

**WHITEFISH LOCAL GOVERNMENT STUDY COMMISSION  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER CONFERENCE ROOM  
WEDNESDAY JUNE 24, 2015 AT 4:00 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Turner called the meeting to order. Members present were Ken Williams, Rebecca Norton and Vanice Woodbeck, recording secretary.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES JUNE 10, 2015**

Turner made a motion, seconded by Rebecca to approve the June 10, 2015 minutes and append with bullet points from the Council and Department heads at next meeting. The motion passed by acclamation.

Vanice gave an update on the budget which was they started with \$5,000 and they have used \$1,200.06 for travel, \$131.25 for lunch with the department heads, \$726.20 for inserts into the water bills and \$437.70 for wages for Vanice leaving a total of \$2,504.79 left.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**-None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Who to invite to State of the "FISH" and which member will be talking to which group:** Ken said he will talk to the banks, credit unions, school, Whitefish Mountain, visitor bureau and he will also talk the the Pilot and Beacon and gets some publicity into the papers. Turner will talk to Chamber, Grouse Mtn Lodge, hospital, Historical Society, railroad and the golf course. Rebecca will talk to Heart of Whitefish, Citizen for a Better Flathead, Affordable Housing, Library and the Soroptimist.

**Update on survey:** Vanice said they have received around 135 surveys back so far and is working on a spread sheet that will include the comments that have been received. Vanice said she will have binders for the commission with copies of all of the surveys they received along with her spreadsheet.

**COMMENTS**

**Public Comment:** None.

**Commission Comment:** Rebecca would like to meet before the State of the "FISH" the commission decided to meet on July 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at Truby's.

**ADJOURNMENT**-Meeting was adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

DRAFT

23 June 2015

Mrs. Adele Krantz  
Flathead County Treasurer  
935 1st Ave West  
Kalispell, Montana  
59901

re: Request for Tax Information  
1994-2014

Dear Ms. Krantz,

In the Fall of 2014, the citizens of Whitefish passed a Resolution, exercising the establishment of a Government Study Commission, to review Whitefish's current form of government. Our task is to interview, study, anticipate future demands and determine how to improve the way Whitefish governs itself. As introduction, I am Ken Williams. I am writing to you as the Chairman of the Government Study Commission. Over the past two weeks, I have placed phone calls to your office, requesting information. I have left numbers requesting to speak with you. These have not been returned.

We are requesting information you have available to you, and should freely share. Our interests are the following:

- We would like to compare the costs of government with the two incorporated cities in the County and that of Flathead County. These figures may allow us to determine how Whitefish stands, in efficiently providing governmental services.
- We would like to more accurately identify the population which Whitefish serves as a community. Your organization collects school levies for the Whitefish School District. The District incorporates the surrounding area to Whitefish. The households which contribute taxes to support the school district, may more accurately provide a population basis for those who live in and surrounding our community.

Your department is responsible for the information we are looking for. We would appreciate greatly receiving the information from you in a timely manner. This should enable us to responsibly conduct the study we were elected to conduct.

If you have any questions and/or clarifications regarding this request, you may contact me at (406) 249-3140. Thank you very much for your prompt attention to this request.

Congenially,

Ken Williams, Chairman  
on behalf of the Whitefish Government Study Commission  
Turner Askew, Rebecca Norton & Vanice Woodbeck

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