

# City of Clark Fork

## Minutes of the 3/23/2026 Clark Fork Special City Council Meeting

Mayor Schenck called the March 23, 2026 Special Meeting of the City Council to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Mayor Schenck led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**ADDITIONS to the AGENDA:** None.

The Mayor stated that he would like to move item B to the top of the agenda.

### **New Business:**

#### **A. Discussed Water Access Settlement Agreement, ACTION ITEM.**

The council was present with a stipulated settlement agreement between the City of Clark Fork and Hewitt Estate LLC. The council read through the document and had no problems with it.

Council Member Woodward made a motion to approve the Mayor signing the Settlement agreement between the City and Hewitt Estate LLC. Council Member Banning seconded the motion.

### **Roll Call of Vote:**

Sharon Banning – Yes  
Jay White – Yes  
Vicki Woodward – Yes  
Tim Yetter – Yes

### **Motion Carried.**

#### **B. Discussed Fire Department Workshop, ACTION ITEM.**

Fire Chief Mike Schacht was present to continue the discussions from the previous workshop. One topic discussed was the stipend structure. Currently there are three types of calls that bring in a set amount of \$100, \$80 or \$60, shared by the crew that answer the call. The new structure would be based on a flat rate for the level of training; whether crew, firefighter, or command.

Background checks were discussed and it was agreed that further research was needed as to what type of background checks would be desired and a company chosen to administer the checks in the future.

Changing the waiting period for new volunteers was mentioned and methods for reimbursing the cost of the background check.

Fire suppression contracts were also discussed with fee caps and discounts for meeting fire safety requirements.

Adding four hours per week for the City Assistant Clerk to work as the department admin was discussed and agreed it was necessary to focus on bringing in funding for the department through billing on calls that are not covered under contract with the city, new contracts and fire inspections, and other administration duties.


It was agreed that Resolutions 5-2020,4-2020, and 4-2014 would be modified by the city and provided to the Chief for review and editing to include the changes.


It was agreed to continue discussions at the next workshop, scheduled for Monday, April 27, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN, ACTION ITEM.**

Council Member White moved to adjourn. Council Member Woodward seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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Kat King, City Clerk

  
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Russ Schenck, Mayor