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OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE APRIL 5, 2016 MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Present were Mayor Jack Conatser, Council Member Stewart Merja, Council Member Dan Lannen and Council Member Rose Crawford. Council Member Jill Owen was excused.

Staff present was Deputy Clerk Mary Corey.

Citizens present were Melody Martinsen of the Choteau Acantha; Jim Patterson and Kevin Johnson of DOWL; Mark Grove of the Teton County Sheriff's Office; Jesse Crawford; Adam Woith; Micah Martin; and Rich Lusky. Nate White arrived at 7:18 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Conatser called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2016 meeting was made by Council Member Crawford, seconded by Council Member Merja. The motion passed with all in attendance voting aye.

REQUESTS TO BE OUT OF STATE

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT UPDATE

Jim Patterson reported that the concrete work for the structures has been completed with the exception of the platforms on the oxidation ditch, the headworks building has not yet been started, the 15 inch sewer line on the north dike is complete, the well has been set for the lift

station, sub-contractors are working on the utilities, the gas line has been installed but is not yet hooked up and they did some work on the UV building. Mr. Patterson encouraged everyone to come out and look at the progress being made. Mayor Conatser asked how we are sitting at days and dollars. Mr. Patterson replied that they have used 35 percent of the budget and 50 percent of the contract time. With the weather getting nicer, things will be picking up.

VOTE ON CRUZ-IN EVENTS - RICH LUSKY

Rich Lusky asked permission to use the parking lot at the Visitors Center for the Cruz-In car show again this year. Show dates would be June 8, 2016, July 13, 2016 and August 10, 2016 from 5:30 to 9:00 p.m.

A motion to approve the request was made by Council Member Merja, seconded by Council Member Crawford. The motion passed with all in attendance voting aye.

PAY REQUEST - WILLIAMS BROTHER CONSTRUCTION

A motion to approve the pay request was made by Council Member Lannen, seconded by Council Member Merja. The motion passed with all in attendance voting aye.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON DISC GOLF COURSE

Adam Woith explained that he would like to set up an 18 hole Disc Golf Course. The course would run 5800 feet starting and ending at the edge of the City Park near the Pavilion. He stated that he is not looking for money from the City, just the use of the property. He hopes in the future to have all 18 holes sponsored at a cost of \$350 each. He would like to put up a course courtesy and rules sign; posts and targets. He will help maintain the course and empty the trash.

Mayor Conatser stated before post are planted, we need to do a one call locate for the utilities.

Rich Lusky asked if it would impede the campground. Mr. Woith stated that it would not.

Jesse Crawford stated that Gillette, WY has a disc golf course and it gets used a lot.

A motion to allow Mr. Woith to use the city property for a Disc Golf Course was made by Council Member Merja, seconded by Council Member Crawford. The motion passed with all in attendance voting aye.

CLAIMS

A motion to pay the claims for March in the amount of \$560,110.70 was made by Council Member Lannen, seconded by Council Member Merja. The motion passed with all in attendance voting aye.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mayor Conatser reported that a sewer line was fixed, they filled potholes, got rid of some cottonwood stumps and are looking at chip sealing.

FINANCE OFFICER'S REPORT

Finance Officer Rogers was excused.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Member Merja stated that he sent the updated Google image to Leathers but they could not open it. He has re-submitted it.

Council Member Lannen stated that 6 people were interviewed for the Public Works Directors Position. All were excellent candidates, Mike Maples was chosen. He will start May 15, 2016.

Council Member Crawford reported that she spoke with Austin Moyer, Teton County Sanitarian. She stated that in an email received from Jack, JARR could possibly have until the end of the year to get the wrecking yard into compliance. She stated that she was not comfortable with that time frame. In talking with Mr. Moyer, she stated that he would be sending a notice of compliance to JARR. They will have 45 days to get everything up to code but he could get an extension on the lot between the railroad tracks to fence that in to extend the wrecking yard. The least amount of time it would take for the extension would be 90 days. Ms. Crawford stated that Mr. Moyer gave her a copy of the letter that was sent if anyone would like to see it. She further stated that we have been asking other people to clean up their yard and are not giving them until the end of the year. She does not feel that JARR should be any different. There will be a meeting at the courthouse on April 18, 2016 at 5:30 to discuss JARR.

Mayor Conatser reported that due to a low census, the Nursing Home will be closing May 26, 2016. They have 16 residents and 34 employees. Benefis TMC is offering to take in all of the residents and has offered employment to the employees.

Mayor Conatser stated that he met with a group of people that will try to find something to go into the old facility.

ZONING PERMIT REPORT FOR MARCH 2016

Name	Address	Description
Jim March	902 1 st Street SW	Garage/Shop
Ross Salmond	15 8 th Avenue NE	Addition
Sharla Hinman	216 1 st Avenue SW	Fence

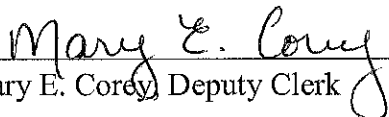
PUBLIC COMMENT

Nate White asked what the issue is with JARR. Council Member Crawford stated that he is being asked to clean up his area and make it a little nicer. Mr. White asked if it is the city or county that is asking him to do this. Mayor Conatser replied that it is the County Sanitarian. Mr. White asked if the information was available. He was referred to MCA Chapter 10, 5-0-1.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m. was made by Council Member Crawford, seconded by Council Member Merja. The motion passed with all in attendance voting aye.

John W. Conatser, Mayor



Mary E. Corey, Deputy Clerk