

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS,  
COLUMBUS, MONTANA HELD JUNE 19, 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 present were Fire Chief Rich Cowger, Police Chief Gary Timm, City Attorney Ryan Addis (via Zoom), Public Works Director Scott Caton, and City Clerk-Treasurer Cherrie McAlexander.
<b>SIDELINE IN PERSON</b>	Marlo Pronovost
<b>PUBLIC HEARING</b>	No Public Hearings
<b>REGULAR MINUTES APPROVED</b>	The mayor asked Council if they had reviewed the minutes of the June 5, 2023, regular meeting, and if there were any additions, deletions, or corrections. Terry Nystul, made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting as written, seconded by Rick White, roll call for vote, Danen Johannes, Bob Fitzgerald, Cole Waltner, Tim Mayo, Terry Nystul, Rick White, all yea votes. Motion passed.
<b>SHUT OFF LIST</b>	The shut off list for the month of June 2023 was presented to Council. Rick White made a motion to approve the list as presented. Seconded by Tim Mayo; Question was asked by Tim Mayo about Beartooth Manor and the amount owed to the city. Clerk-Treasurer stated that Beartooth has been called and sent letters about their past due amount. The water to the building is shut off and the building is for sale. The real-estate company that has the building listed for sale will be contacted about the past due amount and a Lien will be placed on the property if past due amount is not paid by the end of June. Roll call for vote, Rick White, Terry Nystul, Tim Mayo, Cole Waltner, Bob Fitzgerald, Danen Johannes, all yea votes. Motion passed.
<b>APPROVAL OF CLAIMS</b>	The claims list for the 1 <sup>st</sup> half of June was presented to Council. Cole Waltner made a motion to approve the claims as presented. 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>PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS</b>	Clerk-Treasurer asked Council if there were any questions/concerns for the following Preliminary Budget Funds: Legislative, City Court, Administration, Planning, Law Enforcement, Fire Dept, Zoning, Airport, Animal Control, Attorney, City Hall, Street Lighting. There were no questions/concerns from Council.
<b>FIRE DEPT.</b>	Fire Chief was present, and provided a report. Rich mentioned that the Fire Department was gearing up for the Hill Climbs that were this weekend. Rich also mentioned that the Fire Department was wanting to start hosting Training Classes for other Fire Departments once their facility is ready. No questions from Council.
<b>POLICE</b>	Police Chief was present, and provided a report. Gary mentioned that the Police Department was also gearing up for the Hill Climbs. Gary also mentioned that one of the departments part time officers Justin Smith had put in their resignation. No questions from Council.
<b>PUBLIC WORKS</b>	The Public Works Director was present and provided a report. Scott mentioned that the mosquito situation in town was really bad so he contacted AEI to add more fogging applications to take care of the issue. Scott discussed having

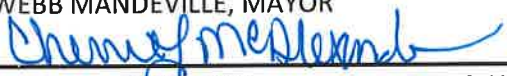
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<b>ATTORNEY</b>	Interstate Engineering start the application process to obtain a permit from the MRL to do the 12 <sup>th</sup> street crossing sewer project. Scott would like to have COP look at the possibility of boring that location while they are here working on Pike & Pratten Crossing. No questions from Council.
<b>CITY JUDGE</b>	The City Attorney was present via Zoom and provided a report. No questions from the Council.
<b>CLERK-TREASURER</b>	The City Judge was not present and did not provide a report to Council.
<b>CLERK-TREASURER</b>	The Clerk-Treasurer was present and provided a report. Cole Waltner asked about a travel baseball team practicing at Granite Peak and if they had an agreement with the City. Clerk-Treasurer stated that there was no agreement with that travel team.
<b>PUBLIC COMMENT ON CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS:</b>	NONE
<b>COMMITTEE REPORTS-</b>	No Committee Reports.
<b>UNFINISHED BUSINESS</b>	Approval of Resolution 837 – Resolution of Intent – City Council of the City of Columbus, MT Revising and Assessing Water and Sewer Rates. Cole Waltner made a motion to waive the reading of the Resolution 837, seconded by Rick White, no discussion, roll call for vote, Danen Johannes, Bob Fitzgerald, Cole Waltner, Tim Mayo, Terry Nystul, Rick White, all yea votes. Motion passed. Cole made a motion to approve Resolution 837, seconded by Tim Mayo, no discussion, roll call for vote, Rick White, Terry Nystul, Tim Mayo, Cole Waltner, Bob Fitzgerald, Danen Johannes, all yea votes. Motion passed.
<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>	<p>Approval of Resolution 836– Resolution establishing Wage and Salaries for the city employees for fiscal year 2023-2024. Option 1 (Mayor \$536.06, City Council \$321.62) or Option 2 Mayor \$600.00, City Council \$400.00). Bob Fitzgerald made a motion to approve Resolution 836 Option 2, seconded by Cole Waltner, Rick White asked where does the funding come from for the salaries? Clerk-Treasurer answered taxes. 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 Task Order 26 – Agreement to furnish engineering services to the City of Columbus for construction administration, construction observation services, and record drawings for the 2022 Columbus Pratten Street Sewer Replacement Project – the project bidding portion of this task order has previously been approved. Terry Nystul made a motion to approve Task Order 26, seconded by Bob Fitzgerald, no discussion, 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 Request for payment to Morrison Maierle for an amount of \$69.00 (city portion) for t-hangar bidding work. Cole Waltner made a motion to approve</p>

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<p><b>COMMENTS NOT ON THE AGENDA</b></p>	<p>Bob Fitzgerald had a citizen approach him about the parking at the City Pool. Bob told the citizen that he would bring their concern up at the Council meeting. Bob suggested a 2hr parking limit during pool hours. Police Chief stated that in order to change the parking at the pool there would need to be an Ordinance update. Gary said that he would get with the City Attorney and discuss this matter further. Terry Nystul stated that there should also be a designated area for emergency parking. Gary had spoke with one of the residents that lives adjacent to the pool and asked if they would start parking their vehicles horizontal in front of the pool, they agreed and this has helped the parking issue some. Danen Johannes mentioned that he was at the pool yesterday and felt there was plenty of parking, just have to walk a short distance.</p>
<p><b>ADJOURNMENT</b></p>	<p>Webb Mandeville requested a Motion to Adjourn. Terry Nystul made the motion to adjourn at 7:29 p.m. seconded by Tim Mayo, roll call all yea votes.</p>

  
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 WEBB MANDEVILLE, MAYOR

  
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 CHERRIE L MCALEXANDER, CLERK-TREASURER