

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS,  
COLUMBUS, MONTANA HELD March 20, 2023, AT 7:00 P.M.**

<b>COUNCIL PRESENT OFFICERS PRESENT</b>	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, Tim Mayo, Cole Waltner, Bob Fitzgerald, and Danen Johannes. Staff members Gary Timm, City Attorney Ryan Addis, Public Works Director Scott Caton, and City Clerk Cherrie McAlexander.
<b>SIDELINE IN PERSON</b>	Joe Morse, Cassidy Thompson, Marlo Pronovost
<b>PUBLIC HEARING</b>	No Public Hearings
<b>REGULAR MINUTES APPROVED</b>	The Mayor asked Council if they had reviewed the minutes of the March 6, 2023, regular meeting, and if there were any additions, deletions, or corrections. Terry Nystul moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting as written, seconded by; Cole Waltner, roll call for vote, Danen Johannes, Bob Fitzgerald, Cole Waltner, Tim Mayo, Terry Nystul, Rick White, all yea votes. Motion passed.
<b>SHUT OFF LIST</b>	The shut off list for the month of March 2023 was presented to Council. Cole Waltner made a motion to approve the list as presented. Seconded by Terry Nystul; roll call for vote, Danen Johannes, Bob Fitzgerald, Cole Waltner, Tim Mayo, Terry Nystul, Rick White, all yea votes. Motion passed.
<b>PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS</b>	Swearing in of new Deputy Clerk – Cassidy Thompson  Presentation from Engineering West on Water/Sewer Rate Study – Travis West presented Council with booklet for the Water/Sewer Rate Study. Travis explained the importance of reaching the Target Rate in the study. He discussed the 3 different options that the City could use to get them to the Target Rate. Danen Johannes asked if the City needed to be at their Target Rate before grants/loans would be available? Travis stated that he was not completely sure, but the City would need to show that they have made increases and adopted a plan to reach the Target Rate. Mayor asked for suggestions from the Council on a way to present these findings to the community. Suggestions were to have a separate "Town Hall" meeting with a presentation from Travis. Sending out a pamphlet to all water/sewer accounts, posting it in the newspaper and our website. Tim Mayo asked what the timeline for voting on this issue would be? Mayor would like to see this voted on sooner than later. The proposed date for "Town Hall" meeting was April with possible voting at Council Meeting May 1, 2023. Mayor suggests that Travis complete the pamphlet and present it to the water/sewer committee. Bob Fitzgerald expressed his concern of being harassed by the community. Marlo Pronovost with the Stillwater County News offered to hold off on reporting the Water/Sewer Study findings. Cole Waltner asked Travis what his option for the study he would suggest the Council move forward with. Travis suggested option 3.
<b>FIRE DEPT.</b>	The Fire Chief was not present, and no report was provided.
<b>POLICE</b>	Police Chief Timm was present and provided report. No Questions from Council.
<b>PUBLIC WORKS</b>	The Public Works Director was present and provided report. Cole Waltner mentioned that he had received several phone calls on road conditions. Scott

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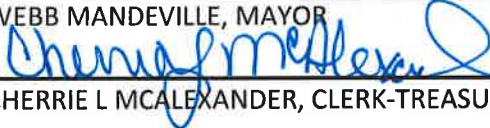
<b>ATTORNEY</b>	stated that with the water melt and mess of Water Line Project things are not great, but the city has filled several bad spots this week and COP Construction will be out working as well.
<b>CITY JUDGE</b>	The City Attorney was present and provided report. No questions from the Council.
<b>CLERK</b>	The City Judge was not present and did not provide report to Council.
<b>CLERK</b>	The Clerk was present and provided a report. Bob Fitzgerald mentioned that it was good news that Kodi and Hannah Obert were going to be the pool managers this pool season.
<b>PUBLIC COMMENT ON CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS:</b>	NONE
<b>COMMITTEE REPORTS-</b>	No Committee Reports.
<b>UNFINISHED BUSINESS</b>	No unfinished business.
<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>	<p>Second Reading of Ordinance No. 365 –An Ordinance amending sections 17.96.070 and 17.116.070 – City Zoning Ordinance 1) Amend additional locations for temporary commercial use permits in Section 17.96.070 2) Amend Schedule of fees, charges, and expenses in Section 17.116.070. Terry Nystul made a motion to waive the reading of Ordinance NO. 365, seconded by Rick White, no discussion, roll call for vote Danen Johannes, Bob Fitzgerald, Cole Waltner, Tim Mayo, Terry Nystul, Rick White, all yea votes motion passes. Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 365 as written made by Cole Waltner, seconded by Tim Mayo; roll call for vote, Rick White, Tim Mayo, Cole Waltner, Bob Fitzgerald, Danen Johannes, all yea votes. Motion passed.</p> <p>Approval of USE AGREEMENT of Granite Peak Park between the City and the Columbus School District#6. Cole Waltner brought to Councils attention that the softball field (not high school) at Granite Peak is not part of this agreement. Bob Fitzgerald made a motion to approve, seconded by Danen Johannes, roll call for vote, Rick White, Tim Mayo, Cole Waltner, Bob Fitzgerald, Danen Johannes, all yea votes motion passed.</p> <p>Approval of Proposal from AEI Applicators for the 2023 Spraying Season. Terry Nystul made a motion to approve, seconded by Rick White, roll call for vote Danen Johannes, Bob Fitzgerald, Cole Waltner, Tim Mayo, Rick White all yea votes motion passed.</p> <p>Approval of Bid for the Columbus Pratten Street Sewer Crossing – COP Construction \$1,163,940.00 if approved, Approve Task Order 26 for Interstate Engineering phase 2 and 3. Ryan Addis explained that the permit needed from the MRL to start the project has not been approved and Bond Council has not finalized Revenue Bond for partial funding of the project. Motion to table this Agenda item until Council Meeting dated April 2, by Danen Johannes, second by</p>

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	<p>Cole Waltner, roll call for vote, Rick White, Tim Mayo, Cole Waltner, Bob Fitzgerald, Danen Johannes, all yea votes motion passed.</p> <p>Motion to Adopt Ordinance No. 363 – Order of Business          1)Removing the wording (first regular meeting of the month) after Approval of claims in paragraph 2.06.070 **Motion to adopt was missed last meeting** Bob Fitzgerald made a motion to approve, seconded by Danen Johannes, roll call for vote, Rick White, Tim Mayo, Cole Waltner, Bob Fitzgerald, Danen Johannes, all yea votes motion passed.</p>
<b>COMMENTS NOT ON THE AGENDA</b>	none
<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>	Webb Mandeville requested a Motion to Adjourn. Terry Nystul made the motion to adjourn at 7:56 p.m. seconded by Tim Mayo, roll call all yea votes.



WEBB MANDEVILLE, MAYOR



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