

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS,  
COLUMBUS, MONTANA HELD FEBRUARY 5, 2024, AT 7:00 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 Rick White, Dennis Holten, 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, Public Works Director Scott Caton, and Clerk-Treasurer Cherrie McAlexander.
<b>SIDELINE IN PERSON</b>	Bill Strickland and Charlie Denison
<b>PUBLIC HEARING</b>	Public Hearing was opened at 7:00 p.m. The mayor asked if there was any public comment on the proposed projects for HB355. There was no public comment. The mayor closed the hearing at 7:01 p.m.
<b>REGULAR MINUTES APPROVED</b>	The mayor asked Council if they had reviewed the minutes of the January 16, 2024, regular meeting, and if there were any additions, deletions, or corrections. Cole Waltner made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting, seconded by Rick White; roll call for vote, Cole Waltner, Bob Fitzgerald, Rick White and Dennis Holten, Tim Mayo, all yea votes. Danen Johannes abstained from voting. Motion passed.
<b>SHUT OFF LIST</b>	NONE
<b>APPROVAL OF CLAIMS</b>	The claims list for the 2 <sup>nd</sup> half of January 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, Dennis Holten, Tim Mayor, Cole Waltner, Bob Fitzgerald and Danen Johannes, all yea votes. Motion passed.
<b>PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS</b>	The mayor announced changes to the Council Committee Designations for 2024
<b>FIRE DEPT.</b>	The Fire Chief was present and provided a report. No questions from Council.
<b>POLICE</b>	The Police Chief was present and provided a report. No questions from Council.
<b>PUBLIC WORKS</b>	The Public Works Director was present and provided a report. Cole Waltner asked, when the city marks all the campsites at Itch-Kee-pe will there be signs put up to help with the flow of traffic. Cole stated that in the past there have been issues with traffic moving in all different directions. Scott stated that we could add signs to help with the flow of traffic but can't enforce it.
<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.
<b>CLERK-TREASURER</b>	The Clerk-Treasurer was present and provided a report. No questions from Council.
<b>PUBLIC COMMENT ON CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS:</b>	NONE

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<b>COMMITTEE REPORTS-</b>	NONE
<b>UNFINISHED BUSINESS</b>	NONE
<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>	<p>Approval of Appointment of Aaron Uecker to Chief of Police effective April 5, 2024. Tim Mayo made a motion to approve the appointment, seconded by Cole Waltner; roll call for vote, Danen Johannes, Bob Fitzgerald, Cole Waltner, Tim Mayo, Dennis Holten, and Rick White, all yea votes. Motion passed.</p> <p>Approval of Police Officer Job Description and Announcement. Cole Waltner made a motion to approve the job description and announcement, seconded by Tim Mayo; roll call for vote, Rick White, Dennis Holten, Tim Mayo, Cole Waltner, Bob Fitzgerald and Danen Johannes, all yea votes. Motion passed.</p> <p>Approval of Grant Application for the Montana State Historic Preservation Office. Dennis Holten made a motion to approve the grant application, seconded by Rick White; roll call for vote, Rick White, Dennis Holten, Tim Mayo, Cole Waltner, Bob Fitzgerald and Danen Johannes, all yea votes. Motion passed.</p> <p>Approval of letter from the Columbus Stillwater County Historic Preservation Commission requesting \$4,000.00 for program funding. Dennis Holten made a motion to approve the funding letter, seconded by Danen Johannes; roll call for vote, Danen Johannes, Bob Fitzgerald, Cole Waltner, Tim Mayo, Dennis Holten, and Rick White, all yea votes. Motion passed.</p> <p>Approval of Pay Application for COP Construction for \$0.00 – information purposes only – no payment due. Cole Waltner made a motion to approve pay application, seconded by Dennis Holten; roll call for vote, Danen Johannes, Bob Fitzgerald, Cole Waltner, Tim Mayo, Dennis Holten, and Rick White, all yea votes. Motion passed.</p> <p>Approval of AEI Applicators, LLC proposal for the 2024 Spraying Season. Contract price not to exceed \$30,000.00. Dennis Holten made a motion to approve the proposal, seconded by Tim Mayo; roll call for vote, Rick White, Dennis Holten, Tim Mayo, Cole Waltner, Bob Fitzgerald and Danen Johannes, all yea votes. Motion passed.</p>
<b>COMMENTS NOT ON THE AGENDA</b>	NONE
<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>	Webb Mandeville requested a Motion to Adjourn. Rick White made the motion to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. seconded by Tim Mayo, roll call all yea votes.

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