, and new city street. The lots range in size from .57 acres to 3.23 acres. The new city street will be constructed to city standards. The application was reviewed in accordance with Section 28.2.06 of the Kalispell Subdivision Regulations.

The Planning Board will forward recommendations for the three requests to the Kalispell City Council for their consideration at their April 6 meeting.

The Planning Board will also be holding a work session on a proposed PUD development located at 430 Stillwater Road. The subject property is situated at the intersection of Stillwater Road and Four Mile Drive, and was part of the now expired Starling PUD covering Section 35. The project envisions a mixture of single-family residential and multi-family residential uses along with a retail area intended to serve the development and the greater area. The plan includes 93 single family lots, 192 multi-family units, and approximately 1.77 acres of commercial/retail area, along with a clubhouse and approximately 3.5 acres of park areas. The PUD would provide for smaller lot sizes/widths and longer block lengths than typical standards. The work session is intended for information purposes only to inform both the public and the planning board about the various aspects of the project. It is not intended to be a public hearing and the planning board will not take any formal action on the application. This is a courtesy meeting in preparation of the formal public hearing scheduled for Tuesday, April 14, and is an opportunity to become familiar with the project.

#### **4. Building Department**

In the last 2 weeks, we have issued permits for 2 single-family homes and 0 townhomes. That will bring the total of new single-family/duplex and townhouse units for the year to 20, compared to 9 last year at this time. At the end of 2019, the building department had issued permits for a total of 84 Multi-family units. At this time for 2020, we have not issued any permits for Multi-family units, however there are currently two large Multi-family projects under review; The Crossings located on Two Mile drive which would contain 324 units on full build out and Frontier Village located at Treeline Drive which would contain 126 units at full build out.

There was a total of 221 combined building and/or fire inspections completed in the last 2 weeks.

Residential – 45	Plumbing - 9
Commercial – 14	Mechanical - 10
Electrical – 19	Fire - 124

## 5. Community Development

On Tuesday, February 25, Community Development closed on a small business loan for a downtown business. Another downtown business will meet with the Department next week to discuss potential gap financing.

Flathead County Economic Development Authority (FCEDA) is closing on two property transfers from CHS, Inc. on Wednesday, February 26. Those sites are the Grain Elevator property on West Center Street and the Agronomy Center property on 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue East North. These property transfers are part of the relocation package allowing CHS to construct and move to the new, consolidated location at Glacier Rail Park. The former downtown CHS properties will be prepared for re-development.

Community Development staff is attending a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District working group meeting with representatives from other Montana cities and the Montana League of Cities and Towns Thursday, February 27. Attending this meeting will apprise the City of proposed legislation being discussed that may specifically impact City TIF/TEDD districts.

## 6. Parks Department

The forestry crew has completed pruning trees in Westview Estates, Moe's Run and Village Greens. Currently crews are working to assist public works with raising trees along roadways where road work will be occurring this spring and summer.

Park staff continue to thin areas at Woodland Park, creating a more open feel along the trails at the park. Staff are also working to make repairs to the fencing around the Skate Park.

Fire Station 62 received new carpet in the office, conference room, and living quarters as part of the approved improvements for fiscal year 2020 building maintenance funds.

Motorcycles and four wheelers have been an issue recently at Dry Bridge and Lawrence Park off Whitefish Stage Road. The Parks Department has been working with KPD and Public Works to help find solutions to the problem. No motorized vehicle signs and barricades have been installed to help educate the public that these areas are not places for this type of activity.

Kalispell Parks and Recreation is wrapping up our youth sports seasons. Kalispell Kickers indoor soccer ended up with 69% increase in participation and Little Squirts basketball ended up with 35% increase in participation. Kalispell Kickers will finish on Saturday, February 29 and Little Squirts will finish on Saturday, March 7.



Our Little Dribblers Basketball program (K-2nd grade) will begin on Saturday, March 7 at the Russell Elementary Gym. We are currently at 183 participants.

We have received this year's artwork for Picnic in the Park summer concert series. Our sponsorship information for the 2020 summer concert series was mailed to potential sponsors this week. Along with sponsorships, we are also working with bands to set this summer's line-up. Our first concert of the summer is scheduled for Tuesday, June 23.



## **7. Fire Department**

Since the last update, the Kalispell Fire Department has received 159 calls for service.

In the past few months, fire department staff have in-serviced and implemented a new diagnostic tool for our emergency medical transport and treatment of the sick and or injured calls for service. We have recently started to use Carboxyhemoglobin (SpCO) monitors within our service. SpCO monitors measure the amount of Carbon monoxide (CO) found in our blood stream or red blood cells. This is used primarily for the detection and treatment of CO poisoning but has additional benefits. This monitor which is plug and play within our current LifePak 15 units, works in conjunction with other monitors such as the pulse oximetry, blood pressure, and cardiac monitors already in service. With these monitors, and the use of waveform capnography, we can evaluate the metabolic state of a patient and how well they are exchanging O<sub>2</sub> and CO at a cellular level. With the use of these monitors we will be able to improve patient outcomes for certain medical emergencies.