

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS,  
COLUMBUS, MONTANA HELD JULY 3, 2023, AT 7:00 P.M.**

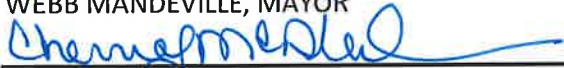
<b>COUNCIL PRESENT OFFICERS PRESENT</b>	The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Webb Mandeville began the meeting with the pledge of allegiance. Council persons present were Rick White, Terry Nystul, Tim Mayo, Cole Waltner, and Bob Fitzgerald. Staff members present were Chief of Police Gary Timm, City Attorney Ryan Addis, Public Works Director Scott Caton, and City Clerk-Treasurer Cherrie McAlexander.
<b>SIDELINE IN PERSON</b>	Jesse Wilson, Joe Terrel, Leonard Terrel
<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 19, 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 Cole Waltner, roll call for vote, Bob Fitzgerald, Cole Waltner, Tim Mayo, Terry Nystul, Rick White, all yea votes. Motion passed.
<b>APPROVAL OF CLAIMS</b>	The claims list for the 2 <sup>nd</sup> half June was presented to Council. Rick White made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Seconded by Tim Mayo; roll call for vote, Rick White, Terry Nystul, Tim Mayo, Cole Waltner, and Bob Fitzgerald, all yea votes. Motion passed.
<b>PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS</b>	<p>Clerk asked Mayor and Council if there were any questions on the Preliminary Budget for the funds on the agenda. Mayor asked if there was money allocated in the Parks fund for repairs at Itch-Kep-Pe Park. Scott stated that there were no funds set aside specifically for Itch-Kep-Pe Park repairs in the budget but there are funds available. Scott also stated that there was FEMA funds that will assist in the repairs needed at the park. The mayor asked about Mackenzie Disposal – when their contract with the city was up and if we had an idea of what their new contract might look like. Scott stated that he had spoke with Mackenzie and they would be working on a new contract, the current contract does not expire until June 2024.</p> <p>Mayor discussed the letter received from the county elections administrator. Mayor informed the Council that no one filed for Ward 2 for the city and if no one writes in it will be the Council’s responsibility to appoint someone for Ward 2.</p>
<b>FIRE DEPT.</b>	The Fire Chief was present but had no report. Rich stated that the Fire Department will be around 1,000 calls for the year. Rich also mentioned the clean-up for the bridge failure is progressing and all water reads are good. There will be a public informational meeting at the High School on Thursday at 6:30pm
<b>POLICE</b>	Police Chief Timm was present, and provided a report. No questions from the Council.
<b>PUBLIC WORKS</b>	The Public Works Director was present and provided a report. No questions from the Council.
<b>ATTORNEY</b>	The City Attorney was present and provided a report. No questions from the Council.
<b>CITY JUDGE</b>	The City Judge was not present and did not provide a report to Council.
<b>CLERK</b>	The Clerk was present and provided a report. Clerk mentioned that there will be meetings at the new Civic Center to discuss the inaccurate and misleading

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	property appraisal notices that the Department of Revenue sent out. Clerk informed Council that she sent emails out but will bring more information to next Council Meeting. Rick White asked how the pool was doing. Clerk responded good but the leak in the pool is getting larger and pool is losing more water than last year. Bob Fitzgerald asked about parking at the pool. Scott responded that the parking is better. Terry Nystul asked why the emergency parking was not in place. Scott stated that it had been relocated for the Bicycle Event a few weeks ago but he will make sure it is put back in place.
<b>PUBLIC COMMENT ON CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS:</b>	NONE
<b>COMMITTEE REPORTS-</b>	No Committee Reports.
<b>UNFINISHED BUSINESS</b>	NONE
<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>	<p>Approval of Quote # 004712 from Systems Technology Consultants for a new Server for City Hall in the amount of \$6,877.00. Terry Nystul made a motion to approve the Quote #004712. Seconded by Rick White; roll call for vote Rick White, Terry Nystul, Tim Mayo, Cole Waltner, and Bob Fitzgerald, all yea votes. Motion passed.</p> <p>Approval of Special Use Permit – National Association of Canine Scent Work on October 14 and 15, 2023. Location of Event is the west side of Columbus Elementary School. Event Coordinator – Nikki Markle of Canine Connection. Cole Waltner made a motion to approve the Special Use Permit. Seconded by Tim Mayo, roll call for vote Bob Fitzgerald, Cole Waltner, Tim Mayo, Terry Nystul, Rick White, all yea votes. Motion passed.</p> <p>Approval of Construction Agreement for the Pratten Street Railroad Sewer Crossing between City of Columbus and COP Construction. Tim Mayo made a motion to approve the Construction Agreement. Seconded by Terry Nystul; roll call for vote Bob Fitzgerald, Cole Waltner, Tim Mayo, Terry Nystul, Rick White, all yea votes. Motion passed.</p>
<b>COMMENTS NOT ON THE AGENDA</b>	<p>Terry Nystul wanted to make Council aware that there were 3 horse trailers parked over night at Granite Peak.</p> <p>Joe and Leonard Terrel had an issue with a water leak. The water leak was found to be from a shut off valve not being properly shut off by COP Construction. Joe had the necessary repairs done and was asking the City or COP Construction to help pay for the repairs. Ryan the City Attorney told Joe that a Council Meeting was not the proper place to handle this matter and to please reach out the Public Works Director and set up a time to discuss this issue further.</p>
<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>	Webb Mandeville requested a Motion to Adjourn. Tim Mayo made the motion to adjourn at 7:23 p.m. seconded by Terry Nystul, roll call all yea votes.



WEBB MANDEVILLE, MAYOR



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