

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS,
COLUMBUS, MONTANA HELD MAY 06, 2024, 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. The council persons present were Dennis Holten, Tim Mayo, Cole Waltner, Bob Fitzgerald and Danen Johannes. Staff members present were Fire Chief Rich Cowger, Police Chief Aaron Uecker, Public Works Director Scott Caton, City Attorney Ryan Addis, and Deputy Clerk Cassidy Thompson.
SIDELINE IN PERSON	Jacob Wyckoff and Gretchen Graham
PUBLIC HEARING	NONE
REGULAR MINUTES APPROVED	The mayor asked Council if they had reviewed the minutes of the April 15, 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 Danen Johannes; roll call for vote, Dennis Holten, Tim Mayo, Cole Waltner, Bob Fitzgerald, and Danen Johannes, all yea votes. Motion passed.
SHUT OFF LIST	NONE
APPROVAL OF CLAIMS	The claims list for the 2 nd half of April was presented to the Council. Tim Mayo made a motion to approve the claims as presented, seconded by Dennis Holten; roll call for vote, Dennis Holten, Tim Mayo, Cole Waltner, Bob Fitzgerald, and Danen Johannes, all yea votes. Motion passed.
PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS	Gretchen Graham to discuss Pickleball Courts for the City. Gretchen got some quotes from Black Rattler out of Billings who also does work in Bozeman with Lorne Koch and projects out of state. They came and looked at the two tennis courts in the park and at the proposed location behind the Dollar store. They were concerned because the current tennis courts are starting to deteriorate. There are cracks on the surface and the nets are sagging. Gretchen expressed the importance of resurfacing our facilities for safety and presentation. Gretchen proposed putting one tennis court along with two pickle ball courts on each side of the net with much smaller courts. Scott said he had invited Lorne to give Gretchen a price on resurfacing the tennis courts and was curious if he only got back to Gretchen. Webb asked for the total cost of putting in the new court and Gretchen said about \$91k. Danen Johannes asked if that was the pricing for the location behind the Dollar store, which Gretchen replied yes. Danen asked for the price for resurfacing Gretchen replied \$38k. Danen asked if that included the basketball court, but Gretchen said she did not mention the basketball court. Danen mentioned the last time the basketball courts were updated was about 6 years ago and believes they are due to be replaced, although they are not in bad condition. Dennis Holten asked for the layout and Gretchen replied, the west court would be two pickled ball courts that are North and South, meaning one on each side of the current net. Plus, a divider between them. People would still be playing in the same direction. Danen asked if they have portable nets, Gretchen said it was an option, but she was concerned with them getting vandalized. Gretchen stated that she has received a lot of positive feedback about the idea. Webb asserted that he does not want to give up the tennis court; however, he does like the idea of making improvements to the parks and thinks pickled ball is a good idea as well. Webb told Gretchen he is glad she has received support and that she needs to utilize her resources, raise funds, and come up

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	<p>with a plan to execute. Webb said when she gets a plan together, the city can do their part and help with the construction, but the city will not pay for the pickleball court. Our contributions would be more along the lines of donating land and doing ongoing maintenance. Gretchen asked Scott about talking to Lorne about resurfacing the tennis courts and Scott replied yes, but also was going to receive a quote to reset posts. Gretchen asked about there being funds for resurfacing but not the pickleball courts, Tim Mayo replied that it would need to be budgeted especially for something that costs \$38k. Webb said it could be in the budget, but he is not sure. Gretchen asked if they could come up with half of the funds and Webb said they would need to come up with all of it to start. Gretchen asked which option they are going with, Webb replied neither option as of now. Scott said we are focused on resurfacing and maintaining the courts. Webb said if the council decides they want a pickleball court or to make the tennis courts a pickleball court, that may be a possibility; however, they need to vote on the idea. Ryan Addis said the council needs to decide what options they want to choose. Dennis Holten expressed that the tennis courts are busy and plenty of people come on Saturday morning to play. Dennis said there may not be room at Heritage Park, but there are possibilities elsewhere. Webb reiterated that it could take time to get things moving, but there needs to be a plan first. Gretchen said she will get more support and investigate options. She doesn't think that many people are playing tennis and there is a lot more interest in pickle ball. Dennis Holten said he doesn't want to disappoint the tennis players, but as a council member he thinks putting money into a court somewhere else would be a good idea.</p>
FIRE DEPT.	The Fire Chief was present and provided a report. No questions from Council.
POLICE	The Police Chief was present and provided a report. No questions from Council.
PUBLIC WORKS	The Public Works Director was present and provided a report. Tim Mayo asked where the backhoe was obtained from, Scott replied Torgerson's. Dennis Holten asked what year the backhoe was, Scott replied 2019.
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.
CLERK-TREASURER	The Clerk-Treasurer was not present but provided a report. No questions from Council.
PUBLIC COMMENT ON CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS:	NONE
COMMITTEE REPORTS-	NONE
UNFINISHED BUSINESS	Second reading of ordinance 371-2024 – Ordinance amending section 13.08.080 of the Columbus Municipal Code for Sewer Service Charge Established. Cole Waltner made a motion to waive the second reading as presented, seconded by Tim Mayo. All in favor say aye, motion passed. Dennis Holten made a motion to approve the second reading as presented, seconded by Danen Johannes; roll

