

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS,
COLUMBUS, MONTANA HELD AUGUST 19, 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, Cole Waltner, Bob Fitzgerald and Danen Johannes. Staff members present were Police Chief Aaron Uecker and Clerk-Treasurer Cherrie McAlexander.
SIDELINE IN PERSON	Rick Young and Domonic Calderon
PUBLIC HEARING	NONE
REGULAR MINUTES APPROVED	The mayor asked Council if they had reviewed the minutes of the August 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 Tim Mayo; roll call for vote, Danen Johannes, Bob Fitzgerald, Tim Mayo, Dennis Holten and Rick White, all yea votes. Cole Waltner abstained from voting. Motion passed.
SHUT OFF LIST	The shut-off list for the month of August 2024 was presented to the Council. Dennis Holten made a motion to approve the list as presented, 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.
APPROVAL OF CLAIMS	The claims list for the 1st half of August was presented to the Council. Cole Waltner made a motion to approve the claims as presented, seconded by Dennis Holten; Danen asked about some pairs of boots that were purchased for public works employees. Cherrie stated that would be a question to ask Peyton Brookshire. Cherrie did state that each department within public works has a uniform budget. Roll call for vote, Rick White, Dennis Holten, Tim Mayo, Cole Waltner, Bob Fitzgerald and Danen Johannes, all yea votes. Motion passed.
PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS	Cherrie presented the Budget Document to the Council. She discussed the document and explained to the council that there had to be a few increases in expenditures in the general fund and several of the light districts to balance the budget. The mayor discussed the Local Government Review and asked for each council person to give him two names of citizens that they feel would be good candidates to appoint to serve on the commission. Cherrie presented the new proposed Solid Waste Rate Structure to the Council. The Council decided to move forward with this structure and start the process to increase the Solid Waste Rates for the city.
FIRE DEPT.	The Fire Chief was not present but did provide a report.
POLICE	The Police Chief was present and provided a report.
PUBLIC WORKS	The Public Works Director was not present but did provide a report.
ATTORNEY	The City Attorney was not present but did provide 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.

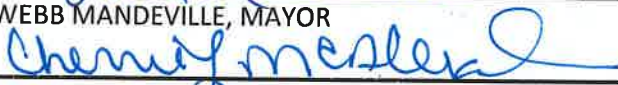
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PUBLIC COMMENT ON CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS:	NONE
COMMITTEE REPORTS-	NONE
UNFINISHED BUSINESS	NONE
NEW BUSINESS	<p>Approval of Minutes from the Budget Work Session on 8/12/24. Tim Mayo made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Rick White; roll call for vote, Danen Johannes, Bob Fitzgerald, Tim Mayo, Dennis Holten and Rick White, all yea votes. Cole Waltner abstained from voting. Motion passed.</p> <p>Approval of Special Use Permit for an All-Staff BBQ for Columbus Public Schools at Heritage Park on August 26, 2024, from 5pm to 8pm. Cole Waltner made a motion to approve the permit, 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.</p> <p>Approval for Farmers Union Trading Company to purchase the superfund property from the City of Columbus for \$50,000. Dennis Holten made a motion to approve the purchase, seconded by Cole Waltner. Danen expressed his concern that the offer is too low and would like to see sold but would like to see the sale price a bit higher. Rick Young from Farmers Union gave comments to the Council about his opinion of the market analysis and other topics. There was discussion about the PRP and that the responsibility will always be with the city. Rick Young stated that the state Fire Marshall and EPA have already approved the plans. The mayor explained the options that are available for tonight's vote; counteroffer, table the topic, vote yes or no. The mayor stated that there will be costs involved to the city when the property is sold, and when the property gets developed. Bob stated that he has been associated with Farmers since he was a kid and thinks that Farmers is a good outfit to deal with. Bob agrees that \$50,000 is a bit low but that the tax base the city will receive will make up for that. Roll call for vote, Danen Johannes voted no, Bob Fitzgerald voted yes, Cole Waltner voted yes, Tim Mayor voted yes, Dennis Holten voted yes, Rick White voted yes. Motion passed.</p> <p>Approval of the Preliminary Budget for the City of Columbus. Tim Mayo made a motion to approve the Preliminary Budget, 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 the Purchase Agreement and Scope of Supply between Enaqua and the City of Columbus. Bob Fitzgerald made a motion to approve the agreement, 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>

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	<p>Approval of Pay App #3 from Mystic Mountain in the amount of \$106,279.29 for 2nd Street Storm Drainage Project. Tim Mayo made a motion to approve the pay app, 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.</p> <p>Approval of new Lease Agreement for the T-Hangars at the Airport. Cole Waltner made a motion to approve the lease, 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.</p> <p>Approval of Certificate of Substantial Completion for the T-Hangar Project at the Airport. Cole Waltner made motion to approve the certificate, 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>
COMMENTS NOT ON THE AGENDA	<p>Tim Mayo asked about what to do with the left-over rock from the sign project. Public Works will decide what to do with the rock. Tim Mayo asked about the road to the water tower. He stated that he walked that road today and with a little work that road would be in good shape. He encouraged other council members to take a walk and check out the road and see what they think about it. The mayor suggested that the council reach out to Peyton and see what his concerns are with the road. Cole Waltner stated that the Co-ed Softball League season is over, and they send their thanks for allowing them to use the Granite Peak fields. Cherrie let the council know that there will be a Granite Peak baseball, softball, end of session meeting set for tomorrow at 12 pm at City Hall conference room to discuss the baseball field.</p>
ADJOURNMENT	<p>Webb Mandeville requested a Motion to Adjourn. Rick White made the motion to adjourn at 7:46 p.m. seconded by Dennis Holten, roll call all yea votes.</p>


 WEBB MANDEVILLE, MAYOR


 CHERRIE L MCALEXANDER, CLERK-TREASURER