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City of Columbus Council Proceedings

July 6, 2026
Unofficial Minutes
The July meeting of the City of Columbus was called to order at 7:00 pm on Monday, July 6, 2026, by Council President Darla Westernness at the Columbus City Hall, with the Pledge of Allegiance.
Members Present: Mayor Chris Kihle, Darla Westernness, Scott Sandy, Amber Nygard, Kathryn Nygard and auditor Sandy Raines.
Guests Present: Brian Julius, Ackerman-Estfold Engineering.
Reorganization: Having received official notice from the Burke County Canvas Board regarding results of the Columbus City Election held on June 9, 2026, the following duly elected officers took their oath of Office: Mayor Christopher R Kihle; Four-year term Council Members Scott Sandy and Amber Nygard; Two-year unexpired term council member, Kathryn Nygard.
Motion by A. Nygard and second by K. Nygard to elect Darla Westernness as Council President. The mayor called for the vote. Ayes: K. Nygard, Sandy, Westernness, and A. Nygard. Nays: None. Motion approved.
Motion by Westernness and second by K. Nygard to elect Scott Sandy as the Council Vice-president. The mayor called for the vote. Ayes: K. Nygard, Sandy, Westernness, and A. Nygard. Nays: None. Motion approved.
Motion by Westernness and second by Sandy to appoint Sandy Raines as the City Auditor. The mayor called for the vote. Ayes: K. Nygard, Sandy, Westernness, and A. Nygard. Nays: None. Motion approved.
Motion by K. Nygard and second by Sandy to appoint Ackerman-Estfold, Brian Julius, as the City Engineer. The mayor called for the vote. Ayes: K. Nygard, Sandy, Westernness, and A. Nygard. Nays: None. Motion approved.
Motion by Westernness and second by Sandy to appoint Pendlay Law Firm, Liz Pendlay, as the City Attorney. The mayor called for the vote. Ayes: K. Nygard, Sandy, Westernness, and A. Nygard. Nays: None. Motion approved.
Motion by Sandy and second by K. Nygard to approve Resolution 2026-01 setting the City Auditor's bond at \$226,785. The mayor called for the vote. Ayes: K. Nygard, Sandy, Westernness, and A. Nygard. Nays: None. Motion approved.
Motion by Westernness and second by K Nygard to approve the following portfolios: Financial – A. Nygard;

Buildings/Grounds – Westernness; Streets/Vehicles- Sandy; Water, Sewer and Garbage – K. Nygard. The mayor called for the vote. Ayes: K. Nygard, Sandy, Westernness, and A. Nygard. Nays: None. Motion approved.
Motion by K. Nygard and second by A. Nygard to authorize Mayor Kihle, President Westernness, Vice-president Sandy and auditor Sandy Raines as signers on all city checks. The mayor called for the vote. Ayes: K. Nygard, Sandy, Westernness, and A. Nygard. Nays: None. Motion approved.
Agenda: Motion by Westernness and second by Sandy to approve the agenda as presented. The mayor called for the vote. Ayes: K. Nygard, Sandy, Westernness, and A. Nygard. Nays: None.
Minutes: Motion by Westernness and seconded by K. Nygard to approve the City Council minutes of June 8, 2026, as presented. The mayor called for the vote. Ayes: K. Nygard, Sandy, Westernness, and A. Nygard. Nays: None. Motion approved.
Public Comment: There being no members of the public wishing to comment, Mayor Kihle proceeded with the meeting.
• **City Engineer:** No updates to report.
• **City Attorney:** No report.
• **City Maintenance:** Moving, spraying for weeds, lagoon sample
• **Correspondence:** NDLC Annual Conference in Grand Forks Sept 16-18.; Regional Listing meeting in Ray on July 23.
• **Building Permits:** None
• **Financials:** **Motion by K Nygard and second by Westernness to pay the July bills and file the June financial statement.** The mayor called for the vote. Ayes: K. Nygard, Sandy, Westernness, and A. Nygard. Nays: None. Motion approved. **Motion by K.Nygard and second by Westernness to move \$160,000 from the general fund to cover negative balance of the water fund.** The mayor called for the vote. Ayes: K. Nygard, Sandy, Westernness, and A. Nygard. Nays: None. Motion approved.
Old Business:
• **Fee Structure:** Utility rates, fines, and ordinance violations – tabled
• **Water and Sewer:** Review of bill delinquency and water use accountability.
• **Columbus Community Club:** Contractor to be in Columbus between July 13-27.
• **Tree Grant:** All trees are planted, reimbursement paperwork in process
• **AARP Livable Community Grant:** Columbus was awarded \$15,000 for updates and programming at the Community Center.; through Livable Communities Grant Funding
• **Vault Toilet:** Submitted additional grants to Sharing Success and RFDC through BDEC.
New Business:
• **Hazardous properties:** FDHU has visited Columbus and some properties will be receiving letters for abatement.
• **Motion by K. Nygard and second by Sandy for the city to pay T & T of Crosby for the porta-potties for the August 1, 2026, anniversary.** The mayor called for the vote. Ayes: K. Nygard, Sandy, Westernness, and A. Nygard. Nays: None. Motion approved.
• **Motion by Westernness and second**

by A. Nygard to set the 26-27 Council meetings dates: August 3; September 8 (Tuesday); October 5; November 2; December 7; January 4; February 8; March 8; April 5; May 3; June 7; July 6 (Tuesday).
Announcements:
• **Next meeting is July 6, 2026, at 7:00 pm. Adjournment: Motion by K. Nygard and second by Westernness to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm.**
Bills to Pay: \$275.00; BDEC 11.50; Verizon 288.55; NWRW 5768.20; NCC 223.21; MDU 1059.65; USPO 140.00; Microsoft 104.99; Kenmare Garden Center 163.87; EFTPS 1392.46 & 2397.57; INSF 300.00; BC Sheriff 400.00; Burke County Tribune 168.94; Circle Sanitation 1899.75; First District Health 30.00; Jacob's Hardware 38.96; Jerry's Transfer 28.00; Lignite Oil 238.04; NDLC 382.00; On the Spot 234.56; Ironhide Equip. 830.14; Visa Maintenance 367.56; Visa Auditor 625.00.
Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Raines, Auditor
July 15, 2026

