

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

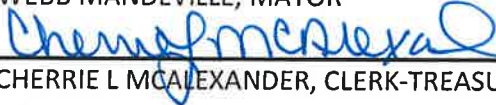
COUNCIL PRESENT OFFICERS PRESENT	The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Webb Mandeville began the meeting with the pledge of allegiance. Council persons present were Rick White, Terry Nystul, Tim Mayo, Bob Fitzgerald, and Danen Johannes. Staff members present were Fire Chief Rich Cowger, Chief of Police Gary Timm, City Attorney Ryan Addis, and City Clerk-Treasurer Cherrie McAlexander.
SIDELINE IN PERSON	Marlo Pronovost and Tom Piper
PUBLIC HEARING	No Public Hearings
REGULAR MINUTES APPROVED	The mayor asked Council if they had reviewed the minutes of the July 17, 2023, and if there were any additions, deletions, or corrections. Rick White moved to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Tim Mayo, roll call for vote, Danen Johannes, Bob Fitzgerald, Tim Mayo, Rick White, all yea votes. Terry Nystul did not vote due to not being present at last council meet. Motion passed.
APPROVAL OF CLAIMS	The claims list for the 2 nd half July was presented to Council. Terry Nystul made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Seconded by Tim Mayo. Danen Johannes asked if the city has always provided porta potties at Itch-Kep-Pe Park? Treasurer responded that this is something new due to the bathrooms at Itch-Kep-Pe not operating since the floods. Danen also asked about a bill from Stillwater Veterinary Clinic for a scan of a cat. Chief of Police explained that the bill was to scan a deceased cat to determine what type of gun may have killed the cat. Roll call for vote, Rick White, Terry Nystul, Tim Mayo, and Bob Fitzgerald, and Danen Johannes. Motion passed.
PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS	Clerk/Treasurer Presented the Mayor and Council with the Expenditure portion of the Preliminary Budget and asked if there were any questions or corrections needed. Danen Johannes asked the Treasurer to explain what the \$87,000 that is budgeted under the Water Fund/Administration/Other Purchased Services. Treasurer explained that \$24,000 was for PER for Sewer Fund, \$15,000 for system development fee study, and would have to get with the Public Works Director on the remainder of the amount budgeted.
FIRE DEPT. POLICE PUBLIC WORKS ATTORNEY CITY JUDGE CLERK	<p>The Fire Chief was present, and provided a report. No questions from the Council.</p> <p>Police Chief Timm was present, and provided a report. No questions from the Council.</p> <p>The Public Works Director was not present.</p> <p>The City Attorney was present and provided a report. Tim Mayo asked how the customer's truck got damaged at the dump. Ryan explained that it was negligence on the employee. Employee was loading dirt into the back of the customer's truck and hit the top of the truck with the dump bucket.</p> <p>The City Judge was not present and did not provide a report to Council.</p> <p>The Clerk was present and provided a report. No questions from Council.</p>

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PUBLIC COMMENT ON CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS:	NONE
COMMITTEE REPORTS-	NONE
UNFINISHED BUSINESS	NONE
NEW BUSINESS	NONE
COMMENTS NOT ON THE AGENDA	<p>Rick White mentioned that there were several headstones/markers being bumped during the mowing at the cemetery. Rick stated that some of the damage to the headstones/markers will need to be repaired. Mayor asked if Rick spoke to the Public Works Director about this issue? Rick stated that he will as soon as he gets back from vacation.</p> <p>Mayor read an email to the Council that he received from a concerned citizen. The letter talked about the council defeating their own proposed water and sewer rate increase. The concerned citizen wanted to know what the city council plans on doing about the situation.</p>
ADJOURNMENT	Webb Mandeville requested a Motion to Adjourn. Terry Nystul made the motion to adjourn at 7:11 p.m. seconded by Rick White, roll call all yea votes.



WEBB MANDEVILLE, MAYOR



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