

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS,
COLUMBUS, MONTANA HELD FEBRUARY 6, 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, Terry Nystul (via Zoom), Tim Mayo, Cole Waltner, Bob Fitzgerald, and Danen Johannes. Staff members, Fire Chief Rich Cowger, Police Chief Gary Timm, City Attorney Ryan Addis (via Zoom), and City Clerk Cherrie McAlexander.
SIDELINE IN PERSON	Marsha and Scott Olson
PUBLIC HEARING	No Public Hearings
REGULAR MINUTES APPROVED	The Mayor asked Council if they had reviewed the minutes of the January 17, 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, Bob Fitzgerald, Cole Waltner, Tim Mayo, Rick White, all yea votes. Motion passed.
CLAIMS LIST	The claims list for the month of January was presented to Council. Tim Mayo made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Seconded by Cole Waltner; roll call for vote, Rick White, Tim Mayo, Cole Waltner, Bob Fitzgerald and Danen Johannes, all yea votes. Motion passed.
PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS	Marsha Olsen presented information on an event that may potentially be held at the Columbus Airport on May 5-7, 2023. This event name was presented as Stillwater Balloon Rally. Marsha spoke about parking and the schedule of the event. She provided a map of parking and a copy of event schedule. Marsha informed the Council that the Airport Board, Fire Department and Police Department had all be informed of the event idea and all departments are in favor of the event. Mayor informed Marsha and Rich Cowger of the insurance issue. Mayor read the Airport's insurance policy rider and explained that the current insurance that the Airport has will not cover this event. Rich will bring this new information to the Airport Boards attention. City Attorney stated that there will need to be an entity other than the city or county that will provide insurance for this event. Marsha stated once there is a sponsorship for the event, they will possibly be able to provide the proper insurance. Council all agreed that this would be a great event for the city, but no decision will be made on the approval of the application for Special Use Permit until the issue with the insurance is handled.
FIRE DEPT. POLICE PUBLIC WORKS ATTORNEY	Rich Cowger the Fire Chief was present and provided report. No questions from Council. Police Chief Timm was present and provided a report. Danen asked how all police vehicles were running. Gary Timm responded that all vehicles are in good running condition. The Public Works Director was not present but provided a report. No questions from Council. The City Attorney was present (via Zoom) and provided a report. No questions from the Council.

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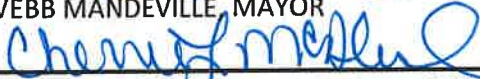
CITY JUDGE	The City Judge was not present and did not provide report to Council.
CLERK	The Clerk was present and provided a report. No questions from Council.
PUBLIC COMMENT ON CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS:	No Public Comment.
COMMITTEE REPORTS-	No Committee Reports.
UNFINISHED BUSINESS	No unfinished business.
NEW BUSINESS	<p>Rich Cowger, Board Member of the Airport Board, presented Council with proposed drawing of 12 T-Hangars that would be built at the Airport along with a report of the projected cost of the construction of said T-Hangars. Rich explained to Council the current funds available for the project along with the future revenue the T-Hangars would generate. Rich proposed that the additional funds needed to complete the project could be provided by the City and County via loans. Bob Fitzgerald asked if the projected cost of project would stay on track, or would there be a possibility of a major overage? Rich ensured Bob that the engineers that bid these projects do a great job of allocating for budget overages so that shouldn't be a problem. Rich mentioned the possibility of having 2 phases of construction depending on funding. Tim Mayo asked what the additional impact be on the budget if it was completed in 2 phases? Rich said there would definitely be additional cost to having 2 phases of construction but would have the engineers prepare 2 options for review. Mayor spoke of all the major infrastructure projects that are in the near future for the City and advised Rich to lean towards the option of 2 phases. City is not in the position to help with funding for this project at this time. City Attorney advised council to vote on a permission to allow Airport Board to seek bids on the construction of 12 T-Hangars with options of two phases 6 or 12. Cole Waltner made a motion to approve the Airport Board to seek bids on the construction of 12 T-Hangars with options of two phases 6 or 12. Tim Mayo seconded the motion. Roll call vote Danen Johannes, Bob Fitzgerald, Cole Waltner, Tim Mayo, Rick White all yea votes motion passes.</p> <p>First Reading of Ordinance NO. 363 – Order of Business 1) Removing the wording (first regular meeting of the month) after Approval of claims</p> <p>Rick White made a motion to adopt Ordinance NO. 363 on first reading, seconded by Bob Fitzgerald, no discussion, roll call for vote Danen Johannes, Bob Fitzgerald, Cole Waltner, Tim Mayo, Rick White all yea votes motion passes.</p>

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	Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 363 as written made by Danen Johannes, seconded by Bob Fitzgerald; roll call for vote, Danen Johannes, Bob Fitzgerald, Cole Waltner, Tim Mayo, Rick White, all yea votes. Motion passed.
COMMENTS NOT ON THE AGENDA	none
ADJOURNMENT	Webb Mandeville requested a Motion to Adjourn. Cole Waltner made the motion to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. seconded by Tim Mayo, roll call all yea votes.



WEBB MANDEVILLE, MAYOR



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