

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS,
COLUMBUS, MONTANA HELD NOVEMBER 18, 2024, AT 7:00 P.M.**

COUNCIL PRESENT OFFICERS PRESENT	The meeting was called to order at 7:01 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 Public Works Director Peyton Brookshire, and Clerk-Treasurer Cherrie McAlexander.
SIDELINE IN PERSON	Charlie Denison and Michael Grizzaffi
PUBLIC HEARING	Budget Amendment – The Mayor opened the public hearing at 7:00 p.m. and asked if there was any public comment two times. There was no public comment, and the mayor closed the hearing at 7:01 p.m.
REGULAR MINUTES APPROVED	The mayor asked the council if they had reviewed the minutes of the November 4, 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, Bob Fitzgerald, Cole Waltner, Tim Mayo, Dennis Holten, Rick White, all yea votes. Motion passed.
SHUT OFF LIST	The shut-off list for the month of November 2024 was presented to the Council. Rick White made a motion to approve the list 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.
APPROVAL OF CLAIMS	The claims list for the 1 st half of November was presented to the Council. Tim Mayo made a motion to approve the claims as presented, seconded by Cole Waltner; roll call for vote, Danen Johannes, Bob Fitzgerald, Cole Waltner, Tim Mayo, Dennis Holten, Rick White all yea votes. Motion passed.
PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS	NONE
FIRE DEPT.	The Fire Chief was not present and did not provide a report.
POLICE	The Police Chief was not present but did provide a report.
PUBLIC WORKS	The Public Works Director was present and provided a report. Dennis asked what happened to James Caraway. Peyton explained that he was no longer interested in working for the city. Dennis asked if we could hire whoever the city wanted to fill his position. The mayor stated yes. Peyton discussed the cleaning of the water tank and how it was in better shape than he anticipated. Peyton said he will have a full report soon. Tim asked if there was more chlorine being put in the city water. Peyton stated yes and explained why. Danen asked about the bathroom remodel at Itch-Kep-Pee and if it was completed. Peyton stated that it is not complete, but the completion date is set for December 10 th . Peyton stated that he would let the council know so they could go see the new remodel.
ATTORNEY	The City Attorney was not present and did not provide 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 asked about the fraud that happened with the city's bank account. Cherrie explained that there was a fraudulent check and ACH that came in. Bob asked why the UV construction budget went up \$400,000.00. Cherrie Explained the original budget was just an estimate made by Interstate Engineering and when the project actually went out for bid the only bid we got back was for more than what the engineering firm estimated.
PUBLIC COMMENT ON CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS:	NONE
COMMITTEE REPORTS-	NONE
UNFINISHED BUSINESS	Approval of Resolution 866-2024 amending the budget for FY23/24. 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, Rick White all yea votes. Motion passed. Dennis Holten made a motion to approve the resolution, 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.
NEW BUSINESS	<p>Approval of Pay App number 5 for Mystic Mountain in the amount of \$20,274.58. Cole Waltner made a motion to approve the pay app, seconded by Bob Fitzgerald; roll call for vote, Danen Johannes, Bob Fitzgerald, Cole Waltner, Tim Mayo, Dennis Holten, Rick White all yea votes. Motion passed.</p> <p>Approval of the Recommendation to Award Construction Contract, Notice of Award, and Request for Approval and Authorization to Award Contracts all in the amount of \$1,520,000.00 for the UV Project. Dennis Holten made a motion to approve the recommendation, seconded by Tim Mayo. Cole Waltner asked when the project will start. Peyton stated that the project will start next month. 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 Underground Electrical Distribution Agreement between the city and Northwestern Energy. Tim Mayo 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, Rick White all yea votes. Motion passed.</p> <p>Approval of appointing the following people to the Local Government Review Commission: Joe Morse, Mina Morse and Karen Redman. Dennis Holten made a motion to approve the appointments, 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><u>AIRPORT</u></p> <p>Approval of Certificate of Final Acceptance of the T-Hangar building from Dick Anderson Construction, Inc. Bob Fitzgerald made a motion to approve the certificate, seconded by Cole Waltner; roll call for vote, Danen Johannes, Bob</p>

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	<p>Fitzgerald, Cole Waltner, Tim Mayo, Dennis Holten, Rick White all yea votes. Motion passed.</p> <p>Approval of Letter of Final release of grant funding, permission for drawdown of funds not to exceed 97.5%. Cole Waltner made a motion to approve the letter, seconded by Danen Johannes; 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 total for Pay Application No. 9 for \$41,106.86 with 90% (\$36,996.17 as the FAA share and 5% each city/county of \$2,055.34 for the completion of the T-Hangar Project. Tim Mayo made a motion to approve the pay application, 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 Grant Certificates AIP 3-30-0017-020-2023 for signature. Dennis Holten made a motion to approve the certificates, seconded by Cole Waltner; roll call for vote, Danen Johannes, Bob Fitzgerald, Cole Waltner, Tim Mayo, Dennis Holten, Rick White all yea votes. Motion passed.</p> <p>Approval of Update for October 2024 of the DBE Program document. Bob Fitzgerald made a motion to approve the document, seconded by Cole Waltner; roll call for vote, Danen Johannes, Bob Fitzgerald, Cole Waltner, Tim Mayo, Dennis Holten, Rick White all yea votes. Motion passed.</p>
COMMENTS NOT ON THE AGENDA	<p>Michael Grizzaffi stated that he had some concerns about our fire department. His homeowner's insurance informed him that the ISO rating for the city had gone from 4 to 9 out of 10. This has made his insurance premium go way up. He stated that this is not good, and he wanted to know why the change. The mayor gave an explanation to why he thought the change happened and then he suggested that Michael speak with Rich Cowger with the Columbus Rural Fire District.</p>
ADJOURNMENT	<p>Webb Mandeville requested a Motion to Adjourn. Rick White made the motion to adjourn at 7:26 p.m. seconded by Dennis Holten, roll call all yea votes.</p>



WEBB MANDEVILLE, MAYOR



CHERRIE L MCALEXANDER, CLERK-TREASURER