

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS,
COLUMBUS, MONTANA HELD JANUARY 17, 2023, AT 7:00 P.M.**

COUNCIL PRESENT OFFICERS PRESENT	The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Webb Mandeville began the meeting with the pledge of allegiance. Council persons present were Rick White, Tim Mayo, Cole Waltner, and Danen Johannes. Staff members, Police Chief Gary Timm, Public Works Director Scott Caton, City Attorney Ryan Addis, and City Clerk Cherrie McAlexander.
SIDELINE IN PERSON	Marlo Pronovost, Maurie Petterson, and Dick Henry
PUBLIC HEARING	No Public Hearings.
REGULAR MINUTES APPROVED	The Mayor asked Council if they had reviewed the minutes of the January 3, 2023, regular meeting, and if there were any additions, deletions, or corrections. Cole Waltner moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting as written, seconded by; Danen Johannes, roll call for vote, Danen Johannes, Cole Waltner, Tim Mayo, Rick White, all yea votes. Motion passed.
CLAIMS LIST	The claims list for the Past Due invoices was presented to Council. Danen Johannes made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Seconded by Rick White; roll call for vote, Danen Johannes, Cole Waltner, Tim Mayo, Rick White, all yea votes. Motion passed.
PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS	None
FIRE DEPT.	No Report
POLICE	Police Chief Timm was present and provided a report. Tim Mayo asked if the Police Dept had any current part time officers. Gary responded that there are no current part time officers, but they are looking to re-hiring one. Danen Johannes asked about the moving of funds from that was mentioned in the report. Gary responded if this is necessary it will be brought to Council in February.
PUBLIC WORKS	The Public Works Director provided a report for Council. Scott discussed the need to increase the broken meter fee from \$30 to \$150. The new meters that the City are installing are designed differently and cannot be repaired. They must be replaced, and a new meter is \$150. Scott brought examples of old and new meters to show to Council. Dan Johannes asked about the new UV project and what the status of the project was. Scott explained that the equipment has been ordered and we are waiting on the Engineers to finish building designs. New UV systems is projected to be up and running this fall.
ATTORNEY	The City Attorney provided a report and had no questions from the Council. Ryan had a brief discuss in the development of a new City Ordinance that would restrict the use of City Park dumpsters. This was part of his report.
CITY JUDGE	The City Judge did not have a report to Council.
CLERK	The Clerk provided a report to Council and had no questions from Council.
PUBLIC COMMENT ON CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS:	No Public Comment.

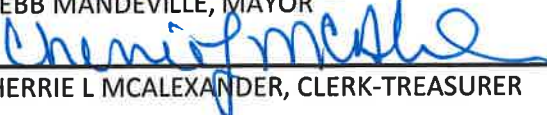
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COMMITTEE REPORTS-	No Committee Reports
UNFINISHED BUSINESS	No unfinished business
NEW BUSINESS	<p>Rick White made a motion to re-appoint Maurie Petterson to the Columbus Stillwater County Historic Preservation Commission 3-year term. Seconded by Cole Waltner, roll call vote, Danen Johannes, Cole Waltner, Tim Mayo, Rick White</p> <p>Danen Johannes made a motion to approve grant application for the 2023-24 CLG/Historic Preservation Program for the Stillwater Historic Society/Museum of the Beartooths. Seconded by Cole Waltner, roll call vote, Rick White, Tim Mayo, Cole Waltner, Danen Johannes</p> <p>Danen Johannes made a motion to send the Pike/Pratten RR X-ing Sewer Main Replacement Project out for bid. Seconded by Tim Mayo, roll call vote, Rick White, Tim Mayo, Cole Waltner, Danen Johannes</p> <p>Rick White made a motion to re-appoint Hardin Graham to the Airport Board - Hardin Graham representing the aviation group. Seconded by Danen Johannes, roll call vote, Danen Johannes, Cole Waltner, Tim Mayo, Rick White</p> <p>Tim Mayo made a motion to re-appoint Gary Woltermann to the Airport Board - Gary Woltermann representing the City. Seconded by Cole Waltner, roll call vote, Danen Johannes, Cole Waltner, Tim Mayo, Rick White</p> <p>Danen Johannes made a motion to approve payment in the amount of \$28,642.60 for the t-hangar design by Morrison Maierle. FFA portion will be 90% \$25,778.34, City portion will be 5% \$1,432.13, and County portion will be 5% \$1432.13. Seconded by Cole Waltner, roll call vote, Rick White, Tim Mayo, Cole Waltner, Danen Johannes</p> <p>Discussion to update the Ordinance that pertains to the Approval of Claims at the first Council Meeting of every month. Discussion was to change Ordinance wording to allow Claims to be presented at both Council Meetings for approval. Council agreed to move forward with the process of changing the Ordinance.</p>
COMMENTS NOT ON THE AGENDA	Dick Henry was present at the meeting to announce his retirement from the Fire Department and to resign as President of the Fire Department Relief Fund Board. The Mayor and Council thanked Dick for his services. The Mayor stated that Dick would need to speak with the Fire Department and his Board about his retirement and resignation announcement.
ADJOURNMENT	Webb Mandeville requested a Motion to Adjourn. Danen Johannes made the motion to adjourn at 7:44 p.m. seconded by Rick White, roll call all yea votes.

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