

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS,
COLUMBUS, MONTANA HELD May 15, 2023, 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, and Danen Johannes. Staff members Gary Timm, City Attorney Ryan Addis (via Zoom), Public Works Director Scott Caton, and City Clerk Cherrie McAlexander.
SIDELINE IN PERSON	Marlo Pronovost, Jay Baum, Jake & Halee Wykoff, Shari DeSaveur, Joyce Kelly
PUBLIC HEARING	No Public Hearings
REGULAR MINUTES APPROVED	The Mayor asked Council if they had reviewed the minutes of the May 1, 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, Tim Mayo, Terry Nystul, Rick White, all yea votes. Motion passed.
SHUT OFF LIST	The shut off list for the month of May 2023 was presented to the Council. Danen Johannes made a motion to approve the list as presented. Seconded by Rick White; roll call for vote, Rick White, Terry Nystul, Tim Mayo, Danen Johannes, all yea votes. Motion passed.
Approval of Claims	The claims list for the first half of May was presented to Council. Terry Nystul made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Seconded by Tim Mayo; roll call for vote, Danen Johannes, Tim Mayo, Terry Nystul, Rick White, all yea votes.
PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS	Jay Baum from the Airport Board presented a position proposal for an Airport Manager. Jay provided a packet to the Council that spelled out the job description, wage, responsibilities, and other information regarding the position. Jay explained that the Airport has been run completely by volunteers in the past and the plans of hiring a manager has been in the works for several years. Terry Nystul asked if this position would require experience and if there was even a possibility of finding anyone to fill the position. Jay stated that the position requires experience and that there is a very good possibility of filling the position. Tim Mayo asked if this position would be year around and what was the current number of volunteers working for the Airport. Jay responded that the position would be full time and there were currently 3-4 volunteers working for the airport. Rick White asked if this had been brought to the County for discussion yet. Jay responded that he would be discussing this with the County tomorrow. Mayor mentioned that this position would need to be managed by the Public Works Director if the position became the City's employee. The Mayor asked why the revenue from the Airport couldn't fund this position? Jay responded that the end goal was to have the Airport fund this position but at this time without the new T-Hangars being completed and leased out the Airport does not generate enough revenue. Rick White asked what revenue streams does the Airport currently have? Jay responded that they have some fuel revenue and lot leases. The Mayor asked Jay what his next step was. Jay responded that he was going to the County tomorrow for approval. Mayor expressed that there will be no vote tonight that this is just for discussion purposes.
FIRE DEPT.	The Fire Chief was present and provided a report. Rich discussed the highlights of his report and offered to take Council members, Mayor, or staff to see the progress at the training facility for the fire Department. The training facility has made some really great improvements.

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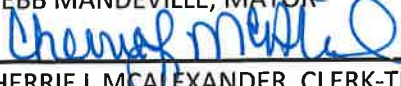
POLICE	Police Chief Timm was present, and provided a report provided. No questions from the council.
PUBLIC WORKS	The Public Works Director was present and provided a report. Scott mentioned that he had put an ad in the paper to hire 2 part time summer workers to help with mowing and parks. No Questions 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 discussed the timeline for Budget Process and asked Council to keep the Timeline handout to reference back to and to be prepared for each Council Meeting with any questions for discussion.
PUBLIC COMMENT ON CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS:	NONE
COMMITTEE REPORTS-	No Committee Reports.
UNFINISHED BUSINESS	Travis West from Engineering West presented 2 options to Council for the water/sewer rate increase. Option 1 would provide 3,000 gallons of water within the base rate with an increase of \$8 for water and \$8 for sewer. Option 2 would provide 1,000 gallons of water within the base rate with a \$0.00 increase for water and a \$8.00 increase for sewer. Danen Johannes expressed his worry of lowering the gallons included in the base rate from 3,000 to 1,000, residents will stop watering their lawns and the city will look terrible.
NEW BUSINESS	<p>Approval of Special Use Permit for Drivin for a Cure. The event will be held at Railroad Park with street closure on August 19, 2023, from 7am to 5pm. Jake and Halee Wykoff were present. Jake told Council that this event grew out of the location it was held at last year and that the event raised \$12,000 for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. All businesses around the event location are excited about the event and are ok with the road closures. Rick White asked if there would be any issues with Train traffic with the road closure? Jake responded that there should be no issues. Mayor asked who would be listed as the insured on the Insurance Certificate? Jake stated that the insurance certificate would be provided and would be the same as last year's. Danen Johannes made a motion to approve with the contingency that proof of insurance is provided to the City within the next 30 days, seconded by Rick White, roll call for vote Rick White, Terry Nystul, Tim Mayo, Danen Johannes, all yea votes. Motion passed.</p> <p>Approval of Revised Memorandum of Understanding – Extension of City Water Services to County Civic Center. The revision is due to the change from a 3-inch service to a 2-inch service. Terry Nystul made a motion to approve the Revised Memorandum as presented. Seconded by Tim Mayo; roll call for vote, Danen Johannes, Tim Mayo, Terry Nystul, Rick White, all yea votes. Motion passed.</p> <p>Approval of Cell Phone Stipend Policy for employees who have documented an official City business need for a cell phone. Ryan Addis explained the policy to</p>

