MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, COLUMBUS, MONTANA HELD October 19, 2026, AT 6:30 P.M.

COUNCIL PRESENT OFFICERS PRESENT	The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Joe Morse started 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 Public Works Director Peyton Brookshire, Chief of Police Aaron Uecker, City Attorney Ryan Addis and Clerk-Treasurer Cherrie McAlexander.
SIDELINE IN PERSON	Pam Aumueller, Drea Obert, and Joel Moranton
PUBLIC HEARING	NONE
REGULAR MINUTES APPROVED	The mayor asked the council if they had reviewed the minutes of the October 5, 2026, 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. Rick White mentioned that Ted Story last name was misspelled. Cherrie stated she would correct the spelling. Roll call for vote, Rick White, Dennis Holten, Tim Mayo, Cole Waltner, Kelly Ault and Danen Johannes, all yea votes. Motion passed.
SHUT OFF LIST	The shut-off list for the month of October 2026 was presented to the Council. Dennis Holten made a motion to approve the list as presented, seconded by Cole Waltner. Rick stated that the list seems to be getting longer and asked if it had to do with higher water bills. Cherrie responded that she did not feel that was the case. She also stated that most of the residents on the list pay before the day the city shuts off water. Roll call for vote, Danen Johannes, Kelly Ault, Cole Waltner, Tim Mayo, Dennis Holten, Rick White, all yea votes. Motion passed.
APPROVAL OF CLAIMS	The claims list for the 1st half of October was presented to the Council. Tim Mayo made a motion to approve the claims as presented, seconded by Rick White. Danen asked about the Grizzly Tree Service invoice for $13,000.00. Peyton explained the cost was removing years and years of massive dead tree stumps that were dumped at the transfer site. Danen asked what happened to all the abandoned vehicles and the dump. Peyton stated that they were hauled off. Danen asked about the invoice from Laurel Ford for repairs on the police Tahoe. Aaron explained. Danen suggested taking it somewhere else other than Laurel Ford, like Danny Menholt Cheverlot. Aaron stated that the County and Highway Patrol said never to take anything to Danny Menholt Cheverlot. Roll call for vote, Rick White, Dennis Holten, Tim Mayo, Cole Waltner, Kelly Ault, Danen Johannes, all yea votes. Motion passed.
PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS	NONE
FIRE DISTRICT	The Fire District 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. Tim asked if there was a leave ordinance in the city. He noticed that some residents were blowing their leaves in the street and leaving them. Ryan stated that the city did not have an ordinance on leaves.

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ATTORNEY	The City Attorney was present and did not provide 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.
PUBLIC COMMENT ON CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS:	NONE
COMMITTEE REPORTS-	NONE
UNFINISHED BUSINESS	NONE
NEW BUSINESS	Approval of Special Use Permit for Columbus Parade of Lights on Friday December 4. Dennis Holten made a motion to approve the permit, seconded by Kelly Ault; roll call for vote, Danen Johannes, Kelly Ault, Cole Waltner, Tim Mayo, Dennis Holten, Rick White, all yea votes. Motion passed. Approval of Task Order 37 from Interstate Engineering for the 2027 Stormwater Preliminary Engineering Report in the amount of $96,000.00. Dennis Holten made a motion to approve the task order, seconded by Danen Johannes. Dennis asked if this was in the budget. Cherrie responded yes and that there was a grant for $30,000 to help cover the expense. Roll call for vote, Rick White, Dennis Holten, Tim Mayo, Cole Waltner, Kelly Ault, Danen Johannes, all yea votes. Motion passed. Approval of Task Order 38 from Interstate Engineering for a Light District Map in the amount of $10,000. Cole Waltner made a motion to approve the task order, seconded by Tim Mayo; roll call for vote, Danen Johannes, Kelly Ault, Cole Waltner, Tim Mayo, Dennis Holten, Rick White, all yea votes. Motion passed. Approval of the Notice to Proceed for the Pool Rehabilitation Project. Dennis Holten made a motion to approve the notice, seconded by Kelly Ault; roll call for vote, Rick White, Dennis Holten, Tim Mayo, Cole Waltner, Kelly Ault, Danen Johannes, all yea votes. Motion passed.
COMMENTS NOT ON THE AGENDA	Dennis stated that he noticed the letter from the Chamber of Commerce about the crosswalks, and he thinks that the city should put together a letter to send to the state about crosswalks. Dennis asked council for any other items that they might want to put in the letter like a speed reduction. Rick mentioned the need to widen the west end off of pike could be added to the letter. Kelly mentioned getting the caboose added to Railroad Park. Joel Moranton stated that he had a contact with BNSF and would reach out to them. Rick mentioned the person that is scaring people around town and wanted to know what his deal was. Cole stated that he is trying to get people to violate his 2nd and 4th amendment rights to get content to blow up his YouTube Chanel. Aaron's suggestion was to just ignore him, and he will eventually go away.

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ADJOURNMENT	Joe Morse requested a Motion to Adjourn. Rick White made the motion to adjourn at 6:48 p.m. seconded by Dennis Holten, roll call all yea votes.

JOSEPH MORSE II, MAYOR

CHERRIE L MCALEXANDER, CLERK-TREASURER