

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS,  
COLUMBUS, MONTANA HELD JUNE 03, 2024, AT 7:00 P.M.**

<b>COUNCIL PRESENT OFFICERS PRESENT</b>	The meeting was called to order at 7:13 p.m. Mayor Webb Mandeville began the meeting with the pledge of allegiance. The council persons present were Rick White, 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 Clerk-Treasurer Cherrie McAlexander.
<b>SIDELINE IN PERSON</b>	Leanne Sekora, Forrest Mandeville, Marsha Olson, Kevin Mitchum, David Shum, Charlie Denison, and one other person
<b>PUBLIC HEARING</b>	Public Hearing on Conditional Use Permit for Sibanye Stillwater for a temporary commercial parking area for mine employees. The hearing opened at 7:00 p.m. Leanne Sekora stated that she was representing the Senior Citizen Center and asked the question of how the mine came up with the street that was chosen to exit the parking area. Kevin Mitchum answered the question by stating that the mine has been looking at several different options and this was the best option at this time. Kevin presented a drawing to the Council. Forrest Mandeville read the staff report that was included in the Council Packet. Kevin stated that the reason for all of this was due to the mine losing their lease with Town Pump to have their parking area on their property. Kevin stated that the mine is trying to find a way to get all the semi-trucks from parking on the street. The mayor asked if there were any other public comments. Hearing closed at 7:13 p.m.
<b>REGULAR MINUTES APPROVED</b>	The mayor asked Council if they had reviewed the minutes of the May 20, 2024, regular meeting, and if there were any additions, deletions, or corrections. Bob Fitzgerald 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, Rick White, all yea votes. Motion passed.
<b>SHUT OFF LIST</b>	NONE
<b>APPROVAL OF CLAIMS</b>	The claims list for the 2 <sup>nd</sup> half of May was presented to the Council. Rick White made a motion to approve the claims as presented, seconded by Tim Mayo; roll call for vote, Danen Johannes, Bob Fitzgerald, Cole Waltner, Tim Mayo, Rick White, all yea votes. Motion passed.
<b>PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS</b>	Cherrie McAlexander presented the Council and Mayor with the Preliminary Expenditure Budget and the Wage Requests for FY24/25. She explained that there would be no discussion tonight but to review the documents for future meetings.
<b>FIRE DEPT.</b>	The Fire Chief was present and provided a report. Rick White asked about the number of lift assists that the fire department has been receiving and if they were able to bill for that service. Rich stated that at this time they are not able to bill for this service but are hoping in the future things will change.
<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. Scott discussed the pickle ball stripping that will be painted on the tennis courts when the re-surfacing gets done. The mayor asked Council if they were ok with proceeding with the stripping. The cost for the stripping will be \$650.00. All Council members were on board with the stripping.
<b>ATTORNEY</b>	The City Attorney was present and provided a report. No questions from Council.

