

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS,  
COLUMBUS, MONTANA HELD JULY 01, 2024, AT 7:00 P.M.**

<b>COUNCIL PRESENT OFFICERS PRESENT</b>	The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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 Fire Chief Rich Cowger, Police Chief Aaron Uecker, Public Works Director Peyton Brookshire, City Attorney Ryan Addis (via Zoom), and Clerk-Treasurer Cherrie McAlexander.
<b>SIDELINE IN PERSON</b>	Joe Morse
<b>PUBLIC HEARING</b>	NONE
<b>REGULAR MINUTES APPROVED</b>	The mayor asked Council if they had reviewed the minutes of the June 17, 2024, regular meeting, and if there were any additions, deletions, or corrections. Tim Mayo made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting, seconded by Rick White; roll call for vote, Danen Johannes, Bob Fitzgerald, Tim Mayo, Dennis Holten, Rick White, all yea votes. Cole Waltner abstained from voting. Motion passed.
<b>SHUT OFF LIST</b>	NONE
<b>APPROVAL OF CLAIMS</b>	The claims list for the 2 <sup>nd</sup> half of June was presented to the Council. Rick White made a motion to approve the claims as presented, seconded by Bob Fitzgerald; roll call for vote, Rick White, Dennis Holten, Tim Mayo, Cole Waltner, Bob Fitzgerald, Danen Johannes, all yea votes. Motion passed.
<b>PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS</b>	Cherrie presented a Solid Waste Rate Increase Review to the Council. Dennis Holten asked for more information on the city's tonnage weights by month and fees.  Cherrie Presented the Expenditure Budgets for Public Works, Roads & Streets, Storm Drain, Insect & Pest Control, Public Trees, Parks, Swimming Pool, Gas-Tax, SLFRF, Capital Accounts for Public Works, Emergency Disaster, Water, Sewer, and Solid Waste. After Council discussion it was proposed to strike the \$4,550.00 fuel stipend for the public works director and to lower the budget for 2 vehicles for the public works department from \$80,000 to \$40,000.
<b>FIRE DEPT.</b>	The Fire Chief was present and provided a report.
<b>POLICE</b>	The Police Chief was present and provided a report.
<b>PUBLIC WORKS</b>	The Public Works Director was present and provided a report.
<b>ATTORNEY</b>	The City Attorney was present and provided a report.
<b>CITY JUDGE</b>	The City Judge was not present and did not provide a report.
<b>CLERK-TREASURER</b>	The Clerk-Treasurer was present and provided a report.
<b>PUBLIC COMMENT ON CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS:</b>	NONE

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<b>COMMITTEE REPORTS-</b>	NONE
<b>UNFINISHED BUSINESS</b>	NONE
<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>	<p>Approval of a Professional Services Agreement between the City of Columbus and Tru Pipe, Inc. in the amount of \$31,500.00 for Sewer Cleaning and Inspections. Dennis Holten made a motion to approve the agreement, 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 a Public Works Construction Agreement between the City of Columbus and Obert Construction in the amount of \$69,000.00 for the Itch Ke Pe Restroom Remodel Project. Cole Waltner made a motion to approve the agreement, seconded by Rick White; roll call for vote, Rick White, Dennis Holten, Tim Mayo, Cole Waltner, Bob Fitzgerald, Danen Johannes, all yea votes. Motion passed.</p> <p>Approval of Public Works Construction Agreement between the City of Columbus and Koch's Tennis Court Service in the amount of \$53,540.00 for the Tennis Court and Basketball Court Maintenance and Resurfacing. Tim Mayo made a motion to approve the agreement, seconded by Cole Waltner; roll call for vote, Rick White, Dennis Holten, Tim Mayo, Cole Waltner, Bob Fitzgerald, Danen Johannes, all yea votes. Motion passed.</p> <p>Approval to purchase of GIS equipment from Anatum for \$9,476.96. Dennis Holten made a motion to approve the purchase, seconded by Tim Mayo; roll call for vote, Danen Johannes, Bob Fitzgerald, Cole Waltner, Tim Mayo, Dennis Holten, Rick White, all yea votes. Motion passed.</p> <p>Approval to purchase an FCS ground mic for leak detection in the amount of \$6,483.00. Bob Fitzgerald made a motion to approve the purchase, 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.</p> <p>Approval to purchase equipment needed for Public Works in the amount of \$7,650.00. Dennis Holten made a motion to approve the purchase, seconded by Rick White; Danen Johannes, Bob Fitzgerald, Cole Waltner, Tim Mayo, Dennis Holten, Rick White, all yea votes. Motion passed.</p>
<b>COMMENTS NOT ON THE AGENDA</b>	<p>The mayor requested a volunteer from the Council to serve on the Boad of Adjustments. Dennis Holten stated that he would volunteer. The mayor told Dennis to get with Cherrie and get the application filled out so it can be presented at the next meeting.</p> <p>Cole Waltner thanked Cherrie for getting the Council Packets ready days before the Council Meetings. Cole stated that it really helps prepare for the meetings.</p>
<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>	Webb Mandeville requested a Motion to Adjourn. Rick White made the motion to adjourn at 8:18 p.m. seconded by Dennis Holten, roll call all yea votes.

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