

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS,
COLUMBUS, MONTANA HELD AUGUST 15, 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, Danen Johannes and Cole Waltner via zoom. Staff members, Fire Chief Rich Cowger, Police Chief Gary Timm, Public Works Director Scott Caton, City Attorney Ryan Addis via zoom and City Clerk Kisha Cornell.
SIDELINE IN PERSON	Marlo Pronovost, Stillwater County News, Will Downs of the Stillwater County Conservation District and Sharron Flemetis of the Stillwater County Conservation District.
REGULAR MINUTES APPROVED	The Mayor asked Council if they had reviewed the minutes of the August 1, 2022, 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, Tim Mayo, Terry Nystul, Rick White, Cole Waltner, all yea votes. Motion passed.
DELINQUENT SHUT OFF LIST	The shut off list for the month of August 2022 was presented to Council. Rick White made a motion to approve the shut off 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.
PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS	<p>Appointment of Kylie Ballbach to the Stillwater County Conservation Board. Mr. Downs from the Stillwater County Conservation District explained the open seats on the Board. That Kylie has applied and is recommended. Mr. Downs explained that Corky Kem's position is also open. Bob Fitzgerald made a motion to appoint Kelly Ballbach to the Conservation District Board for a four-year term, seconded by Terry Nystul, roll call for vote, Rick White Terry Nystul, Tim Mayo, Bob Fitzgerald, Danen Johannes, Cole Waltner, all yea votes. Motion passed.</p> <p>The clerk provided the preliminary budget for FY 2022/23 to Council and Staff, she noted that the public hearing would be September 6, 2022, then Council could adopt the budget on the 6th, otherwise they would need to leave the public hearing open and plan to have a special meeting to adopt the budget on September 8th which would be the last day by statute to approve the annual budget.</p>
REPORTS	Reports presented by: Chief of Police, Public Works Director, City Attorney
FIRE DEPT. POLICE PUBLIC WORKS	<p>Chief Cowger was not present, no report provided.</p> <p>Police Chief Timm was present, he presented a report to Council. Chief Timm provided a couple of options for the officer who is going for k-9 training and retrieval of the dog. The cost break-down for flying vs. driving. Also, the two bids for outfitting the new car. A question from Council about when the Durango would be delivered, Chief Timm did not know, when he spoke to the dealership, they noted that it would be 9 months for delivery if ordered in September or October. The Chief said he would look into used options and keep up the maintenance of the current vehicles.</p> <p>The Public Works Director provided a report for Council. The crew is working on cleaning up trees, Scott noted that he had an arborist come out to inspect some</p>

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ATTORNEY CITY JUDGE CLERK	<p>of the trees around town and the arborist said that this has been a difficult season for the trees and they should come back next year.</p> <p>Scott requested that the users of Granite Peak park please dump their trash from the cans into the dumpster provided. Cole Waltner said that he would request that from the Softball group.</p> <p>The walking path update was that the construction plan to have concrete from Quarry to 2nd and utilize existing sidewalk when it was in good shape, then the path from Granite Peak Park to 4th would be asphalt and should be completed by the end of October. The final section south of the railroad tracks would be asphalt and would cross at the accounting office and run along the east side of Hwy 78 to itch-kep-pe park.</p> <p>City Attorney provided a report, no questions from Council.</p> <p>No reports from the Court No report from the Clerk, no questions from Council.</p>
PUBLIC COMMENT ON CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS:	No Public Comment
COMMITTEE REPORTS-	No Committee Reports
UNFINISHED BUSINESS	No Unfinished Business
NEW BUSINESS	<p>Engineering West proposal for work for storm water, cost is \$64,000.00. Given for information to Council and will be requested for approval at the next meeting.</p> <p>Hard Rock Excavation – proposal for repairs on the lagoon effluent discharge ditch in the amount of \$12,108.00. Scott Caton the public works director noted that this is work that must be done immediately to assure the effluent is getting to where it must for the system to operate correctly. Bob Fitzgerald made a motion to approve the proposal in the amount of \$12,108.00, seconded by Danen Johannes; roll call for vote, Danen Johannes, Bob Fitzgerald Tim Mayo, Terry Nystul, Rick White, Cole Waltner all yea votes. Motion passes.</p> <p>Retirement of the Water/Wastewater manger at the end of September, notice will begin this week for the replacement.</p> <p>Request for approval of payment for two payment requests from the Airport Board. The first is the final payment for the pavement maintenance project in the amount of \$24,412.08. this is 100% paid by FAA grant, and the second is for the first payment request of the T-hangar design project in the amount of \$6,380.00. Danen Johannes made the motion to approve the payment for both requests as noted, seconded by Bob Fitzgerald, roll call for vote; Rick White, Terry Nystul, Tim Mayo, Bob Fitzgerald, Danen Johannes, Cole Waltner all yea votes. Motion passes.</p>

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COMMENTS NOT ON THE AGENDA	No items not on the agenda
ADJOURNMENT	Webb Mandeville, requested a Motion to Adjourn. Terry Nystul made the motion to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. seconded by Tim Mayo.



WEBB MANDEVILLE, MAYOR



KISHA K. CORNELL, CLERK-TREASURER