

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS,
COLUMBUS, MONTANA HELD OCTOBER 16, 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 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.
SIDELINE IN PERSON	Forrest Mandeville and Charlie Denison
PUBLIC HEARING	The Public Hearing for the Amending the Expenditure Budget for FY22/23 was opened at 7:00 pm. The mayor asked if there was any public comment. There was no one present for the hearing and no comments made. Public Hearing closed at 7:01 p.m.
REGULAR MINUTES APPROVED	The mayor asked Council if they had reviewed the minutes of the October 2, 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, seconded by Rick White; roll call for vote, Rick White, Terry Nystul, Tim Mayo, Cole Waltner, Bob Fitzgerald, and Danen Johannes, all yea votes. Motion passed.
SHUT OFF LIST	The shut off list for the month of October 2023 was presented to Council. Tim Mayo made a motion to approve the list as presented. Seconded by Cole Waltner; Roll call for vote, Danen Johannes, Bob Fitzgerald, Cole Waltner, Tim Mayo, Terry Nystul, and Rick White, all yea votes. Motion passed.
APPROVAL OF CLAIMS	The claims list for the 1st half of October was presented to Council. Cole Waltner made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Seconded by Terry Nystul; roll call for vote, Rick White, Terry Nystul, Tim Mayo, Cole Waltner, Bob Fitzgerald, Danen Johannes, all yea votes. Motion passed.
PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS	NONE
FIRE DEPT. POLICE PUBLIC WORKS	<p>Fire Chief was present, and provided a report. Rich invited Council and Staff to come by and take a look at the new Ambulance. No questions from Council.</p> <p>Police Chief was present, and provided a report. No questions from Council.</p> <p>The Public Works Director was present and provided a report. Scott gave an update on the RRxing project. COP completion date is Nov. 3rd. Tim Mayo asked if there were snags in the construction last week, looked as if no one was working. Scott stated that all work was complete until the spacers were delivered. Spacers will be here the end of this week. Danen asked if the spacers were new to the project or were always in the plan. Scott stated that spacers were always part of the plan but these particular spacers had to be custom ordered due to the casing going off grade. Terry Nystul asked what the hold up is on drilling of the new city well? Scott stated that the biggest hold up right now is finding land to purchased that has good water.</p>
ATTORNEY	The City Attorney was present (via Zoom) and provided a report. No questions from Council.

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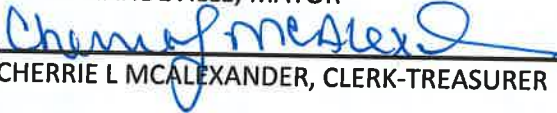
CITY JUDGE	The City Judge was not present and did not provide a report to Council.
CLERK-TREASURER	The Clerk-Treasurer was present and provided a report. No questions from Council.
PUBLIC COMMENT ON CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS:	NONE
COMMITTEE REPORTS-	NONE
UNFINISHED BUSINESS	NONE
NEW BUSINESS	<p>Approval of Resolution No. 843-2023 Amending the Expenditure Budget for FY22/23. Rick White made the motion to waive the reading of the resolution, seconded by Terry Nystul, roll call vote, Danen Johannes, Bob Fitzgerald, Cole Waltner, Tim Mayo, Terry Nystul, Rick White, all yea votes. Motion passed. Terry Nystul made a motion to adopt the resolution, seconded by Cole Waltner, 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 Police Sergeant Job Description for the City of Columbus and Internal Announcement for position. Gary Timm stated that he felt it is very important to have someone besides himself that can make command decisions when he is not reachable. Gary mentioned that he will be retiring next year and needs to start lining up a possible candidate for Chief of Police. Terry Nystul asked if the city had a Deputy Chief. Gary said no, this position would be like a Deputy Chief. Tim Mayo asked if this position would be adding another officer. Gary stated no this position would be a promotion from within and include a 10% salary increase which was budgeted for. Tim Mayo made a motion to approve the Job Description and Announcement, seconded by Terry Nystul, roll call for vote, Danen Johannes, Bob Fitzgerald, Cole Waltner, Tim Mayo, Terry Nystul, and Rick White, all yea votes. Motion passed.</p> <p>Approval of Revised Procurement Policy for the City of Columbus. Cole Waltner made a motion to approve the Revised Procurement Policy, 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 Contractor's Application – Payment number 1 to COP Construction in the amount of \$637,818.89 for Pratten St. Railroad Sewer Project. Terry Nystul made a motion to approve the payment, seconded by Rick White, roll call vote, Rick White, Terry Nystul, Tim Mayo, Cole Waltner, Bob Fitzgerald, Danen Johannes, all yea votes. Motion passed.</p> <p>Approval of Subdivision Regulations for the City of Columbus and surrounding area. Forrest Mandeville was present a gave a brief explanation of the changes in the Subdivision Regulations and why they were being made. Bob Fitzgerald made a motion to approve the regulations, seconded by Cole Waltner, roll call</p>

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COMMENTS NOT ON THE AGENDA	<p>Mayor discussed the election that is coming up and that ballots will be going out on October 20th. He explained that there will be no names on the ballots which will probably confuse some people. He advised all Council and Staff that if they receive any questions to please direct them to Heidi at the Stillwater Court Clerk and Records Office. The mayor also let Council and Staff know that the Beartooth Resource Conservation & Development is looking for someone from Columbus to be represented on their Board of Directors. Mayor stated that it would be nice to have someone representing Columbus on their board. Cherrie will provide more information at the next Council meeting.</p> <p>Charlie Denison introduced himself as the new editor for the Stillwater County News.</p>
ADJOURNMENT	Webb Mandeville requested a Motion to Adjourn. Terry Nystul made the motion to adjourn at 7:28 p.m. seconded by Tim Mayo, roll call all yea votes.



WEBB MANDEVILLE, MAYOR



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