

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS,  
COLUMBUS, MONTANA HELD May 1, 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 Deputy Clerk Cassidy Thompson.
<b>SIDELINE IN PERSON</b>	Marlo Pronovost, Maurice Petterson, Melany Preece, Hannah Kimble, and Jamie Tucker
<b>PUBLIC HEARING</b>	No Public Hearings
<b>REGULAR MINUTES APPROVED</b>	The Mayor asked Council if they had reviewed the minutes of the April 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; Terry Nystul, roll call for vote, Danen Johannes, Bob Fitzgerald, Cole Waltner, Tim Mayo, Terry Nystul, Rick White, all yea votes. Motion passed.
<b>CLAIMS LIST</b>	The claims list for the invoices was presented to Council. Rick White made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Seconded by Terry Nystul; role call for vote, Rick White, Terry Nystul, Tim Mayo, Cole Waltner, Bob Fitzgerald, Danen Johannes, all yea votes motion passed.
<b>PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS</b>	NONE
<b>FIRE DEPT.  POLICE  PUBLIC WORKS  ATTORNEY</b>	<p>The Fire Chief was not present and did not provide a report. Police Chief Timm mentioned Rich was absent because he was putting out a fire.</p> <p>Police Chief Timm was present and provided a report. No questions from the Council.</p> <p>The Public Works Director was present and provided a report. MT paving is replacing half the width of 4<sup>th</sup> street, Scott wanted to replace the full width instead, all the way down, for about two blocks. He also intends to replace the intersection of A street and 4<sup>th</sup> avenue and head north towards Kid's Club. Scott plans to replace a patch with a big dip by Allen Street and 4<sup>th</sup> avenue, as well. He is working on an Agreement with MT Paving to get these projects done while they are in Columbus. Scott mentioned last August they were having mower problems. He budgeted and had acquired some quotes on new mowers. Scott found a sufficient 60-inch Bobcat mower that was \$4000.00 less than the John Deer mower he had a quote on. Tim Mayo asked Scott if the sprinkler damage from COP construction project will be repaired. Scott said they have been working on them and advised Tim to keep track of the repairs needed. Webb questioned if people need to give invoices to COP construction for sprinkler repair or if COP construction repairing the systems. Scott responded that COP construction will be responsible for repairs.</p> <p>The City Attorney was present and provided a report. No questions from the Council.</p>

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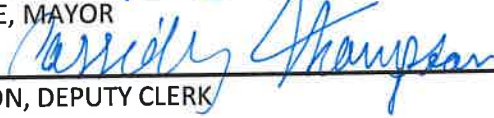
<b>CITY JUDGE</b>	The City Judge was not present and did not provide a report. No questions from the Council.
<b>CLERK</b>	The Deputy Clerk was present in place of Clerk, a report was provided. No questions from the Council.
<b>PUBLIC COMMENT ON CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS:</b>	NONE
<b>COMMITTEE REPORTS-</b>	No Committee Reports.
<b>UNFINISHED BUSINESS</b>	Follow up discussion from Town Hall meeting from April 24, 2023. Rick White believed that the meeting went quite well. Danen Johannes said that people wanted to raise rates high enough for loans, but not to reach target rates or obtain grants. Cole Walter stated that it is the council's responsibility to plan for future councilmen, pass on methods and set them up, so they do not need to "play catch-up". Webb made the point that this meeting opened more options to consider. He expressed that we need to get the committee back together with Travis West from Engineering West once more and discuss potential ideas. There is no definite plan currently.
<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>	<p>Approval of Special Use Permit for Stillwater County Chamber of Commerce for a Special Event – Farmers Market at Railroad Park. This event will be every Thursday for the month of August. Terry Nystul mentioned this event was well covered. Webb said that The Montana Department of Transportation will need to approve this event, in which, Ryan added the city needs to approve first and Department of Transportation will be able to make that decision after us. Cole asked if the Police department would be accountable to shut down the streets and Gary replied that the vendors will oversee that task. Terry Nystul made a motion to approve, seconded by Cole Waltner, roll call for vote Rick White, Terry Nystul, Tim Mayo, Cole Waltner, Bob Fitzgerald, Danen Johannes, all yea votes motion passed.</p> <p>Approval of Resolution 835 – Approving an internal loan of \$1,000,000.00 from the City's General Fund (1000) to the City's Sewer Fund (5310) for Pratten Street Railroad Sewer Crossing Project. Bob Fitzgerald asked if the number was a rounded figure. Scott replied that they were going to borrow \$850,000.00, but this was contingent on the cost of getting the pipe underground. Scott mentioned that prices are going up as we speak. Ryan said he spoke with Cherrie about the figure, and we obtained \$200,000.00 in grant money, plus an estimate of \$100,000.00 paid out on this project at present. The \$1,000,000.00 should be sufficient to pay for the project outright. Ryan asserted that we are not going after intercap because that would require a rate increase. Bob Fitzgerald made a motion to approve, seconded by Danen Johannes, roll call for vote Rick White, Terry Nystul, Tim Mayo, Cole Waltner, Bob Fitzgerald, Danen Johannes, all yea votes motion passed.</p> <p>Approval of Construction Agreement with MT Paving to resurface various City streets. Did not discuss because agreement was not finalized.</p>

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<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 7:21 p.m. seconded by Rick White, roll call all yea votes.



WEBB MANDEVILLE, MAYOR



CASSIDY THOMPSON, DEPUTY CLERK