

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS,  
COLUMBUS, MONTANA HELD JANUARY 18, 2022, AT 7:00 P.M.**

<b>COUNCIL PRESENT OFFICERS PRESENT</b>	The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m Bob Fitzgerald, Council President began the meeting with the pledge of allegiance. Council persons present were Tim Mayo, Danen Johannes, Cole Waltner, Rick White, and Terry Nystul. Staff members present Fire Chief Rich Cowger, Public Works Director Scott Caton, Attorney Ryan Addis (via zoom) and City Clerk Kisha Miller.
<b>SIDELINE IN PERSON</b>	Marlo Pronovost, Stillwater County News
<b>REGULAR MINUTES APPROVED</b>	The Council President asked Council if they had reviewed the minutes of the January 3, 2022 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; all yea votes, opposed – no sign. Motion passed.
<b>DELINQUENT SHUTOFF LIST</b>	The shut off list for the month of January 2022 was presented to Council. Tim Mayo moved to approve the list as presented, seconded by Rick White; all yea votes, opposed – no sign. Motion passed.
<b>PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS</b>	The Police Commission nomination was tabled until the next meeting on February 7, 2022.
<b>REPORTS</b>	Reports presented by: Fire Chief, Police Chief, Public Works Director, City Attorney and City Clerk
<b>FIRE DEPT.</b>	Chief Cowger was present and presented a written report, Cowger extended an invitation to the Strategic Planning meeting on January 27 <sup>th</sup> . No questions from the Council.
<b>POLICE</b>	Police Chief Timm was not present and provided a report. No questions from Council.
<b>PUBLIC WORKS</b>	Public Works Director Scott Caton provided a report for Council, no questions from Council.
<b>ATTORNEY</b>	City Attorney Addis was present via zoom and provided a report. No questions from Council.
<b>CITY JUDGE</b>	No report from the Court.
<b>CLERK</b>	The Clerk provided a report and requested that comments and questions be brought to the next Council meeting in regard to the Health Benefit packages given to the Council. She explained that a decision needed to be made on February 22, as to the Health Benefit Provider that was going to be chosen for the next FY.
<b>COMMITTEE REPORTS-</b>	Committee Assignments were provided to Council and Staff.
<b>UNFINISHED BUSINESS</b>	City Council President nomination was tabled until the February 7, 2022 meeting.
<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>	<p>Task Order No. 23 from Interstate Engineering – Sewer Main Replacement engineering for the 12<sup>th</sup> Street Sewer Main replacement that goes under the Railroad. Amount of \$65,000.00 plus additional services if necessary. Terry Nystul motioned to authorize the approval of the Task Order as presented, seconded by Tim Mayo, all yea votes, opposed no sign. Motion passes.</p> <p>Wester Ground water consulting services for the Test Well Project. Approval requested to begin the preliminary work for the water source replacement, the cost of \$16,393.00. Terry Nystul made the motion to approve, discussion noted that the project is covered</p>

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	<p>by one of the ARPA Grant submissions and that the cost would be paid out of the ARPA grant. Motion second by Rick White, all yea votes, opposed no sign. Motion passes.</p> <p>Permission for the Clerk to submit DNRC RRGL grant applications for Preliminary Engineering Reports for water in the amount of \$15,000.00, and \$15,000.00 for sewer, a total of \$30,000.00 for the two grant submissions. The City will have to pay the remainder of the cost of the Task order as presented. The Clerk noted that the task order will not be approved until it is known if the grant money will be provided to the City. Cole Waltner motioned to give permission for the grant applications for water and sewer PER's, seconded by Terry Nystul, all yea votes, opposed no sign. Motion passes.</p> <p>Airport Invoice for Payment No 5 on the Pavement Maintenance project. The City portion is \$50.51. Approval for payment was made by a motion from Tim Mayo, seconded by Cole Waltner, all yea votes, opposed no sign. Motion passes.</p> <p>Airport CATEX (environmental report) approval to submit the report for grant package application was explained by Rich Cowger the Chairperson of the Airport Board. Tim Mayo made the motion to approve the report submission, seconded by Terry Nystul, all yea votes, opposed no sign. Motion passes.</p> <p>Public Works Director Scott Caton presented cost quotes on a new skid steer. He stated his preference would be Bob Cat as the Case brand was not compatible with the current attachments already owned by the city. He also stated that he wanted to make the decision now because it takes several months for delivery and that the municipal pricing will be phased out and a different plan in place soon. The Clerk noted that the funding is available for the purchase in either gas tax or heavy capital equipment. Rick White made a motion to allow the purchase not to exceed \$68,000.00 from Bob Cat. Motion seconded by Terry Nystul, all yea votes, opposed no sign. Motion passes.</p>
<p><b>COMMENTS NOT ON THE AGENDA</b></p>	<p>Terry Nystul wanted to discuss the possibility of Business Licenses. Especially for food trucks that are benefiting in our town yet are not paying taxes. Discussion was noted that the Attorney would provide some information on what may be possible at the next meeting.</p>
<p><b>ADJOURNMENT</b></p>	<p>Terry Nystul, motion to adjourn at 7:20 p.m.</p>

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WEBB MANDEVILLE, MAYOR

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KISHA K. MILLER, CLERK-TREASURER