

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS,  
COLUMBUS, MONTANA HELD September 3, 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. The 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 Aaron Uecker, Public Works Director Peyton Brookshire, City Attorney Ryan Addis, and Clerk-Treasurer Cherrie McAlexander.
<b>SIDELINE IN PERSON</b>	Kevin Mitchum
<b>PUBLIC HEARING</b>	Public Hearing #1 – Petition to Discontinue a Street – the mayor asked if there were any public comments three times. No comments were made. Hearing closed at 7:01pm Public Hearing #2 – Budget for Fiscal Year 24/25 – the mayor asked if there were any public comments three times. No comments were made. Hearing closed at 7:02pm
<b>REGULAR MINUTES APPROVED</b>	The mayor asked the council if they had reviewed the minutes of the August 19, 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 Tim Mayo; roll call for vote, Danen Johannes, Bob Fitzgerald, Cole Waltner, Tim Mayo, Dennis Holten, 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 August was presented to the Council. Rick White made a motion to approve the claims 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. Danen thanked all the department heads for using local vendors as much as they can. Rick also thanked the department heads and said they all were doing a great job.
<b>PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS</b>	NONE
<b>FIRE DEPT.</b>	The Fire Chief was present and provided a report.
<b>POLICE</b>	The Police Chief was present and provided a report. Danen stated that he loved seeing the police officers pass by his house. He said that he has seen more police officers driving by his house since Aaron became Chief and he appreciates it. Rick stated that he would like to see the police officers' wave back more often.
<b>PUBLIC WORKS</b>	The Public Works Director was present and provided a report. Dennis asked if James Caraway was the person that Peyton wanted to hire full time. Peyton said yes. Dennis and Danen both agreed that they wanted to have more discussion before another full-time employee would be hired. Peyton stated that hiring another employee would save the city money in the long run.
<b>ATTORNEY</b>	The City Attorney was present and provided a report. Ryan discussed the new information that was found out from the EPA and DEQ on the superfund site that Farmers Union is purchasing from the city. Ryan explained that there will be a

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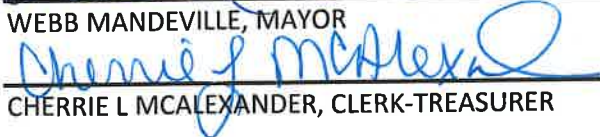
<b>CITY JUDGE</b>	<p>hold put on the buy sale agreement until there is more discussions with Farmers, DEQ and EPA.</p> <p>The City Judge was not present and did not provide a report.</p>
<b>CLERK-TREASURER</b>	The Clerk-Treasurer was present and provided a report.
<b>PUBLIC COMMENT ON CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS:</b>	NONE
<b>COMMITTEE REPORTS-</b>	NONE
<b>UNFINISHED BUSINESS</b>	NONE
<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>	<p>Approval of Revised User Agreement between the City of Columbus and Stillwater Soccer League – days of use changed from Mondays and Wednesdays to Tuesdays &amp; Thursdays. Dennis Holten made a motion to approve the agreement, 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.</p> <p>Approval of Special Use Permit for Canine Connection to host an event - K9 Nose Work Trial on October 26 and 27, 2024. Bob Fitzgerald made a motion to approve the permit, 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>Approval of Task Order 21 for Interstate Engineering to provide professional GIS services. Dennis Holten made a motion to approve the Task Order, 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 Resolution 855-2024 – Setting the levy for the City of Columbus light districts for fiscal year 24/25. Cole Waltner made a motion to wave the reading, seconded by Tim Mayo; roll call for vote, Danen Johannes, Bob Fitzgerald, Cole Waltner, Tim Mayo, Dennis Holten, and Rick White, all yea votes. Motion Passed. Danen Johannes 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>Approval of Resolution 856-2024 – Adopting a Budget for the City of Columbus for fiscal year 24/25. Dennis Holten made a motion to waive the reading, second by Bob Fitzgerald; roll call for vote, Rick White, Dennis Holten, Tim Mayo, Cole Waltner, Bob Fitzgerald and Danen Johannes, all yea votes. Motion Passed. Tim Mayo made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Cole</p>

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	<p>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 Resolution 859-2024 – Adopting the Tax Levy for the City of Columbus for fiscal year 24/25. Cole Waltner made a motion to waive the reading, seconded by Bob Fitzgerald; roll call for vote, Rick White, Dennis Holten, Tim Mayo, Cole Waltner, Bob Fitzgerald and Danen Johannes, all yea votes. Motion Passed. Dennis Holten made a motion to approve the resolution, 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 Resolution 857-2024 – Intent for the City of Columbus to increase the Solid Waste Charges. Rick White made a motion to waive the reading, 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. Tim Mayo made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Dennis Holten; Danen Johannes, Bob Fitzgerald, Cole Waltner, Tim Mayo, Dennis Holten, and Rick White, all yea votes. Motion Passed.</p> <p>Approval of Resolution 860-2024 – Discontinue a Street in Park Addition of the City of Columbus. Cole Waltner made a motion to waive the reading, 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. Dennis Holten made a motion to approve the resolution, 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>
<b>COMMENTS NOT ON THE AGENDA</b>	Kevin Mitchum spoke about the parking situation for the Stillwater Mining Company. He explained what mine employees are parking where. Kevin discussed some improvements that were made to help keep semi-trucks from being parked on the side of street by mine warehouse.
<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>	Webb Mandeville requested a Motion to Adjourn. Rick White made the motion to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. seconded by Dennis Holten, roll call all yea votes.



WEBB MANDEVILLE, MAYOR



CHERRIE L MCALEXANDER, CLERK-TREASURER

