

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS,
COLUMBUS, MONTANA HELD JUNE 5, 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, Cole Waltner, Bob Fitzgerald, and Danen Johannes. Staff members present were Chief of Police Gary Timm, City Attorney Ryan Addis, Public Works Director Scott Caton, and City Clerk-Treasurer Cherrie McAlexander.
SIDELINE IN PERSON	Marlo Pronovost, Melissa Nystul, Hardin Graham
PUBLIC HEARING	No Public Hearings
REGULAR MINUTES APPROVED	The mayor asked Council if they had reviewed the minutes of the May 15, 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.
Approval of Claims	The claims list for the 2 nd half of May was presented to Council. Terry Nystul made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Seconded by Rick White; roll call for vote, Rick White, Terry Nystul, Tim Mayo, Cole Waltner, Bob Fitzgerald, Danen Johannes, all yea votes.
PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS	<p>Travis West from Engineering West presented Council with a detailed spreadsheet with 2 Options for the Water/Sewer Rate increases. Travis also provided a summary to help explain the different options. The spreadsheet included the potential increase in revenue that each option would generate for the city. Cole Waltner asked if the usage fee would be based the same for commercial and residential? The answer was Yes.</p> <p>Clerk-Treasurer presented Mayor and Council with the Preliminary Expenditure Budget. She expressed the need for all to review and make notes of any questions or concerns. She explained that the next 2 Council meetings would be a review of specific funds and accounts and that is when their questions would be answered. Clerk-Treasurer also presented a Wage Request to Council. She explained to Council that next week there would be an approval of a Wage Resolution for all wages that were presented at this meeting. She asked Council to review and provide feedback. Bob Fitzgerald expressed the need for the Mayor and Council to receive an increase in their wage. Clerk-Treasurer asked for a suggestion of potential increase. Bob stated that the mayor's wage should be doubled. Tim Mayo stated that the current pay for the Council is not that bad seeing that they only put in a few hours a month. Danen expressed that part of being on Council is supporting your community not for a salary. Danen stated that when he first ran for Council, he wasn't even aware that there was a wage for the position. Clerk-Treasurer will reach out to MT League of Cities and Towns and bring some information back to the next Council Meeting.</p>
FIRE DEPT. POLICE	<p>The Fire Chief was not present and provided no report.</p> <p>Police Chief Timm was present, and provided a report. Cole Waltner asked about the Sargent Position for City Police Department. Cole wanted to know if the city would be hiring another police officer? Gary explained that there would be no new hire, the Sargent would be a promotion for a current police officer and would provide a 10% increase in salary.</p>

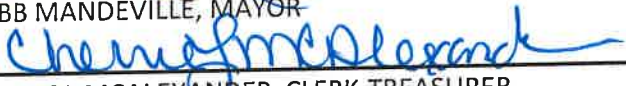
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PUBLIC WORKS	The Public Works Director was present and provided a report. Scott mentioned that on June 12, 2023 at 9am he would be doing a final walk thru with COP Construction on the Water Main Project and invited anyone from Council to attend.
ATTORNEY	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. No Questions from the Council.
PUBLIC COMMENT ON CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS:	NONE
COMMITTEE REPORTS-	No Committee Reports.
UNFINISHED BUSINESS	Approval of Option 1 or 2 for the Water/Sewer Rate Increase for the City. Ryan Addis, city attorney, went over the timeline of the rate increase process. Cole Waltner made the motion to approve Option 2 for the Water Sewer Rate Increase for the City, seconded by Rick White. Bob Fitzgerald asked with option 2 what would his bill go up every month? Travis West stated that his increase would be around \$6 per month. Danen asked what the difference in the sewer increase were for Option 1 and 2? Travis explained that the differences was the usage fees because of the gallons of water included in the base rate are different. Cole stated that Option 2 would be less of an impact on lower income families. Danen disagreed and expressed that a lot of lower income families have lots of family members and use more water so option 2 would impact them more. Roll call for vote Rick White, Terry Nystul, Tim Mayo, Cole Waltner, Bob Fitzgerald, Danen Johannes, all yea votes. Motion passed.
NEW BUSINESS	<p>Approval of NEW Special Use Permit Application and Questionnaire. Bob Fitzgerald asked for a reason why we were doing this? Ryan Addis, city attorney, stated that the current form does not have any standard conditions of approval, and does not spell out requirements or terms of the agreement. The purpose of the questionnaire is to help answer more of the upfront questions before the application is presented to Council. Bob Fitzgerald made a motion to approve, seconded by Danen Johannes, roll call for vote Danen Johannes, Bob Fitzgerald, Cole Waltner, Tim Mayo, Terry Nystul, Rick White, all yea votes. Motion passed.</p> <p>Approval of Resolution 835 – Extend Master Service Agreement between City of Columbus and Interstate Engineering. Terry Nystul made a motion to approve the Resolution as presented. Seconded by Cole Waltner; roll call for vote, Danen Johannes, Bob Fitzgerald, Cole Waltner, Tim Mayo, Terry Nystul, Rick White, all yea votes. Motion passed.</p> <p>Approval for Mayor (sponsor) to sign the contract with Dick Anderson Construction, Inc. Schedule 1 – T-Hangar Units #1-6 , 1,141,866.00. 90% funded by FAA 10% sponsor share. Cole Waltner made a motion to approve the mayor to sign the contract. Rick White asked if the dirt work for the other 6 hangars was included in this contract. Hardin Graham was present at the</p>

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	<p>meeting and stated that the preliminary site preparation for all 12 hangars was included in the contract. 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.</p> <p>Approval of Award Notice for the Pratten Street Railroad Sewer Crossing between City of Columbus and COP Construction. Mayor mentioned that this Award Notice was contingent on getting the approved permit from the MRL. Bob Fitzgerald made a motion to approve the Award Notice. Seconded by Terry Nystul; Danen asked if we had been in contact with the MRL and had an idea of when the permit might be approved? Interstate Engineering is reaching out for updates weekly. roll call for vote Danen Johannes, Bob Fitzgerald, Cole Waltner, Tim Mayo, Terry Nystul, Rick White, all yea votes. Motion passed.</p>
COMMENTS NOT ON THE AGENDA	
ADJOURNMENT	<p>Webb Mandeville requested a Motion to Adjourn. Terry Nystul made the motion to adjourn at 8:05p.m. seconded by Rick White, roll call all yea votes.</p>


WEBB MANDEVILLE, MAYOR


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