City of Lignite Council Proceedings

Regular Meeting
July 6, 2026
Unofficial Minutes
Meeting called to order by Mayor L. Granrud whom gave Oath of Office to elected Mayor N. Schneider and Council members, S. Bartow, A. Arnold; and auditor K. Jones. L. Granrud left the meeting. Present member, W. Rick; J. Ehlike, Maintenance Superintendent; and absent K. Termine. Members of the public: Desiree Zeiba.
Desiree Zeiba left meeting at 8:09pm
• **Motion to approve W. Rick to continue as President by A. Arnold, second by S. Bartow.** All in favor, motion carried.
• **Motion to approve previous Wold Engineering for City Engineering by W. Rick, second by S. Bartow.** All in favor, motion carried.
• **Motion to approve previous Bryan Van Grinsven with McGee, Hankla & Backes, P.C for Attorney by W. Rick, second S. Bartow.** All in favor, motion carried.
• **Motion to approve previous month's minutes by W. Rick, second by S. Bartow.** All in favor, motion carried.
• **Motion to approve financials as presented by W. Rick, second by S. Bartow.** All in favor, motion carried.
• **Motion to purchase barricades for city by W. Rick, second by S. Bartow.** All in favor, motion carried.
• **Motion to rent brush hog for lagoon by W. Rick, second by S. Bartow.** All in favor, motion carried.
• **Motion to approve Liquor Transfer for 109 Club to Columbus Main Street August 1st, 2026 by W. Rick, second by S. Bartow.** All in favor, motion carried.
• **Motion to approve the following bills by W. Rick, second by S. Bartow.** All in favor, motion carried.
Maintenance report: Sealed cracks on main street. Cleaned curbs before Street Dance. Sprayed weeds in alleys, will continue to spray around town as weather permits. Applied herbicide at lagoon and will need to repeat again. Fogging for mosquitos weekly. Attachment plate welded on box blade to use on the skid steer. Gas line has been abandoned at white house on Main St. and will need to get Asbestos test completed before it can be demolished. Summer employee has been moving and painting fire hydrants and bollards. Exercising water mains valves. Discussed renting a Brush hog for lagoon and landfill to clean the area.

Auditor report: Continue with Town & Country CD for next 6 month. ESRI has been replaced with Diamond Maps. Two letters sent for notifications of water shut off for non-payment.
Old Business: Continued discussion regarding Welcome signs into each entrance into Lignite. Reviewed quote from Garden State Contractors for paving Peterson Street from 4th Ave W. to 3rd Ave W. and 2nd Ave East from Grove St. to Robinson St.
New Business: Updating City of Lignite Ordinances. Add pet ordinances and ordinances for rodents. Speed bumps added to streets. Would like to see more public attendance at the City Council meetings.
Correspondence: N/A
• **Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:39 pm by Mayor N. Schneider.**
Due to no quorum on regular scheduled meeting the next meeting is rescheduled for Monday, August 10th, 2026 at 7:00 pm
BILLS FOR JUNE 2026: Burke County Sheriff \$400.00; Burke Divide Electric 23.00; Burke County Tribune 108.73, 107.90; Circle Sanitation 3,609.25; City Sales Tax 4,730.16; Department of Environmental Quality 198.11; Ehlike, Jory 50.00; Ehlike, Jory 355.10, 23.00; Granrud, Lance 789.59; Granrud, Mona 144.07; Fed 941 2,807.66; First District Health 30.00; Jones, Kim 50.00; Jones, Kim 129.05; Knutson, Lisa 50.00; Lignite Oil 419.00; McGee, Hankla & Backes PC 360.00; MDU 1,515.82; Meeker, Ward 3,800.00; NCC Ray 276.02; ND League of Cities 382.00; Payroll 362.02, 1,550.87, 2,131.08, 2,263.06, 2,131.06, 887.67, 1,560.14, 689.11, 2,131.08, 480.22, 1,530.33, 480.22; RDO 255.31; Ruby, Joe 623.36; Sandberg, Nadine 692.62; San Way Ve Motel 483.78; Sewer Passbook 2,510.00; Swanston Equipment 3,564.70; The Computer Store 169.00; VISA 3,062.77.
Kimberly Jones, City Auditor
July 15, 2026

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The purpose of the committee is to provide local input and recommendations regarding soil classifications and related matters as they pertain to property assessment and equalization within Burke County.
Anyone with an interest or experience in agriculture, soils, land management, or related fields is encouraged to attend.
Date: Tuesday, August 4, 2026
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Location: Burke County Commission Room, Burke County Courthouse, Bowbells, North Dakota
Those interested in serving on the committee are encouraged to attend the meeting and participate in the discussion.

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