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	<p>the Council. Ryan explained that this will not be widely used and will not include the Police Department. Danen Johannes made a motion to approve the Cell Phone Stipend Policy. Seconded by Tim Mayo; roll call for vote, Danen Johannes, Tim Mayo, Terry Nystul, Rick White, all yea votes. Motion passed.</p> <p>Approval of Contract from Axon Enterprise, Inc. for Police Department – New Tasers and Bodycams – 5-year contract \$8,831.13 per year. Tim Mayo asked if the Cloud service is provided in the contract. Gary Timm responded yes. Danen asked what was the increase in the contract fees from the last contract and how many body cams and tasers were included in the contract? Gary Timm responded that he was not for sure, but it was around 20% and 6 body cams and tasers. Rick White asked if there have been any major issues with this brand? Gary responded no. Rick White made a motion to approve the Contract from Axon Enterprise, Inc. Seconded by Terry Nystul; roll call for vote, Danen Johannes, Tim Mayo, Terry Nystul, Rick White, all yea votes. Motion passed.</p> <p>Approval of Agreement for Civil and Prosecutor Legal Services between City of Columbus and Ryan C. Addis. Ryan expressed his joy for working with the City for the past four years and would like to keep being a part of the team. Mayor stated how great it has been to have Ryan available to run things by before decisions or any issues are brought to Council. Danen Johannes made a motion to approve the Agreement for Civil and Prosecutor Legal Services. Seconded by Tim Mayo; roll call for vote Rick White, Terry Nystul, Tim Mayo, Danen Johannes, all yea votes. Motion passed.</p> <p>Approval of Construction Agreement between The City of Columbus and MT Paving for Milling, Leveling and Resurfacing on 4th Ave and a Street. Scott Caton explained the scope of work to Council. Terry Nystul made a motion to approve the construction agreement. Seconded by Rick White; Danen Johannes, Tim Mayo, Terry Nystul, Rick White, all yea votes. Motion passed.</p>
<p>COMMENTS NOT ON THE AGENDA</p>	<p>Sheri DeSaveur and Joyce Kelly presented a card to the City on behalf of Marsha Olson and Stillwater Chamber of Commerce for support the Stillwater Balloon Rally. Danen Johannes will be out with the middle school on Friday May 19th doing a community street clean up from 1:30pm to 3pm. Rick White brought up an issue that a local resident brought to his attention, parking at the pool. Resident worried about parking at the pool for the summer. Lots of cars using pool parking as driveway overflow. Gary, Ryan, and Scott will meet and discuss some options to help with the situation. Terry Nystul wanted to make it known that Bob Fitzgerald was missed at the Council Meeting.</p>
<p>ADJOURNMENT</p>	<p>Webb Mandeville requested a Motion to Adjourn. Terry Nystul made the motion to adjourn at 8:10p.m. seconded by Rick White, roll call all yea votes.</p>



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