

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS,
COLUMBUS, MONTANA HELD FEBRUARY 20, 2024, AT 7:00 P.M.**

COUNCIL PRESENT OFFICERS PRESENT	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 Police Chief Gary Timm and Clerk-Treasurer Cherrie McAlexander.
SIDELINE IN PERSON	NONE
PUBLIC HEARING	Public Hearing was opened at 7:00 p.m. The mayor asked if there was any public comment on the ordinance revisions for Pool Fees or Parking Regulations. There was no public present and no comment. The mayor closed the hearing at 7:01 p.m.
REGULAR MINUTES APPROVED	The mayor asked Council if they had reviewed the minutes of the February 5, 2024, regular meeting, and if there were any additions, deletions, or corrections. Rick White, 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, Dennis Holten and Rick White, all yea votes. Motion passed.
SHUT OFF LIST	The shut off list for the month of February 2024 was presented to Council. Tim Mayo made a motion to approve the list as presented, seconded by Dennis Holten; roll call for vote, Rick White, Dennis Holten, Tim Mayo, Cole Waltner, Bob Fitzgerald, and Danen Johannes, all yea votes. Motion passed.
APPROVAL OF CLAIMS	The claims list for the 1st half of February was presented to Council. Dennis Holten made a motion to approve the claims as presented, 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.
PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS	NONE
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 any applications had been turned in for the Police Officer position that the city has open. Gary answered no.
PUBLIC WORKS	The Public Works Director was not present and provided a report. No questions from Council.
ATTORNEY	The City Attorney was not present and provided a report. No questions from Council.
CITY JUDGE	The City Judge was not present and did not provide a report.
CLERK-TREASURER	The Clerk-Treasurer was present and provided a report. No questions from Council.
PUBLIC COMMENT ON CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS:	NONE

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COMMITTEE REPORTS-	NONE
UNFINISHED BUSINESS	NONE
NEW BUSINESS	<p>Approval of General Labor Job Description and Job Announcement for Public Works. Dennis Holten asked if Ryan had looked at the Job Description. Cherrie replied yes. Dennis asked if this would be adding a new person to the 5-person team. Cherrie said yes and mentioned that one of the current employees was moving part time. Bob made the motion to approve the Job Description and Announcement. Seconded by Danen Johannes; 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 Resolution 852-2024 Naming Projects Pursuant to State-Local Infrastructure Partnership Act (HB355) Funding. Cole Waltner made a motion to approve the resolution. 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>First Reading of Ordinance 367-2024 Amending section 12.24.010 of the Columbus Municipal Code to revise the fees charged for the privilege of using the city swimming pool. Dennis Holten made a motion to waive the reading. 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. Rick White made a motion to approve the ordinance. 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>First Reading of Ordinance 368-2024 Amending section 10.20.011 of the Columbus Municipal Code to revise the parking regulations for the city of Columbus. Tim Mayo made a motion to waive the reading. Seconded by Rick White; roll call for vote, Danen Johannes, Bob Fitzgerald, Cole Waltner, Tim Mayo, Dennis Holten and Rick White, all yea votes. Motion passed. Bob Fitzgerald made a motion to approve the ordinance. Seconded by Cole Waltner; roll call for vote, Rick White, Dennis Holten, Tim Mayo, Cole Waltner, Bob Fitzgerald, and Danen Johannes, all yea votes. Motion passed.</p> <p>AIRPORT Pay application No. Four (4) – Northwestern Energy Invoice for \$15,972.00, FAA 90% contribution of \$14,374.80, 10% split between City/County of \$1,597.20 (\$798.60 each). 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 Final Loan Payment – \$983.85 split equally between City/County \$491.93 each. This is the final payment for the runway rehabilitation project of 2018. Bob Fitzgerald made a motion to approve the loan payment. Seconded by</p>

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	<p>Dennis Holten; 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 for appointment of Board Member County representative application to the Board- Brandon Garoutte, recommended by the Board for appointment. Dennis Holten asked if the County Commissioners approved Brandon for the board. Cole Waltner said that the commissioners approved his appointment at their meeting. Cole Waltner made a motion to approve the appointment. Seconded by Bob Fitzgerald; roll call for vote, Danen Johannes – Yes, Bob Fitzgerald – Yes, Cole Waltner – Yes, Tim Mayo – No, Dennis Holten – Abstained, Rick White – Yes. Motion passed.</p>
COMMENTS NOT ON THE AGENDA	<p>Rick White asked about the city well that is in the middle of the river. He asked how old it was and if the well was still in operation. Dennis Holten stated that the well is still in operation but will eventually become contaminated due to the increasing erosion around the well because of the river. The well was drilled in the 1960's.</p>
ADJOURNMENT	<p>Webb Mandeville requested a Motion to Adjourn. Rick White made the motion to adjourn at 7:20 p.m. seconded by Dennis Holten, roll call all yea votes.</p>

Webb Mandeville

WEBB MANDEVILLE, MAYOR

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