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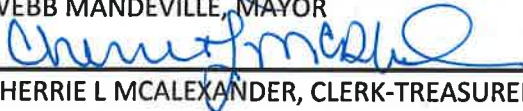
<b>CITY JUDGE</b>	The City Judge was not present and did not provide a report.
<b>CLERK-TREASURER</b>	The Clerk-Treasurer was present and provided a report. No questions from Council.
<b>PUBLIC COMMENT ON CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS:</b>	NONE
<b>COMMITTEE REPORTS-</b>	NONE
<b>UNFINISHED BUSINESS</b>	NONE
<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>	<p>Approval of Conditional Use Permit for Sibanye Stillwater for a Temporary Commercial Parking Lot for Mine Employees and Bus Stop. Bob Fitzgerald made a motion to approve the permit, seconded by Danen Johannes. The mayor stated that he lives next to the current mine parking lot, and he spends a lot of time picking up trash that the miners have left behind. The mayor stated that with the move of the parking lot and now it will be in the front yard of Sibanye maybe it won't continue to be a problem. Danen Johannes stated that the trash will blow to the airport fence and asked if the trash will be picked up by Sibanye. Danen stated that he agreed with the mayor on the issue of trash. He has spent time cleaning up the area and <math>\frac{3}{4}</math> of the trash comes from the mine parking area. Kevin Mitchum responded that they would do their best to deal with the trash issue. Rick White asked about snow removal in the area. Kevin responded that they would need an area for that. Rick asked if the parking area would be gravel. Kevin said yes. Cole Waltner asked if East Boulder employees will park at the new area. Kevin said yes, for now. Forrest Mandeville requested that any conditions for approval be stated during the vote. Danan asked if we need to add no off-street parking to one of the conditions. Forrest suggests adding all the recommended conditions listed in the staff report. Forrest re-read all the recommended conditions in the staff report. The mayor asked about the 60-day term of the permit and what happens in those 60 days. Forrest explained the process. Kevin Mitchum requested to change the terms to 90 days instead of 60 days. Cole Waltner made a motion to amend the previous motion to read as the recommendation as stated in the staff report plus changing the term from 60 days to 90 days, seconded by Tim Mayo; roll call for vote, Danen Johannes, Bob Fitzgerald, Cole Waltner, Tim Mayo, Rick White, all yea votes. Voting on the motion to approve the permit; roll call for vote, Danen Johannes, Bob Fitzgerald, Cole Waltner, Tim Mayo, Rick White, all yea votes. Motion passed.</p> <p>Approval of Invitation to Bid for HVAC Project. Cole Waltner made a motion to approve the bid, seconded by Rick White; roll call for vote, Rick White, Tim Mayo, Cole Waltner, Bob Fitzgerald, Danen Johannes, all yea votes. Motion passed.</p> <p>Approval to continue to support the Columbus Stillwater County Historic Preservation Program by providing funds of \$4,000 for fiscal year 2024/25. Tim Mayo made a motion to approve the funding, seconded by Danen Johannes; roll</p>

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	<p>call for vote, Rick White, Tim Mayo, Cole Waltner, Bob Fitzgerald, Danen Johannes, all yea votes. Motion passed.</p> <p><b>AIRPORT</b> Approval of Change Order No. one (1) for increase of electrical service from 100 amp to 200-amp meter stack. Order change because the of delay in materials for 100-amp service. Total cost increase of \$1,546.30, 90% FAA, 10% sponsor share of \$77.32 each. Tim Mayo made a motion to approve the change order, seconded by Cole Waltner; roll call for vote, Danen Johannes, Bob Fitzgerald, Cole Waltner, Tim Mayo, Rick White, all yea votes. Motion passed.</p>
<p><b>COMMENTS NOT ON THE AGENDA</b></p>	<p>Bob Fitzgerald stated that 6 years ago the city decided to put in a new Welcome Sign, and it seems that it is stuck again, why? Tim Mayo stated that he has this item on his agenda to call Scott but forgot. Tim said that the decision was made to get started once the temperatures got above freezing. Tim said he would get ahold of Scott tomorrow. Tim stated that we have all the materials just need to get it going.</p> <p>The mayor announced that the city has hired a new Public Works Director, David Brookshire and his first day will be June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024.</p> <p>Rick White said that the Cemetery is looking good and asked Scott if the new contractor was doing a good job. Scott replied yes.</p> <p>Marsha Olson wanted to thank the Council and the mayor for supporting the Balloon Rally. She said it was a huge success and has got noting but positive feedback. She said it may not happen next year due to the mine moving their parking lot to the area the Rally used for parking. Danen Johannes thanked Marsha.</p>
<p><b>ADJOURNMENT</b></p>	<p>Webb Mandeville requested a Motion to Adjourn. Rick White made the motion to adjourn at 7:42 p.m. seconded by Tim Mayo, roll call all yea votes.</p>



WEBB MANDEVILLE, MAYOR



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