


**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS,
COLUMBUS, MONTANA HELD JULY 18, 2022, 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, Tim Mayo, Bob Fitzgerald and Danen Johannes. Staff members, Fire Chief Rich Cowger, Police Chief Gary Timm, City Attorney Ryan Addis, Public Works Director Scott Caton, and City Clerk Kisha Cornell.
SIDELINE IN PERSON	Marlo Pronovost, Stillwater County News, Travis West of Engineering West, Kevin Mitchum of Sibanye Stillwater Mine.
REGULAR MINUTES APPROVED	The Mayor asked Council if they had reviewed the minutes of the July 5, 2022, regular meeting, and if there were any additions deletions or corrections. Rick White moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting as written, seconded by Danen Johannes; roll call for vote, Rick White, Tim Mayo, Bob Fitzgerald, Danen Johannes, all yea votes, Terry Nystul abstain from vote. Motion passed.
SHUT OFF LIST	The shut off list for the month of July 2022 was presented to Council. Terry Nystul made a motion to approve the shut off list as presented, seconded by Tim Mayo; roll call for vote, Danen Johannes, Bob Fitzgerald, Tim Mayo, Terry Nystul, Rick White, all yea votes. Motion passed.
PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS	The Mayor encouraged the Council to attend the working session for the Parks Master Plan Tuesday evening at 5:00. Scott Caton gave an update on the Walking Path Construction for Council. Faction Construction, which is a local company, is doing the work. Scott noted that he has planned to have conduit placed for power to the Welcome Sign. Scott has requested plans from the MDT to verify the construction details and will report back to Council at the next meeting.
REPORTS	Reports presented by: Fire Chief, Chief of Police, Public Works Director, City Attorney, City Clerk
FIRE DEPT.	Chief Cowger was in attendance and presented a written report. Cowger relayed the call numbers to Council. Chief Cowger noted that severity crews will begin soon, and he plans to supplement their time with hydrant maintenance around town. Rich also wanted the Council to be aware of some violations on structures and vegetation around fire hydrants will be addressed to assure compliance with ordinance.
POLICE	Police Chief Timm was present, he presented a report to Council. Chief Timm noted that two of the 4 units were described in his report and were in for maintenance and repairs.
PUBLIC WORKS	The Public Works Director provided a report for Council. No additional questions from Council.
ATTORNEY CITY JUDGE CLERK	City Attorney Addis presented a report. No questions from Council. No reports from the Court The clerk 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

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NEW BUSINESS	<p>Travis West of Engineering West presented a proposal to the Council for a Preliminary Engineering Report for the Water and Sewer Systems of the City. He explained that the reports would outline the current capacity and future needs for the City infrastructure. The Reports will be utilized for rate increases and future construction as well as grant application opportunities. The total cost of the proposal is for \$79,000.00. Terry Nystul asked if this would include water storage and the possible need for another water storage tank. Travis noted that all capacity would be analyzed. Bob Fitzgerald motioned to approve the proposal and move forward with Engineering West, seconded by Danen Johannes. Roll call for vote; Rick White, Terry Nystul, Tim Mayo, Bob Fitzgerald, Danen Johannes all yea votes. Motion passes.</p> <p>Kevin Mitchum of Sibanye Stillwater Mine presented a concept map and request from the Mine for some changes to 1st Ave. South. The concept would close off the street to regular traffic and provide a single entrance to the airport. This proposal would increase the security for both the mine and airport and better define the entrances of both. Rich Cower the Airport Board Chairperson noted that this concept would simplify the congestions issues and would be a good improvement for the airport. Kevin noted that the cost for all drainage, road, fencing would be the Mine and there would be no cost to the City or County for the changes. Rick White made a motion to approve the initial concept of the changes to 1st Ave. South to allow the Mine to move forward with engineering, seconded by Terry Nystul. Discussion question is if the mine will come back to the Council with the design proposal and Kevin assured the Council that he would return with the design proposal before any work would begin. Also that this will be a costly construction project and may take several months to a year to come about. Roll call for vote; Danen Johannes, Bob Fitzgerald, Tim Mayo, Terry Nystul, Rick White all yea votes. Motion passes</p> <p><u>Resolution of Intent No. 829-2022</u> – Budget Amendment. Bob Fitzgerald made a motion to waive the reading of the Resolution, seconded by Danen Johannes. Roll call for vote; Rick White, Terry Nystul, Tim Mayo, Bob Fitzgerald, Danen Johannes, all yea votes, motion passed. Danen Johannes made the motion to adopt the Resolution of intent, seconded by Terry Nystul. Roll call for vote; Rick White, Terry Nystul, Tim Mayo, Bob Fitzgerald, Danen Johannes, all yea votes, motion passed.</p>
COMMENTS NOT ON THE AGENDA	No items not on the agenda
ADJOURNMENT	Webb asked for Motion to Adjourn. Terry Nystul made the motion to adjourn at 7:34 p.m. seconded by Tim Mayo.


