

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS,
COLUMBUS, MONTANA HELD MARCH 17, 2025, AT 7:00 P.M.**

COUNCIL PRESENT OFFICERS PRESENT	The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. Mayor Webb Mandeville began the meeting with the pledge of allegiance. The council persons present were Dennis Holten, Tim Mayo, Cole Waltner, Bob Fitzgerald and Danen Johannes. Staff members present were Fire Chief Rich Cowger, Chief of Police Aaron Uecker, Public Works Director Peyton Brookshire (Via Zoom), City Attorney Ryan Addis, and Clerk-Treasurer Cherrie McAlexander.
SIDELINE IN PERSON	Eric Ler, Doug Harrington, Maureen Davey, Marty and Debbie Malone, June Mandeville, Sharon Flemetis, Bob Van Oosten, Ben Walker, Nate Jones, Jill Exner, Charlie Denison, Brett French, Nate Havens
PUBLIC HEARING	The Public Hearing for Quarry Street Sidewalk – MDT Transportation Alternatives Application was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Eric Ler with Interstate Engineering gave a short presentation about the project and application. There was no public comment.
REGULAR MINUTES APPROVED	The mayor asked the council if they had reviewed the minutes of the March 3, 2025, regular meeting, and if there were any additions, deletions, or corrections. Danen Johannes made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting, seconded by Cole Waltner; roll call for vote, Dennis Holten, Tim Mayo, Cole Waltner, Bob Fitzgerald, Danen Johannes, all yea votes.
SHUT OFF LIST	The shut-off list for the month of March 2025 was presented to the Council. Tim Mayo made a motion to approve the list as presented, seconded by Dennis Holten; roll call for vote, Danen Johannes, Bob Fitzgerald, Cole Waltner, Tim Mayo, Dennis Holten, all yea votes. Motion passed.
APPROVAL OF CLAIMS	The claims list for the 1st half of March was presented to the Council. Cole Waltner made a motion to approve the claims as presented, seconded by Danen Johannes; roll call for vote, Dennis Holten, Tim Mayo, Cole Waltner, Bob Fitzgerald, Danen Johannes, all yea votes. Motion passed.
PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS	NONE
FIRE DEPT.	The Fire Chief was present and provided a report.
POLICE	The Police Chief was present and provided a report.
PUBLIC WORKS	The Public Works Director was present (zoom) but did not provide a report.
ATTORNEY	The City Attorney was present and provided 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.
PUBLIC COMMENT ON CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS:	Bob Van Oosten gave comments on the Urban Supervisor positions that were on the agenda. Tim Mayo asked the city attorney to clarify the number of open positions. Ryan explained the difference between Procurement Policy and Conflicts of Interest to Bob Van Oosten. Bob Fitzgerald gave comments and

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	asked the city attorney for clarification on his comment. Ryan gave his interpretation of the statue. Dennis Holten gave comments and asked if the city council is liable for any bad actions an appointed board member does. Ryan stated that all the city has is appointment authority. Bob Van Oosten passed out a document to all members of the council. Sharon Fletmetis gave comments about the Stillwater County Conservations District appointments and other workings of the SCD. Dennis Holten asked Sharon some questions and she answered the questions. Ryan Addis asked Sharon questions, and she responded. Tim Mayo asked Sharon questions, and she responded. Doug Harrington gave comments on the Stillwater County Conservation District. Cole Waltner asked if the open positions were advertised anywhere and if the city is required to advertise them. Ryan Addis responded that no they were not advertised and does not know what the city's policy is on open board positions. The council discussed advertising for these positions. Ben Walker gave comments and requested to have his application pulled. Nate Jones gave comments and requested to have his application pulled.
COMMITTEE REPORTS-	NONE
UNFINISHED BUSINESS	NONE
NEW BUSINESS	<p>Approval of Special Use Permit for Super State Rally Bike Night sponsored by the Christian Motorcyclists Association on July 26th, 2025, from 4:00 pm to 10:00pm. Location will be Railroad Park and two blocks of Pike Ave between 4th Street and Pratten. Dennis Holten made a motion to approve the permit, seconded by Bob Fitzgerald; roll call for vote, Dennis Holten, Tim Mayo, Cole Waltner, Bob Fitzgerald, Danen Johannes, all yea votes. Motion passed.</p> <p>Approval of Resolution 868-2025 Reorganizing and Combining Current Capital Accounts. Bob Fitzgerald made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Tim Mayo; roll call for vote, Danen Johannes, Bob Fitzgerald, Cole Waltner, Tim Mayo, Dennis Holten, all yea votes. Motion passed.</p> <p>Approval of Bid for Sidewalk repairs at City Hall: Option 1 – Woodfort Industrial Concrete Group LLC - \$59,500.00 Option 2 – Heart 7 Enterprises LLC – \$38,140.00 Once approved the construction agreement will be drafted and signed by Clerk/Treasurer. Bob Fitzgerald made a motion to approve option 2 for the sidewalk repairs, seconded by Dennis Holten; roll call for vote, Danen Johannes, Bob Fitzgerald, Cole Waltner, Tim Mayo, Dennis Holten, all yea votes. Motion passed.</p> <p>Approval of appointment to the following - Position 1 – Urban Supervisor for the Stillwater County Conservation District – Ben Walker, Nate Jones or Doug Harrington – THERE WAS NO MOTION</p>

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	Approval of appointment to the following - Position 2 – Urban Supervisor for the Stillwater County Conservation District - Ben Walker, Nate Jones or Doug Harrington – THERE WAS NO MOTION The council decided to advertise for positions 1 and 2 for Urban Supervisor for the Stillwater County Conservation District. The positions will be advertised in the local paper, city website and the SCD website.
COMMENTS NOT ON THE AGENDA	NONE
ADJOURNMENT	Webb Mandeville requested a Motion to Adjourn. Dennis Holten made the motion to adjourn at 8:01 p.m. seconded by Tim Mayo, roll call all yea votes.


WEBB MANDEVILLE, MAYOR


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