

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS,
COLUMBUS, MONTANA HELD OCTOBER 21, 2024, AT 7:00 P.M.**

COUNCIL PRESENT OFFICERS PRESENT	The meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m. Mayor Webb Mandeville began the meeting with the pledge of allegiance. The council members present were Rick White, Dennis Holten, Tim Mayo, Cole Waltner, and Danen Johannes. Staff members present were Fire Chief Rich Cowger, Public Works Director Peyton Brookshire, City Attorney Ryan Addis (via zoom) and Clerk-Treasurer Cherrie McAlexander.
SIDELINE IN PERSON	Charlie Denison, Craig Dalton, Beth Ann Steffan, Scot Gramm, Dan Sampson and Forrest Mandeville
PUBLIC HEARING	<p>1st Public Hearing – Conditional Use Permit for Town Pump was opened at 7:00 p.m. Forrest Mandeville read the Staff Report. The mayor opened the floor to any public comments. Beth Ann Steffan expressed her concern about the speed on Hwy 78 and if there is a way to reduce the speed limit. She also expressed her concern about trees, natural buffers and fence locations at the new Town Pump. Webb Mandeville expressed his concerns about trucker traffic into the new entrance and how Town Pump is going to handle that. Town Pump representative said they will be using signage and a better approach for the new entrance. Webb also expressed his concern for the how Town Pump will be handling the barriers around the Town Pump. Danen expressed his concern about trash that comes off the Town Pump and ends up in our neighborhoods. Town Pump representative stated that there will be a keystone block wall with a 6’ high fence on top of the wall that will run along the entire eastside of the property. Cole Waltner asked if MDT recommend a turning lane at diamond and 9th and the current entrance into the facility. Forrest Mandeville responded that MDT did not recommend a turning lane. Rick White asked about the steep slope at the new entrance site for the facility. The Town Pump representative stated that they will be raising that area up about four feet to greatly improve the slope. Town Pump mentioned that the speed changes need to be initiated by the city or county. There will need to be a request for a speed study to be done by MDT and that study will determine what the speed limit will be. The hearing was closed at 7:30 pm.</p> <p>2nd Public Hearing – Amending the Budget for FY23/24 was opened at 7:31 p.m. The mayor asked twice if there was any public comment. There was no public comment, and the hearing was closed at 7:32 p.m.</p>
REGULAR MINUTES APPROVED	The mayor asked Council if they had reviewed the minutes of the October 7, 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 Rick White; roll call for vote, Danen Johannes, Cole Waltner, Tim Mayo, Dennis Holten and Rick White, all yea votes. Motion passed.
SHUT OFF LIST	The shut-off list for the month of October 2024 was presented to the Council. Rick White made a motion to approve the list as presented, seconded by Dennis Holten; roll call for vote, Danen Johannes, Cole Waltner, Tim Mayo, Dennis Holten and Rick White all yea votes. Motion passed.
APPROVAL OF CLAIMS	The claims list for the 1st half of October was presented to the Council. Tim Mayo made a motion to approve the claims as presented, seconded by Cole Waltner; roll call for vote, Rick White, Dennis Holten, Tim Mayo, Cole Waltner and Danen Johannes, all yea votes. Motion passed.
PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS	NONE