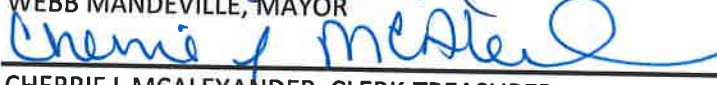
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	<p>call for vote, Dennis Holten, Tim Mayo, Cole Waltner, Bob Fitzgerald, and Danen Johannes, all yea votes. Motion passed.</p>
<p>NEW BUSINESS</p>	<p>Approval of Special Use Permit – Drivin for a Cure Car Show – August 17th, 2024, from 6am to 5pm at Railroad Park. Tim Mayo made a motion to approve the Special Use Permit, seconded by Cole Waltner; roll call for vote, Danen Johannes, Bob Fitzgerald, Cole Waltner, Tim Mayo, and Dennis Holten , all yea votes. Motion passed.</p> <p>Approval of Resolution 853-2024 – Resolution to Donate City Property to Columbus Rural Fire District #3. Tim Mayo made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Dennis Holten. Danen Johannes asked if this was a 1999 firetruck put in the City’s name that just needs to go to the fire department. Webb Mandeville explained that the City bought that truck insured under the MMIA and the district insured under their policy as well. The district carried full coverage on it and the city just carried liability. We felt that it was a little redundant and tried to remove it from the city policy, but the MMIA did not allow us to do that unless we had no interest in it. They suggested that we not have ownership of it, to separate ourselves from potential liability. Roll call for vote, Dennis Holten, Tim Mayo, Cole Waltner, Bob Fitzgerald, and Danen Johannes, all yea votes. Motion passed.</p> <p>Approval of Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Contract for July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2029. Total contract amount of \$995,492.18. Dennis Holten made a motion to approve the contract, seconded by Tim Mayo; roll call for vote, Danen Johannes, Bob Fitzgerald, Cole Waltner, Tim Mayo, and Dennis Holten, all yea votes. Motion passed.</p> <p>Approval of Professional Service Agreement between the City of Columbus and Lofing Electric in the amount of \$12,363.43 for the upgrading of all light fixtures and bulbs to LED at City Hall. Cole Waltner made the motion to approve the Service Agreement, seconded by Bob Fitzgerald; roll call for vote, Dennis Holten, Tim Mayo, Cole Waltner, Bob Fitzgerald, and Danen Johannes, all yea votes. Motion passed.</p> <p>Approval of Professional Service Agreement between the City of Columbus and Engineering West, LLC for zoning officer services. Tim Mayo asked how long the term was for and Ryan Addis replied it’s just for one year. Tim Mayo made the motion to approve the Agreement, seconded by Cole Waltner; roll call for vote, Danen Johannes, Bob Fitzgerald, Cole Waltner, Tim Mayo, and Dennis Holten, all yea votes. Motion passed.</p> <p>Approval of Public Works Construction Agreement between the City of Columbus and Hardrives Construction, Inc in the amount of \$79,999.00 for street patches. Dennis Holten made the motion to approve the Agreement, seconded by Bob Fitzgerald; roll call for vote, Dennis Holten, Tim Mayo, Cole Waltner, Bob Fitzgerald, and Danen Johannes, all yea votes. Motion passed.</p>

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COMMENTS NOT ON THE AGENDA	NONE
ADJOURNMENT	Webb Mandeville requested a Motion to Adjourn. Dennis Holten made the motion to adjourn at 7:32 p.m. seconded by Tim Mayo, roll call all yea votes.


WEBB MANDEVILLE, MAYOR


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