

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS,  
COLUMBUS, MONTANA HELD April 3, 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 (via Zoom), 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, Marsha Olson
<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 20, 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; Rick White, roll call for vote, Danen Johannes, Bob Fitzgerald, Cole Waltner, Tim Mayo, Terry Nystul, Rick White, all yea votes. Motion passed.
<b>Approval of Claims</b>	The claims list for the month of March was presented to Council. Tim Mayo made a motion to approve the claims 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.
<b>PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS</b>	<p>Marsha Olson with the Balloon Rally Event came to discuss the insurance issue with Council. Marsha stated to the council that she was not aware of the insurance limits and that led to the insurance policy not being for the correct coverage limits. The insurance limits have been corrected and the new policy with correct limits and coverage will be sent to the City this week. Marsha expressed her concern that not all special events get held to the same insurance requirements that this event has been held to. Ryan Addis the City Attorney addressed her concerns and explained the state requirements and the reason and importance of these limits.</p> <p>Travis West from Engineering West presented a pamphlet to the Council for the proposed Water &amp; Sewer Rate increases. Mayor asked for suggestions from the Council. Bob Fitzgerald suggested adding Columbus to the comparison chart on the last page of the pamphlet. Danen Johannes suggested increasing the base rate gallons to 6,000. Rick White suggested adding the word "proposed" to the front page before Water and Sewer Rates. These changes will be made to the pamphlet. The Public Town Hall meeting was set for April 24, 2023, at 7pm at the Stillwater County Pavilion. The revised pamphlet will be mailed out on 4/10/23 to all current water service customers, posted on our website, a public notice will be posted in the paper for 2 weeks and Marlo Pronovost for the newspaper will be running an article for 2 weeks in the paper as well.</p>
<b>FIRE DEPT.</b>	The Fire Chief was present and provided a report. Tim Mayo asked what the ETA for the new ambulance was. Rich informed Tim that ETA looked like December. Rich mentioned to Council about the confined space rescue prop that Stillwater Mine and the Fire Department have been working on together. Once the prop is operational it will be the only confined space training prop in the area. Great donation from Stillwater Mine.

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<b>POLICE</b>	Police Chief Timm was present and provided a report. No Questions from Council.
<b>PUBLIC WORKS</b>	The Public Works Director was present and provided a report. Scott mentioned to Council that he was approached by Farmers Union about leasing the 1.9-acre lot by the shop. Farmers Union wants to store Fuel and Propane on the lot. Terry Nystul questioned the use of the land due to buried items on the land. Scott is speaking with the EPA on regulations. Scott will get with City Attorney and Clerk on leasing and rates. Danen Johannes asked Scott about the playground equipment at Granite Peak and if there is a lot of maintenance involved with the equipment. Scott replied that they have to do quite a bit of maintenance of the equipment.
<b>ATTORNEY</b>	The City Attorney was present and provided a report. No questions from the Council.
<b>CITY JUDGE</b>	The City Judge was not present and did not provide a report to Council.
<b>CLERK</b>	The Clerk was present and provided a report. No Questions from Council.
<b>PUBLIC COMMENT ON CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS:</b>	NONE
<b>COMMITTEE REPORTS-</b>	No Committee Reports.
<b>UNFINISHED BUSINESS</b>	Approval to amend Application for Special Use Permit for Stillwater County Chamber of Commerce to allow The Chamber to provide the proof of effective liability insurance coverage not each participating balloon pilot (minimums of \$750,000 per claim/\$1.5 million per occurrence). Bob Fitzgerald made a motion to approve, seconded by Rick White, roll call for vote, Danen Johannes, Bob Fitzgerald, Cole Waltner, Tim Mayo, Terry Nystul, Rick White, all yea votes. Motion passed.
<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>	<p>Approval of Special Use Permit for Easter Egg Hunt &amp; Easter Egg Eve Hunt at Heritage Park on April 8, 2023. Times of Eater Egg Hunts are 10am and 9pm. Sponsor of the Event is Columbus Community. Rick White made a motion to approve, 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.</p> <p>Approval of Task Order 27 – Agreement to Furnish Engineering Services to the City of Columbus for Grant Administration for the Water Source Replacement Well Development by Interstate Engineering. Terry Nystul made a motion to approve, seconded by Bob Fitzgerald, roll call vote, Rick White, Terry Nystul, Tim Mayo, Cole Waltner, Bob Fitzgerald, Danen Johannes, all yea votes. Motion passed.</p>

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	Approval of Task Order 28 – Agreement to Furnish Engineering Services to the City of Columbus for Grant Administration for the Water Main Replacement Projects by Interstate Engineering. Bob Fitzgerald made a motion to approve, seconded by Tim Mayo, roll call vote, Danen Johannes, Bob Fitzgerald, Cole Waltner, Tim Mayo, Terry Nystul, Rick White, all yea votes. Motion passed.
<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 8:02p.m. seconded by Rick White, roll call all yea votes.

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WEBB MANDEVILLE, MAYOR

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