

City of Clark Fork

Minutes of the 4/27/2026 Clark Fork Special City Council Meeting

Mayor Schenck called the April 27, 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.

New Business:

A. Discussed Fire Department Workshop, ACTION ITEM.

Fire Chief Mike Schacht appointed Wes John as Assistant Fire Chief, and Wes John took the oath of office.

Chief Schacht provided the April department report, noting 8 calls in January, 7 in February, 10 in March, and 9 in April to date, placing the department on pace for over 100 calls for the year. He reported that several engines require repairs. He also noted that the cost of a new compressor had been underestimated and presented lower-cost alternatives, along with potential grant opportunities to help stay within budget.

City Clerk Kat King provided an updated version of Resolution 5-2020 (Establishing the Administration of the Fire Department), incorporating changes requested at the previous workshop. The council discussed whether to retain the explorer designation for volunteers under 18 and directed staff to seek legal counsel regarding minor volunteers. The council agreed to include DOT physicals for driving positions and to require notification of any legal or traffic violations for current volunteers. The stipend structure was updated to include a three-tiered pay system for Command, Firefighter, and Crew. Resolution 4-2014 (The Setting of Fire Suppression Agreement Rates, Charges & Fees) was updated to provide a discounted suppression rate for property owners who maintain their property to department safety standards. A cap was discussed; however, no consensus was reached, and the matter will be discussed further following legal review.

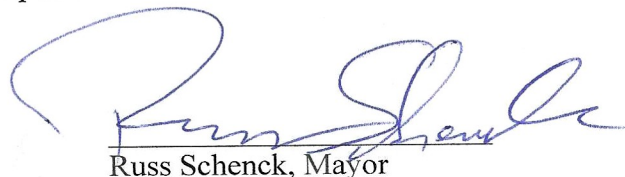
The Assistant Clerk job description was updated to reflect an additional 4 hours per week for fire department administrative duties. The council expressed no concerns.

MOTION TO ADJOURN, ACTION ITEM.

Council Member Banning moved to adjourn. Council Member White seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Kat King, City Clerk


Russ Schenck, Mayor