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

| COUNCIL<br>PRESENT<br>OFFICERS<br>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, 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.  |
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| SIDELINE IN PERSON                           | Joe Morse, Cassidy Thompson, Marlo Pronovost, Jay Baum, Mark Weeks, Nancy<br>Scarbro  |
| PUBLIC HEARING                               | No Public Hearings  |
| REGULAR<br>MINUTES<br>APPROVED               | The Mayor asked Council if they had reviewed the minutes of the April 3, 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.   |
| SHUT OFF LIST                                | The shut off list for the month of April 2023 was presented to Council. Cole Waltner made a motion to approve the list as presented. Seconded by Tim Mayo; roll call for vote, Danen Johannes, Bob Fitzgerald, Cole Waltner, Tim Mayo, Terry Nystul, Rick White, all yea votes. Motion passed.  |
| PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS | Presentation from Farmers Union & Trading Co. – Mark Weeks presented Council with an option to lease land from the City. Mark showed pictures as examples of how the bulk petroleum plant would look like and discussed the benefits this plant would have in our town. He explained just last Saturday they didn't have enough gas or diesel due to limited storage and this town's growing community. The benefits of this plant include increased fuel storage, improved customer service, pricing advantages, protection from market swings and system shocks, community growth, and use of land that may otherwise be unusable due to special rules. He proposed two different bids, one for a top loading facility and two being a bottom and top loading facility. They are seeking land across the road from the airport. Mark said they see a possibility of putting pumps out there as well. Terry asked Ryan about the PRP or Original Project Liability. Ryan replied we need to look at the possible sale procedure and EPA would need to approve it. Ryan stated he is unsure if a sale is possible. Mark said he is open to either sale or lease. Ryan asked if there was a timeline and Mark said no later than this time next year. Webb asked what the next steps are. Ryan said there needs to be a formal proposal stating conditions, lease/sale agreements (long-term), basic terms, etc. |
| FIRE DEPT.                                   | The Fire Chief was present and provided a report. Rich was trying to confirm when the new ambulance was ordered, he believes it was around December 2022. Rick questioned how many they currently have; Rich confirmed they have three at this time.  |
| POLICE                                       | Police Chief Timm was present, but had no report provided. He mentioned his employee evaluations would be completed the following day and that the police department's arrest stats were ahead year to date compared to last year. Gary Timm stated that the warm weather was starting to keep things busy. Cole Waltner commented that campsites were being filled rapidly, in which Chief   |
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|   | Timm replied that the campground will be monitored. No Questions from Council.   |
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| PUBLIC WORKS                                  | The Public Works Director was present and provided a report. Scott stated back in October or November FEMA approved a project to replace the boat ramp. Scott mentioned that they cannot get the fire hydrant on Diamond and Pike apart and that it needs to be replaced. Scott also said they drilled and tested a well; however, the water had too much mineral content. They are looking to sample other wells. Lastly, the Farmer's Market wants to shut down Pike Avenue, between 4 <sup>th</sup> and Pratten. No Questions from Council. |
| ATTORNEY                                      | The City Attorney was present and provided a report. No questions from the Council.  |
| CITY JUDGE                                    | The City Judge was not present and did not provide a report to Council.  |
| CLERK   | The Clerk was present and provided a report. Cherrie mentioned she will be talking later about employee benefits.  |
| PUBLIC COMMENT<br>ON CURRENT<br>AGENDA ITEMS: | NONE   |
| COMMITTEE<br>REPORTS-                         | No Committee Reports.  |
| UNFINISHED<br>BUSINESS                        | No unfinished business.  |
| NEW BUSINESS                                  | Woltermann Memorial Airport T-Hanger Complex bid for \$1,141,866.00 (6 Hangers) presented by Jay Baum. The bid was way higher than anticipated due to the cost of the building being twice the price. Proposed a 10 percent match equaling about \$20k from the city for next year. The 20k is budgeted, they are just inquiring about receiving it early.   |
|   | Approval from City Council for bid and commitment of the sponsor share for FY 2024 in the amount of \$62,435.59 for each County and City. Tim questioned if they would use locally sourced concrete in which Jay replied it needs to be FAA approved. Bob Fitzgerald made a motion to approve, seconded by Tim Mayo, roll call for vote Danen Johannes, Bob Fitzgerald, Cole Waltner, Tim Mayo, Terry Nystul, Rick White all yea votes motion passed.  |
|   | Approval of final design project for substantial completion. Cole Waltner made a motion to approve, seconded by Terry Nystul, roll call for vote Rick White, Terry Nystul, Tim Mayo, Cole Waltner, Bob Fitzgerald, Danen Johannes, all yea votes motion passed.  |
|   | Approval to pay invoice to Morrison Maierle for bidding of T-Hanger project – City portion \$307.44. Terry Nystul made a motion to approve, second by Rick White, roll call for vote Danen Johannes, Bob Fitzgerald, Cole Waltner, Tim Mayo, Terry Nystul, Rick White all yea votes motion passed.   |
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|                               | Health Benefit allowance for eligible city employees for FY23/24. The current rate has gone up 9 percent this year for the next fiscal year. The current allowance for employees is \$1,434.00 per month. For next year, to coincide with the 9 percent increase, we would increase that allowance to \$1,564.00 per month. Rick White made a motion to approve, seconded by Tim Mayo, roll call for vote Rick White, Terry Nystul, Tim Mayo, Cole Waltner, Bob Fitzgerald, Danen Johannes, all yea votes motion passed.                   |
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| COMMENTS NOT ON<br>THE AGENDA | Terry asked if there was a plan or program to repair the streets. Scott replied there is already something in motion. Danen thanked Marlo for the wonderful article in the paper. Cherrie asked if anyone was receiving calls about the pamphlet, which most of the council replied they have not received many calls or complaints relevant to the pamphlet. Bob mentioned people are more concerned about the road damage. Tim Mayo thanked Scott for grading at itch-kep-pe and Bob recognized Scott for the great work they are doing. |
| ADJOURNMENT                   | Webb Mandeville requested a Motion to Adjourn. Terry Nystul made the motion to adjourn at 7:49 p.m. seconded by Cole Waltner, roll call all yea votes.   |

WEBB MANDEVILLE, MAYOR

CHERRIE L MCALE ANDER, CLERK-TREASURER