

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS,
COLUMBUS, MONTANA HELD NOVEMBER 6, 2023, AT 7:00 P.M.**

COUNCIL PRESENT OFFICERS PRESENT	The meeting was called to order at 7:01 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 Police Chief Gary Timm, City Attorney Ryan Addis, Public Works Director Scott Caton, and City Clerk-Treasurer Cherrie McAlexander.
SIDELINE IN PERSON	Joe Morse and Charlie Denison
PUBLIC HEARING	NONE
REGULAR MINUTES APPROVED	The mayor asked Council if they had reviewed the minutes of the October 16, 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 Cole Waltner; roll call for vote, Danen Johannes, Bob Fitzgerald, Cole Waltner, Tim Mayo, Terry Nystul, and Rick White, all yea votes. Motion passed.
SHUT OFF LIST	NONE
APPROVAL OF CLAIMS	The claims list for the 2nd half of October was presented to Council. Rick White made a motion to approve the claims as presented, seconded by Tim Mayo; Danen asked about the Verizon bill. He wanted to know if it was something new. Cherrie responded that it was a monthly bill for the police departments tough books that the officers use. Danen also asked about the invoice for trimming trees at city hall, Cherrie stated that the trees were trimmed months ago but the vendor just now submitted the invoice. 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	Scott discussed the option of purchasing some land that Beartooth Manor owns. The property is a parcel of land that is part of the vacant nursing home but Beartooth Manor has decided to sell the parcel separate from the building. This parcel of land is just to the north of the nursing home. The parcel is around 2.5 acres. Dan Patterson, the realtor representing the owner of the land, met with Scott the other day. Scott told Dan that he would discuss this at the Council Meeting. Scott stated that Ryan will do the research to find out legally what the city will need to do to purchase the land. Scott stated that the asking price is \$400,000.00. Scott stated that our island well land continues to erode away and this property is the best option for quality and quantity of water for the city. Tim Mayo asked how Scott knows that this is the best option for the city. Scott stated that every time a well is drilled in town the quality of the well is publicized. Scott mentioned that if we do not find a good location for a well, we will be spending millions of dollars having to treat the water where the current test well was drilled. Cole Waltner asked what is the land that the city currently owns that would be available to sale. Scott mentioned the Super Fund land that is located near the city shop and Cherrie mentioned the other two properties that are owned by the city. Terry Nystul stated that every piece of land that the city sells would put it back on the tax rolls so that is an advantage to the city. Mayor stated that just the opposite is where we are currently and doesn't think it makes a very big net difference. Scott stated that after we acquire the land and drill the well the city could develop a park on the land or sell a large portion. Cole asked what Scott is needing from Council at this point, just permission to pursue the option of purchasing the land. Mayor stated that this is not an action item

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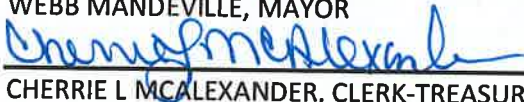
	and will not be voted on. This is just an informational discussion and if Council was to raise a fuss about purchasing the land, then Scott would not move forward. Tim Mayo asked if the flow and quality was good at this site. Scott said yes but will still need to drill a test well. Terry Nystul asked if there was an option to drill a test well before committing to purchasing the land. Scott replied no. Cherrie asked if there are any wells located close to the property that can be tested for flow and quality. Scott stated that a resident just drilled a well next to the property and will be getting those results when available.
FIRE DEPT.	Fire Chief was not present, and did not provide a report.
POLICE	Police Chief was present, and provided a report. Cole Waltner asked if Aaron Uecker is active sergeant before he will be attending class. Gary stated yes.
PUBLIC WORKS	The Public Works Director was present and provided a report. Bob Fitzgerald asked when the construction will be completed at the railroad Xing. Scott did not give a completion date.
ATTORNEY	The City Attorney was present and provided a report. No questions from Council.
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>First reading of Ordinance 366-2023 – An Ordinance to repeal Ordinance 352 entitled “An Ordinance amending section IV, design and improvement standards, of the 2014 Town of Columbus and Stillwater County, Montana, Subdivision Regulations”. Terry Nystul made a motion to waive the reading of Ordinance 366-2023, seconded by Tim Mayo, no discussion, roll call for vote, Danen Johannes, Bob Fitzgerald, Cole Waltner, Tim Mayo, Terry Nystul, and Rick White, all yea votes. Motion passed. Tim Mayo made a motion to adopt Ordinance 366-2023, 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 Resolution 846 – Resolution of Intent to Adopt Subdivision Regulations for the City of Columbus. Rick White made a motion to waive the reading of Resolution 846, 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. Terry Nystul made a motion to approve Resolution 846, seconded by Cole Waltner, roll call for vote, Danen Johannes, Bob</p>

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	<p>Fitzgerald, Cole Waltner, Tim Mayo, Terry Nystul, and Rick White, all yea votes. Motion passed.</p> <p>Approval of Maintenance Contract Between Otis Elevator Company and the City of Columbus. Bob Fitzgerald made a motion to approve the Maintenance Contract striking the Termination for Customer's Breach on page 10, 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.</p> <p>Approval of Service and Repair Order from Otis Elevator Company to repair City Hall Elevator Option 1 in the amount of \$11,970.00 or Option 2 in the amount of \$9,250.00. Bob Fitzgerald made a motion to approve the Service and Repair Order in the amount of \$11,970.00, 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>COMMENTS NOT ON THE AGENDA</p>	<p>Rick thanked the city for hanging the flag again at city hall. Rick also stated that he spoke with Scott about getting our address on the rock out in front of city hall. Danen commented that the dump is looking great, nice signs posted, more organized and has made things easier for people coming to the dump. Danen said to please tell the worker's good job.</p>
<p>ADJOURNMENT</p>	<p>Webb Mandeville requested a Motion to Adjourn. Terry Nystul made the motion to adjourn at 7:27 p.m. seconded by Rick White, roll call all yea votes.</p>



WEBB MANDEVILLE, MAYOR



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