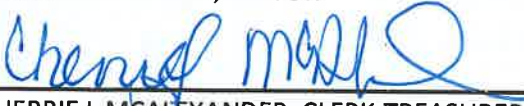
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FIRE DEPT.	The Fire Chief was present but did not provide a report.
POLICE	The Police Chief was not present and did not provide a report.
PUBLIC WORKS	The Public Works Director was present and provided a report. Peyton asked Council how they want to proceed with applying for grants for the city. After a discussion it was decided that all grants must be presented to Council for approval before applying. Dennis stated that Peyton's report had a lot of information in it, Tim agreed. Dennis asked Peyton if he had time to meet to discuss some of these items in his report. Dennis stated that he had some questions about the proposed water regulations and that Meter Pits have never been part of our ordinances. Peyton agreed but stated that in the standards that have been approved by the city it speaks exclusively about them. Dennis stated he was concerned with the cost of a Meter Pit to the residents and the cost to maintain.
ATTORNEY	The City Attorney was present and provided a report. Ryan discussed that Farmers Union is withdrawing their offer to purchase the Superfund property.
CITY JUDGE	The City Judge was not present and did not provide a report.
CLERK-TREASURER	The Clerk-Treasurer was present but did not provide a report.
PUBLIC COMMENT ON CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS:	NONE
COMMITTEE REPORTS-	NONE
UNFINISHED BUSINESS	NONE
NEW BUSINESS	<p>Approval of Special Use Permit for Beartooth Bible Church to use Railroad Park during the Parade of Lights Event for a public gathering for refreshments and fire pits. Cole Waltner made a motion to approve the permit, seconded by Tim Mayo; roll call for vote, Rick White, Dennis Holten, Tim Mayo, Cole Waltner and Danen Johannes, all yea votes. Motion passed.</p> <p>Approval of Board Application to appoint Terry Nystul to the City County Planning Board. Rick White made a motion to approve the application, seconded by Dennis Holten; roll call for vote, Danen Johannes, Cole Waltner, Tim Mayo, Dennis Holten and Rick White, all yea votes. Motion passed.</p> <p>Approval of the Conditional Use Permit for Town Pump. Tim Mayo made a motion to approve the permit with the conditions 1 through 7 listed in the staff report, seconded by Cole Waltner, Dennis asked if we needed to add additional landscaping and fencing that was discussed as an additional condition. Forrest stated yes and that he would add it to the staff report as condition number eight. Rick made a motion to amend the first motion to include condition number eight, seconded by Dennis Holten; roll call for vote, Rick White, Dennis Holten, Tim Mayo, Cole Waltner and Danen Johannes, all yea votes. Roll call vote to approve the permit with conditions 1-8. Danen Johannes, Cole Waltner, Tim Mayo, Dennis Holten and Rick White, all yea votes. Motion passed.</p>

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	<p>Approval of Resolution 862-2024 Amending the Expenditure Budget for FY23/24. 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 and Danen Johannes, all yea votes. Motion passed. Dennis made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Rick White; roll call for vote, Danen Johannes, Cole Waltner, Tim Mayo, Dennis Holten and Rick White, all yea votes. Motion passed.</p> <p>Approval of Resolution 863-2024 to Adopt the 2024 Area Growth Policy. Tim Mayo made a motion to waive the reading, seconded by Cole Waltner; roll call for vote, Rick White, Dennis Holten, Tim Mayo, Cole Waltner and Danen Johannes, all yea votes. Motion passed. Cole Waltner made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Rick White; roll call for vote, Cole Waltner, Danen Johannes, Tim Mayo, Dennis Holten and Rick White, all yea votes. Motion passed. The mayor made a comment about the Growth Policy and suggested that if all council members have not read it they should.</p> <p>Approval of Change Order #2 – Dick Anderson Construction – T-hangar project. Balancing Change order to bring total requested amount/actual costs for project. Amount of \$14,440.13. Dennis Holten made a motion to approve the change order, seconded by Tim Mayo; roll call for vote, Rick White, Dennis Holten, Tim Mayo, Cole Waltner and Danen Johannes, all yea votes.</p> <p>Approval of By-Law Change for the Airport – to establish new meeting time of Second Tuesday of each month at 9:00 a.m. as the time of the meetings. Tim Mayo made a motion to approve the change, seconded by Cole Waltner; roll call for vote, Danen Johannes, Cole Waltner, Tim Mayo, Dennis Holten and Rick White, all yea votes. Motion passed.</p>
COMMENTS NOT ON THE AGENDA	<p>Cole Waltner had a conversation with Terry Henderson about the possibility of naming the pool in honor of Barbara Henderson. The mayor stated that he would take this into consideration and figure out how to get this process moving.</p>
ADJOURNMENT	<p>Webb Mandeville requested a Motion to Adjourn. Rick White made the motion to adjourn at 8:04 p.m. seconded by Dennis Holten, roll call all yea votes.</p>


 WEBB MANDEVILLE, MAYOR


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