

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS,
COLUMBUS, MONTANA HELD JANUARY 03, 2022, AT 7:00 P.M.**

COUNCIL PRESENT OFFICERS PRESENT	The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Webb Mandeville, Mayor began the meeting with the pledge of allegiance. Council persons present were Bob Fitzgerald, Tim Mayo, Danen Johannes, Cole Waltner, Rick White and Terry Nystul. Staff members present Fire Chief Rich Cowger, Public Works Director Scott Caton, Police Chief Gary Timm, City Attorney Ryan Addis and City Clerk Kisha Miller.
SIDELINE IN PERSON	Marlo Pronovost, Stillwater County News
REGULAR MINUTES APPROVED	The Mayor asked Council if they had reviewed the minutes of the December 20, 2021 regular meeting, and if there were any additions deletions or corrections. Terry Nystul moved to approve the minutes as presented of the regular meeting, seconded by Cole Waltner; Roll call of vote, Danen Johannes, Bob Fitzgerald, Cole Waltner, Tim Mayo, Terry Nystul, Rick White all yea votes, opposed – no sign. Motion passed.
CLAIMS LIST	The claims list for the month of December 2021 was presented to Council. Tim Mayo moved to approve the claims as presented, seconded by Rick White; Roll call of vote Danen Johannes, Bob Fitzgerald, Cole Waltner, Tim Mayo, Terry Nystul, Rick White all yea votes, opposed – no sign. Motion passed.
PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS	Webb Mandeville, Mayor addressed the Council and Staff present with an short speech on what he hoped to accomplish, appreciation of staff and council both current and previous and his hopes for the future. A presentation on Open Meeting Laws and Roberts Rules of Order was provided by the City Attorney. At the end of the presentation Bob Fitzgerald asked if it might be a hindrance to instate such rules, the Attorney stated that it should be tool kit of sorts to better accomplish meetings and to provide opportunities for better meeting communications.
REPORTS	Reports presented by: Fire Chief, Police Chief, Public Works Director, City Attorney and City Clerk
FIRE DEPT.	Chief Cowger was present and presented a written report, Cowger noted that the total calls for 2021 were up by 15% overall. Work was done on the exhaust filtration systems for the ladder truck and engine. The interlocal agreement states that the City will provide costs over \$5,000.00 for repairs on vehicles owned by the City. Rich and the Clerk will provide more information once the bills are presented and there may need to be a budget amendment to account for the cost of the exhaust upgrades.
POLICE	Police Chief Timm was present and provided a report. This report provided 2021 year end statistics. No questions from Council.
PUBLIC WORKS	Public Works Director Scott Caton provided a report for Council, no questions from Council.
ATTORNEY	City Attorney Addis was present and provided a report.
CITY JUDGE	No report from the Court
CLERK	The Clerk provided a report, no additions or questions from Council
COMMITTEE REPORTS-	The Mayor provided previous committee assignments and requested Council to fill in their preferred committee assignments for the 2022 year. Assignments will be presented at the January 18 th meeting.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS	<p>Resolution No. 825-2022 – A Resolution of the City of Columbus, Montana to amend the zone classification on lots 1,2,3, block 4 of park addition, and lots 2,3 of block 4 Hunter Addition from Heavy Industrial (HI) to Light Industrial (LI). A motion to waive the reading of Resolution No. 825-2022 was made by Terry Nystul, seconded by Danen Johannes. Roll Call of Vote, Rick White, Terry Nystul, Tim Mayo, Cole Waltner, Bob Fitzgerald, Danen Johannes all yea votes. Opposed – no sign. Motion passed. A motion to adopt Resolution No. 825-2022 was made by Terry Nystul, seconded by Cole Waltner. Roll call of vote, Danen Johannes, Bob Fitzgerald, Cole Waltner, Tim Mayo, Terry Nystul, Rick White all yea votes. Opposed – no sign. Motion passed.</p>
NEW BUSINESS	<p>Council Chair or President – this was postponed until the Clerk could verify procedure for this task. Council Chair / President will be selected at the next meeting.</p> <p>The Mayor requested a motion for the Appointment of Scott Caton to the City-County Planning Board. Bob Fitzgerald made the motion to appoint Scott Caton to the City-County Planning Board, seconded by Danen Johannes. Roll Call of Vote, Rick White, Terry Nystul, Tim Mayo, Cole Waltner, Bob Fitzgerald, Danen Johannes all yea votes. Opposed – no sign. Motion passed.</p> <p>Release form for payment in the name of N. Hartrampf. A brief description of the form was made by the City Attorney explaining that a City owned vehicle had damaged N. Hartrampf’s vehicle and the estimate was provided as proof and amount for payment and final release of liability. Only property was involved no individuals involved and the City employee and vehicle were not damaged. A motion was made by Tim Mayo to approve the form and allow payment to N. Hartrampf, seconded by Rick White. Roll call of vote, Danen Johannes, Bob Fitzgerald, Cole Waltner, Tim Mayo, Terry Nystul, Rick White all yea votes. Opposed – no sign. Motion passed.</p> <p>A Brief Discussion on Training for the Council and Boards that serve the City. The clerk will bring more information to the next meeting.</p>
COMMENTS NOT ON THE AGENDA	No Comments not on the Agenda
ADJOURNMENT	Terry Nystul, motion to adjourn at 7:50 p.m.

WEBB MANDEVILLE, MAYOR

KISHA K. MILLER, CLERK-TREASURER