

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS,
COLUMBUS, MONTANA HELD JULY 15, 2024, AT 7:00 P.M.**

COUNCIL PRESENT OFFICERS PRESENT	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 Directors Peyton Brookshire (via Zoom), City Attorney Ryan Addis, and Clerk-Treasurer Cherrie McAlexander.
SIDELINE IN PERSON	Charlie Denison, Becky MacEwen, Blake Haug, Shane Zachery, Jone Morse, and Tom Kurtz
PUBLIC HEARING	NONE
REGULAR MINUTES APPROVED	The mayor asked Council if they had reviewed the minutes of the July 1, 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 and Rick White, all yea votes. Motion passed.
SHUT OFF LIST	The shut-off list for the month of July 2024 was presented to the Council. Tim Mayo made a motion to approve the list as presented, seconded by Dennis Holten; 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 July was presented to the Council. Rick White made a motion to approve the claims as presented, seconded by Cole Waltner; Danen asked about the cost of vests and uniforms for the police department. Aaron Uecker explained the cost. Danen asked if the solid waste recycling container that Mackenzie Disposal provides for the city was cost effective. Cherrie stated that she did not know the answer but would find out. Roll call for vote, Danen Johannes, Bob Fitzgerald, Cole Waltner, Tim Mayo, Dennis Holten and Rick White, all yea votes. Motion passed.
PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS	Cherrie presented the Council with the Revenue Budget. The mayor asked Council if they would like to have a work session for further review of the budget. A work session was scheduled for August 12 th at 6pm. Cherrie presented a tonnage report to the Council for the Solid Waste Fund. Dennis asked Council if he could have a few weeks to work on a rate review to present to Council. School Resource Officer position was discussed. The council decided that they would like to update the contract to the amount offered by the School Board and have the contract presented at the next meeting for approval.
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 (via Zoom) and provided 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.

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PUBLIC COMMENT ON CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS:	NONE
COMMITTEE REPORTS-	NONE
UNFINISHED BUSINESS	NONE
NEW BUSINESS	<p>Approval of the Advertisement for Bid for the Pre-selection/purchase of the UV Wastewater Disinfection Equipment. Bob Fitzgerald made a motion to approve the Advertisement for Bid, seconded by Dennis Holten; roll call for vote, Danen Johannes, Bob Fitzgerald, Cole Waltner, Tim Mayo, Dennis Holten and Rick White, all yea votes. Motion passed.</p> <p>Approval of Agreement Form between the City of Columbus and Mystic Mountain in the amount of \$337,312.44 for 2nd Street Storm Drain Project – Bid Award already approved. Dennis Holten 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 and Danen Johannes, all yea votes. Motion passed.</p> <p>Approval of Pay App #1 from Mystic Mountain Construction in the amount of \$35,015.00. Dennis Holten made a motion to approve the pay application, seconded by Tim Mayo; roll call for vote, Danen Johannes, Bob Fitzgerald, Cole Waltner, Tim Mayo, Dennis Holten and Rick White, all yea votes. Motion passed.</p> <p>Approval of Professional Services Agreement between the City of Columbus and Grizzly Tree Service, Inc. not to exceed \$45,000.00 for Tree Trimming. Tim Mayo made a motion to approve the agreement, seconded by Cole Waltner; roll call for vote, Danen Johannes, Bob Fitzgerald, Cole Waltner, Tim Mayo, Dennis Holten and Rick White, all yea votes. Motion passed.</p> <p>Approval of the Public Works Construction Agreement between the City of Columbus and Air Controls in the amount of \$100,900.00 for the HVAC Project. Bob Fitzgerald made the motion to approve the agreement, seconded by Dennis Holten; 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 to increase the Payroll ACH limit at Yellowstone Bank from \$35,000.00 to \$50,000.00. Cole Waltner made a motion to approve the increase, 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>Approval of Board Application form for Dennis Holten for appointment to the Board of Adjustment. Bob Fitzgerald made a motion to approve the appointment, seconded by Rick White; roll call for vote, Rick White, Tim Mayo, Cole Waltner, Bob Fitzgerald and Danen Johannes, all yea votes. Motion passed. Dennis Holten abstained from voting.</p>

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	AIRPORT - Approval of Payment Request – Dick Anderson and Morrison Maierle. Payment application no. (7) for Morrison Maierle t-hangar construction administration \$3,596.34, Dick Anderson Construction pay application no. (6) \$137,899.70. Total amount is \$141,496.04 90% FAA of \$127,346.44 and 10% sponsor share of \$14,149.61, (\$7,074.81 each for the City/County). Danen Johannes made a motion to approve the payment request, seconded by Bob Fitzgerald; roll call for vote, Danen Johannes, Bob Fitzgerald, Cole Waltner, Tim Mayo, Dennis Holten and Rick White, all yea votes. Motion passed.
COMMENTS NOT ON THE AGENDA	Bob thanked Tim for getting the rock work done on the Columbus welcome sign. Rick asked about burned down or uninhabitable buildings in the city. Ryan mentioned that there probably needs to be some zoning standards for urban decay established.
ADJOURNMENT	Webb Mandeville requested a Motion to Adjourn. Rick White made the motion to adjourn at 7:52 p.m. seconded by Dennis Holten, roll call all yea votes.

Webb Mandeville

WEBB MANDEVILLE, MAYOR

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