MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, COLUMBUS, MONTANA HELD October 5, 2026, AT 6:30 P.M.

COUNCIL PRESENT OFFICERS PRESENT	The meeting was called to order at 6:30 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 Chief of Police Aaron Uecker, Public Works Director Peyton Brookshire, City Attorney Ryan Addis, and Clerk-Treasurer Cherrie McAlexander.
SIDELINE IN PERSON	Pam Aumueller, Drea Obert, Dave Rustad, Ted Staugh and Joel Morantan
PUBLIC HEARING	NONE
MINUTES APPROVED	The mayor asked Council if they had reviewed the minutes of the September 21, 2026, 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, Kelly Ault, Tim Mayo, Dennis Holten, and Rick White, all yea votes. Cole Waltner abstained. Motion passed.
SHUT OFF LIST	NONE
APPROVAL OF CLAIMS	The claims list for the 2nd half of September was presented to the Council. Cole Waltner made a motion to approve the claims as presented, seconded by Danen Johannes. Danen Johannes reminded department heads to buy locally. Danen stated that he would rather see department heads pay more and support local businesses. Roll call for vote, Rick White, Dennis Holten, Tim Mayo, Cole Waltner, Kelly Ault and Danen Johannes, all yea votes. Motion passed.
PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS	NONE
FIRE DISTRICT	The Columbus Fire District #3 Fire Chief was not present and did not provide a report.
POLICE	The Police Chief was present and provided a report.
PUBLIC WORKS	The Public Works Director was present and provided a report.
ATTORNEY	The City Attorney was present and provided a report.
CLERK-TREASURER	The Clerk-Treasurer was present and provided a report.
CITY JUDGE	The City Judge was not present but did provide a report.
DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND EX PARTE COMMUNICATION	NONE
PUBLIC COMMENT ON CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS:	NONE
COMMITTEE REPORTS-	NONE

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS	NONE
NEW BUSINESS	Approval of Construction Agreement between the City and Heart 7 for city wide road blading not to exceed $35,000. Dennis Holten made the motion to approve the agreement, seconded by Kelly Ault. Tim Mayto asked if Peyton received more bids for the project. Peyton replied yes but Heart 7 was the cheapest. Roll call for vote, Danen Johannes, Kelly Ault, Cole Waltner, Tim Mayo, Dennis Holten, and Rick White, all yea votes. Motion passed.
COMMENTS NOT ON THE AGENDA	Tim Mayo discussed the issues at the city's gun range, and that Heart 7 is going to fix the issues. Kelly Ault thanked Peyton for fixing the potholes around town. Kelly Ault asked Aaron about the homecoming parade. Rick White discussed the possibility of getting several crosswalks put in on 9th street between town Pump and Old Hwy 10. The mayor mentioned the Downtown Revitalization Public meeting that will be at the Palladium on October 15th at 6pm.
ADJOURNMENT	Joe Morse requested a Motion to Adjourn. Rick White made the motion to adjourn at 6:43 p.m. seconded by Dennis Holten, roll call all yea votes.

JOSEPH MORSE II, MAYOR

CHERRIE L MCALEXANDER, CLERK-TREASURER