 WEBB MANDEVILLE, MAYOR


 KISHA K. CORNELL, CLERK-TREASURER

MINUTES OF A WORKING MEETING ON PARKS, COLUMBUS, MONTANA HELD JULY 19, 2022, AT 5:00 P.M.

Attendees:	Webb Mandeville, Terry Nystul, Cole Waltner, Scott Caton, Gary Timm, Bob Fitzgerald, Rick White, Ryan Addis, Josh Daniels, Kisha Cornell
Discussion Topic	Parks Master Plan as presented by Interstate Engineering, Inc. focus on Itch-kep-pe park <i>Agenda Presented and attached as well as working notes from participants.</i>
Notes:	<p>Campsite Requirements: camp sites need to be clearly marked with a number to provide visual for law enforcement utilizing a sturdy/durable marker possibly with a clip mechanism to allow proof of payment. Campsites should be designated as tent, camper, pull through making sure to allow for size requirements. Possibly create a day use only area where people can picnic and no camping would be allowed.</p> <p>Bathroom Facilities: Instead of upgrading current bathrooms, demolish the current old bathroom facility on upper Itch-kep-pe and replace with multi stall vault toilet building. Set up a concrete pad area that could accommodate several porta-potty type facilities that could be requested if needed for busy or event times.</p> <p>Picnic covered area needs to have signage for day use only.</p> <p>Roads would benefit from a one way only. Create a one way circle on both upper and lower park areas.</p> <p>Access – recommend a gate between upper and lower at the culvert and have signage that states no- off road usage.</p> <p>Trees – upper itchkeppe has a management plan, hire an arborist to create a plan for lower itchkeppe which would include an inventory and maintenance on a spreadsheet. This should limit liability in case of an event.</p> <p>Plan for additions of trees and a maintenance schedule.</p> <p>Possible plan for charging and how would that be managed. FWP utilizes volunteer campground hosts, possible time of May 1 to Sept 30 have a camp host to coordinate with public works and law enforcement to collect fees and manage the day to day operations of the park.</p> <p>Special Events: Possibly create a group site for multi camping families / groups. Rafting companies may need upgrades to parking to alleviate congestion at boat ramp Make sure walking paths are identified.</p> <p>Other opportunities: Bird watching stations (grant \$) (itchkeppe)</p> <p>Signage off of 9th to point toward the city park (Heritage Park)</p> <p>Make Quarry Street legal width and set the west boundary of heritage park more easily identifiable for street traffic</p>
Summary of Group	<p>Create basic rules and regs for running the park and park rules for occupants. Establish a fee and have a volunteer host at the park between May 1-Sept 31. Must have one campsite for the host that would have water and electricity. Create a maintenance plan for trees after inventory is done and problem trees are identified and removed. Create a maintenance plan for the park including camping sites, bathrooms, roads and boat ramp Improve camp sites by identifying by number and type of site (tent, camper)</p>

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	<p>Install access gates between upper and lower to limit access Improve roadway of travel so that it is one-way and possible speed bumps</p> <p>Signage needs to be done for all areas to include:</p> <p>Rules, Fees, Arrows for walking, one-way, type of camp site and limits</p>
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Approved. by Council Aug. 1. 2022

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