

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS,  
COLUMBUS, MONTANA HELD DECEMBER 18, 2023, AT 7:02 P.M.**

<b>COUNCIL PRESENT OFFICERS PRESENT</b>	The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. Mayor Webb Mandeville began the meeting with the pledge of allegiance. Council persons present were Terry Nystul, Tim Mayo, Bob Fitzgerald, and Danen Johannes. Staff members present were Fire Chief Rich Cowger, Police Chief Gary Timm, City Attorney Ryan Addis, Public Works Director Scott Caton, and Deputy Clerk Cassidy Thompson.
<b>SIDELINE IN PERSON</b>	Charlie Denison, Melissa Nystul, Maurie Petterson, and Forrest Mandeville
<b>PUBLIC HEARING</b>	The Public Hearing for Adopting new Subdivision Regulations for the City of Columbus 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.
<b>REGULAR MINUTES APPROVED</b>	The mayor asked Council if they had reviewed the minutes of the December 4, 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 Bob Fitzgerald; roll call for vote, Danen Johannes, Bob Fitzgerald, Tim Mayor and Terry Nystul, all yea votes. Motion passed.
<b>SHUT OFF LIST</b>	The shut off list for the month of December 2023 was presented to Council. Tim Mayo made a motion to approve the list as presented, seconded by Terry Nystul; roll call for vote, Terry Nystul, Tim Mayo, Bob Fitzgerald, Danen Johannes, all yea votes. Motion passed.
<b>APPROVAL OF CLAIMS</b>	The claims list for the 1st half of December was presented to Council. Bob Fitzgerald made a motion to approve the claims as presented, seconded by Tim Mayo; roll call for vote, Danen Johannes, Bob Fitzgerald, Tim Mayo, and Terry Nystul, all yea votes. Motion passed.
<b>PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS</b>	Mayor presented Terry Nystul with a plaque for his service on the City Council. Terry served on City Council for 27 years. Public Works Director presented a list of potential projects that will be recommended for HB355. Tim Mayo asked if these were proposed projects and if there needed to be a monetary amount attached to submit projects. Mayor responded that the projects are just options and they do not need a value to submit. Terry Nystul asked if additions can be made to the list. Scott replied that no additions can be made, this will be the final list.
<b>FIRE DEPT.</b>	Fire Chief was present and provided a report. No questions from Council. Rich stated that he has worked for the Fire Department since 1993 and has served with Terry in multiple capacities and congratulated him on his retirement.
<b>POLICE</b>	Police Chief was present, and provided a report. Gary stated that he will be retiring effective April 10, 2024. He attached his retirement letter. Gary also stated that he will be picking up a check from Scheels in the of \$2,000.00 for the K-9 program. No questions from Council.
<b>PUBLIC WORKS</b>	The Public Works Director was present and provided a report. Scott thanked Terry for all the knowledge and wisdom he has provided the city over the years. No questions from Council.
<b>ATTORNEY</b>	The City Attorney was present and provided a report. No questions from Council.
<b>CITY JUDGE</b>	The City Judge was not present and did not provide a report to Council.

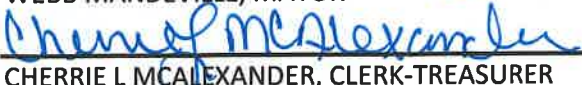
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<b>CLERK-TREASURER</b>	The Clerk-Treasurer was not present but did provide a report. No questions from Council.
<b>PUBLIC COMMENT ON CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS:</b>	NONE
<b>COMMITTEE REPORTS-</b>	NONE
<b>UNFINISHED BUSINESS</b>	Approval of Resolution 849 – Resolution to Adopt Subdivision Regulations for the City of Columbus. Bob Fitzgerald made a motion to waive the reading of the resolution, seconded by Terry Nystul; roll call for vote, Terry Nystul, Tim Mayo, Bob Fitzgerald and Danen Johannes, all yea votes. Motion passed. Terry Nystul made the motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Tim Mayo, roll call for vote, Danen Johannes, Bob Fitzgerald, Tim Mayo, and Terry Nystul, all yea votes. Motion passed.
<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>	Approval of Pay application No. Three (3) – Morrison Maierle in the amount of \$2,082.37 and Dick Anderson Construction (3) – in the amount of \$49,613.10. Total request of \$51,695.47 – 90% FAA (\$46,525.92) and 10% City/County (\$2,584.77 each). Bob Fitzgerald made the motion to approve the pay application, seconded by Terry Nystul; roll call for vote, Terry Nystul, Tim Mayo, Bob Fitzgerald, Danen Johannes, all yea votes. Motion Passed. Approval of Certificate of Substantial Completion – CIVIL Only from Dick Anderson Construction dated 12/05/2023. Terry made a motion to approve the certificate, seconded by Bob Fitzgerald; roll call for vote, Danen Johannes, Bob Fitzgerald, Tim Mayo, and Terry Nystul, all yea votes. Motion passed. Approval of appointment for Board Member - Aviation Representative – Tom Heyneman (complete Hardin Graham’s term). Tim Mayo made a motion to approve the appointment, seconded by Bob Fitzgerald; roll call vote, Terry Nystul, Tim Mayo, Bob Fitzgerald, Danen Johannes, all yea votes. Motion Passed. Approval of the re-appointment of Mina Morse to the Stillwater Historic Preservation Commission. Terry Nystul made a motion to approve the re-appointment, seconded by Danen Johannes; roll call for vote, Danen Johannes, Bob Fitzgerald, Tim Mayo, and Terry Nystul, all yea votes. Motion passed. Approval of Pay App #3 to COP Construction in the of \$274,843.31 for the Pratten St. Railroad Sewer Crossing Project. Tim Mayo made a motion to approve Pay App #3, seconded by Terry Nystul; roll call for vote, Terry Nystul, Tim Mayo, Bob Fitzgerald, Danen Johannes, all yea votes. Motion Passed. Approval of the Certificate of Substantial Completion between the City of Columbus and COP Constriction for the work on Pratten St. Railroad Sewer Crossing Project. Terry Nystul made a motion to approve certificate, seconded by Tim Mayo; roll call for vote, Danen Johannes, Bob Fitzgerald, Tim Mayo, and Terry Nystul, all yea votes. Motion passed.
<b>COMMENTS NOT ON THE AGENDA</b>	none
<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>	Webb Mandeville requested a Motion to Adjourn. Terry Nystul made the motion to adjourn at 7:19 p.m. seconded by Tim Mayo, roll call all yea votes.

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WEBB MANDEVILLE, MAYOR

  
CHERRIE L MCALEXANDER, CLERK-TREASURER