

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS,
COLUMBUS, MONTANA HELD August 5, 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 Rick White, Dennis Holten, Tim Mayo, Bob Fitzgerald and Danen Johannes. Staff members present were, Police Chief Aaron Uecker, Public Works Director Peyton Brookshire, City Attorney Ryan Addis, and Clerk-Treasurer Cherrie McAlexander.
SIDELINE IN PERSON	Charlie Denison, Travis West, Jeremy Eaton
PUBLIC HEARING	NONE
REGULAR MINUTES APPROVED	The mayor asked the council if they had reviewed the minutes of the July 15, 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 Tim Mayo; roll call for vote, Danen Johannes, Bob Fitzgerald, Tim Mayo, Dennis Holten, Rick White, all yea votes. Motion passed.
SHUT OFF LIST	NONE
APPROVAL OF CLAIMS	The claims list for the 2 nd half of July was presented to the Council. Tim Mayo made a motion to approve the claims as presented, seconded by Dennis Holten; roll call for vote, Danen Johannes, Bob Fitzgerald, Tim Mayo, Dennis Holten, Rick White, all yea votes. Motion passed.
PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS	<p>Jeremy Eaton from Engineering West discussed the change order needed for the 2nd street storm drain project. The road did not hold up during the project and will need to be completely rebuilt in some areas. Jeremy presented two options to council, one option was for the "must" rebuild sections and the other option was to rebuild the entire street.</p> <p>Travis West from Engineering West discussed the city well project. Travis will be updating the scope of work for the project to include upgrading the well pumps at the Heritage Well and Beartooth Well. This will increase the amount of water that can be pumped from these wells. Travis also discussed the location of a new city well. The best option currently is to drill another well at Heritage Park. There will be modeling done by Hydro Solutions for a cost of \$3,500.00 that will help determine if this location will work. The second option for a new city well would be Granite Peak.</p> <p>The mayor discussed the ROCE Program. The city received a grant through the Rural Community Assistance Program. Recharge Our Communities Economy is a program that helps rural communities shift their mindset from scarcity to focusing on the communities' assets and helps rural communities use local resources to create economic growth. The program is looking for volunteers to participate in a series of workshops. The mayor would like to see someone from the council representing the city at the workshops.</p> <p>The mayor discussed the Supreme Court decision about urban camping at Grants Pass, OR. The decision made the punishment for camping in public places up to the local government to decide. The punishment can be civil, criminal or both. The mayor asked that the council think about possibly creating an ordinance establishing regulation on urban camping.</p>

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FIRE DEPT.	The Fire Chief was not present and did not provide a report.
POLICE	The Police Chief was present and provided a report.
PUBLIC WORKS	The Public Works Director was present and provided a report.
ATTORNEY	The City Attorney was present and provided a report.
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.
PUBLIC COMMENT ON CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS:	NONE
COMMITTEE REPORTS-	NONE
UNFINISHED BUSINESS	NONE
NEW BUSINESS	<p>Approval of Master Agreement between Engineering West and the City to furnish professional service. Bob Fitzgerald made a motion to approve the agreement, seconded by Dennis Holten; roll call for vote, Rick White, Dennis Holten, Tim Mayo, Bob Fitzgerald, and Danen Johannes, all yea votes. Motion passed.</p> <p>Approval of the Special Use Permit at Heritage Park for Hunter Safety Education on August 15, 2024, from 1:30pm to 3:30pm. Rick White made a motion to approve the permit, seconded by Tim Mayo; roll call for vote, Danen Johannes, Bob Fitzgerald, Tim Mayo, Dennis Holten, Rick White, all yea votes. Motion passed.</p> <p>Approval of the User Agreement between the city and Stillwater Soccer AYSO League to use Granite Peak on 8/24/24 and 9/1/24 through 10/12/24. Dennis Holten made a motion to approve the agreement, seconded by Rick White; roll call for vote, Rick White, Dennis Holten, Tim Mayo, Bob Fitzgerald, and Danen Johannes, all yea votes. Motion passed.</p> <p>Approval of School Resource Officer Agreement. Tim Mayo made a motion to approve the agreement, seconded by Dennis Holten; roll call for vote, Danen Johannes, Bob Fitzgerald, Tim Mayo, Dennis Holten, Rick White, all yea votes. Motion passed.</p> <p>Approval of Pay Application #2 from Mystic Mountain in the amount of \$160,689.03. Dennis Holten made a motion to approve the pay application, seconded by Bob Fitzgerald; roll call for vote, Rick White, Dennis Holten, Tim Mayo, Bob Fitzgerald, and Danen Johannes, all yea votes. Motion passed.</p>

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	<p>Approval of Change Order from Mystic Mountain for the 2nd Street Storm Drain Project. Bob Fitzgerald made a motion to approve the change order. Option 2 for change order 1 in the amount of \$219,995.00, seconded by Dennis Holten; roll call for vote, Rick White, Dennis Holten, Tim Mayo, Bob Fitzgerald, and Danen Johannes, all yea votes. Motion passed.</p> <p>Approval of Bid Award to Enaqua for the UV Wastewater Disinfection Equipment in the amount of \$235,135.00. Tim Mayo made a motion to approve the award, seconded by Dennis Holten; roll call for vote, Danen Johannes, Bob Fitzgerald, Tim Mayo, Dennis Holten, Rick White, all yea votes. Motion passed.</p>
COMMENTS NOT ON THE AGENDA	<p>Dennis stated that he will be meeting with Cherrie Thursday to work on Solid Waste Rate Increase options. Ryan discussed the proposal that the city received from Farmer's Union to purchase the superfund property that the city owns. The amount of the proposal was \$50,000.00. Ryan stated that this proposal will be on the agenda for approval or counteroffer August 19, 2024.</p>
ADJOURNMENT	<p>Webb Mandeville requested a Motion to Adjourn. Rick White made the motion to adjourn at 7:41 p.m. seconded by Dennis Holten, roll call all yea votes.</p>



 WEBB MANDEVILLE, MAYOR



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