


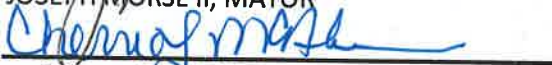
**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS,  
COLUMBUS, MONTANA HELD March 2, 2026, AT 7:00 P.M.**

<b>COUNCIL PRESENT OFFICERS PRESENT</b>	The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Joe Morse began the meeting with the pledge of allegiance. The council members present were Rick White, Dennis Holten, Tim Mayo, Cole Waltner, Kelly Ault and Danen Johannes. Staff members present were Fire Chief Rich Cowger, Chief of Police Aaron Uecker, Public Works Director Peyton Brookshire, City Attorney Ryan Addis, and Deputy Clerk Cassidy Thompson.
<b>SIDELINE IN PERSON</b>	Joel Morantan, Maurie Petterson, Silas Vesbach, Grady Olsen, Remington Larson, and Max Powell
<b>PUBLIC HEARING</b>	NONE
<b>REGULAR MINUTES APPROVED</b>	The mayor asked Council if they had reviewed the minutes of the February 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2026, regular meeting, and if there were any additions, deletions, or corrections. Danen Johannes said that his name was misspelled in multiple spots. Tim Mayo made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting as amended, seconded by Rick White; roll call for vote, Danen Johannes, Kelly Ault, Cole Waltner, Tim Mayo, Dennis Holten, and Rick White. All yea votes. Motion passed.
<b>SHUT OFF LIST</b>	NONE
<b>APPROVAL OF CLAIMS</b>	The claims list for the 2 <sup>nd</sup> half of February was presented to the Council. Rick White made a motion to approve the claims as presented, seconded by Dennis Holten. Danen Johannes encouraged the city to try to keep business local for items that are readily available in town. Roll call for vote, Rick White, Dennis Holten, Tim Mayo, Cole Waltner, Kelly Ault, Danen Johannes, all yea votes. Motion passed.
<b>PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS</b>	NONE
<b>FIRE DEPT.</b>	The Fire Chief was present and provided a report. Cole Waltner asked if Rich had sent anyone to the Bull Mountains by Roundup. Rich replied yes, they were sent there for three days and returned.
<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 not present but provided a report.
<b>PUBLIC COMMENT ON CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS:</b>	NONE
<b>DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND EX PARTE COMMUNICATION</b>	NONE

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<b>COMMITTEE REPORTS-</b>	Peyton Brookshire stated that the committee discussed rewording the ordinances for solid waste.
<b>UNFINISHED BUSINESS</b>	NONE
<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>	<p>Approval of the Concession Stand Use Agreement between the City and PAWS. Cole Waltner made a motion to approve, seconded by Kelly Ault. Cole Waltner asked if we got proof of liability insurance and Joe Morse said he believes we did. Roll call for vote, Danen Johannes, Kelly Ault, Cole Waltner, Tim Mayo, Dennis Holten, and Rick White. Motion passed.</p> <p>Approval of the Use Agreement between the City and Columbus School District #6. Dennis Holten made a motion to approve, seconded by Tim Mayo; Roll call for vote, Rick White, Dennis Holten, Tim Mayo, Cole Waltner, Kelly Ault, Danen Johannes, all yea votes. Motion passed.</p> <p>Approval of the Use Agreement between the City and Granite Peak Little League. Cole Waltner made a motion to approve, seconded by Danen Johannes; Roll call for vote, Danen Johannes, Kelly Ault, Cole Waltner, Tim Mayo, Dennis Holten, and Rick White. Motion passed.</p> <p>Approval of Resolution 893-2026 Adopting a Confined Space Entry Prohibition Policy. Dennis Holten made a motion to approve, seconded by Rick White; Roll call for vote, Rick White, Dennis Holten, Tim Mayo, Cole Waltner, Kelly Ault, Danen Johannes, all yea votes. Motion passed.</p> <p>Approval to match funds in the amount of \$4,000.00 for MT Historic Preservation Grant for the Museum of the Beartooths. Cole Waltner made a motion to approve, seconded by Danen Johannes; Roll call for vote, Danen Johannes, Kelly Ault, Cole Waltner, Tim Mayo, Dennis Holten, and Rick White. Motion passed.</p> <p>Approval of Notice of Intent to Award - Advanced Metering Infrastructure System. Dennis Holten made a motion to approve, seconded by Tim Mayo. Tim Mayo asked how many companies bid and how many came back. Peyton Brookshire said that there were three that bid last time but only one came back to bid on the project. Roll call for vote, Rick White, Dennis Holten, Tim Mayo, Cole Waltner, Kelly Ault, Danen Johannes, all yea votes. Motion passed.</p>
<b>COMMENTS NOT ON THE AGENDA</b>	NONE
<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>	Joe Morse requested a Motion to Adjourn. Rick White made the motion to adjourn at 7:13 p.m. seconded by Dennis Holten, roll call all yea votes.

  
 JOSEPH MORSE II, MAYOR

  
 CHERRIE L MCALEXANDER, CLERK-TREASURER