

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS,
COLUMBUS, MONTANA HELD NOVEMBER 4, 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 Fire Chief Rich Cowger, Police Chief Aaron Uecker, City Attorney Ryan Addis (via zoom), and Clerk-Treasurer Cherrie McAlexander.
SIDELINE IN PERSON	Jonathan Church and guest, Gretchen Graham
PUBLIC HEARING	NONE
REGULAR MINUTES APPROVED	The mayor asked the council if they had reviewed the minutes of the October 21, 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 Cole Waltner; roll call for vote, Danen Johannes, Cole Waltner, Tim Mayo, Dennis Holten, Rick White, all yea votes. Bob Fitzgerald abstained from voting due to missing the last council meeting. Motion passed.
SHUT OFF LIST	NONE
APPROVAL OF CLAIMS	The claims list for the 2 nd half of October was presented to the Council. Tim Mayo made a motion to approve the claims as presented, 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.
PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS	Jonathan Church gave a presentation about a new program he would like to implement for the city. The program is called Shop with a Cop. Jonathan explained how the program would work and the experience he has had with this program in another city that he worked for. Rick White asked what kids would be allowed to sign up for the program. Jonathan stated that this year it would be for Columbus School kids only but would like to include all surrounding schools next year. They mayor asked what the timeline looked like for the program. Jonathan explained that he would like to raise funds until the beginning of December and complete the program the week before Christmas. The mayor asked what the kids could spend the money on. Jonathan stated that the chosen child can buy for themselves and their family members.
FIRE DEPT.	The Fire Chief was present and provided a report. Rich stated that if the Shop with a Cop program was approved the Fire Department would help in anyway possible.
POLICE	The Police Chief was present and provided a report. Rick White asked about the mechanical issues with the new police vehicle. Aaron explained what the service shop told him.
PUBLIC WORKS	The Public Works Director was not present but provided a report.
ATTORNEY	The City Attorney was present (via zoom) and provided a report.
CITY JUDGE	The City Judge was not present and did not provide a report.

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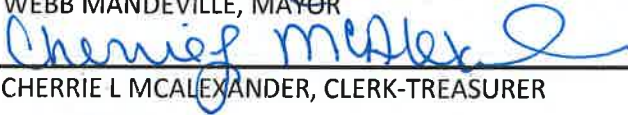
CLERK-TREASURER	The Clerk-Treasurer was present and provided a report. Tim Mayo asked about designing the new website. Cherrie explained the benefits of overhauling the new website. All council members showed an interest in moving forward with the possibility of a new website.
PUBLIC COMMENT ON CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS:	NONE
COMMITTEE REPORTS-	NONE
UNFINISHED BUSINESS	NONE
NEW BUSINESS	<p>Approval of Resolution 864-2024 allowing for the receipt and expenditure of privately donated funds for the Shop with A Cop Program. Rick White made a motion to waive the reading, seconded by Cole Waltner; roll call for vote, Danen Johannes, Bob Fitzgerald, Cole Waltner, Tim Mayo, Dennis Holten and Rick White, all yea votes. Motion passed. Cole Waltner made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Tim Mayo. Danen asked if any of the shopping with the children would be done locally. Jonathan and Aaron both answered the question. They stated that they were looking at Walmart in Laurel because they support these programs and donate lots of things for the shopping day but are also looking at local shops too. Danen stated that he would really like to see some of the donated funds to stay in Columbus. 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 of Intent 865-2024 amending the budget for fiscal year 23/24. Dennis Holten made a motion to waive the reading, 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. Dennis Holten made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Cole 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 letter from Courtney Ellis to represent the City of Columbus as Bond Council for the UV Project SRF Loan in the amount of \$20,000.00. Bob Fitzgerald made a motion to approve the letter, 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 Webb Mandeville to be the Ex-officio member of the Local Government Review Study Commission. Bob Fitzgerald made a motion to approve the request, 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>
COMMENTS NOT ON THE AGENDA	Gretchen Graham thanked the council for painting pickle ball lines on the tennis courts. She said that there have been several people playing even though the weather is changing. Gretchen stated that next year she was looking into

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	<p>starting a pickle ball association and maybe a Facebook page. Cole Waltner stated that the Stillwater Youth Center has added some pickle ball courts in their gym.</p> <p>The mayor mentioned the ROCE Workshops that have been happening at the Civic Center. He let the council know that the next meeting is Wednesday from 1pm to 7pm but if they want to join around 4pm there will be discussions on the city's infrastructure.</p>
ADJOURNMENT	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



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