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OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 2, 2016 MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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

Staff present was Public Works Director Mike Maples and Finance Officer Jodi Rogers.

Citizens present were Melody Martinsen of the Choteau Acantha; Kevin Johnson & Jim Patterson of DOWL; Gordy Loverink and Nate White.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Conatser called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of the July 19, 2016 meeting was made by Council Member Merja, seconded by Council Member Crawford. The motion passed with all in attendance voting aye.

REQUESTS TO BE OUT OF STATE

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT UPDATE

Jim Patterson showed photos of the wastewater treatment plant. The coffer dam has been completed, at Williams Brother's expense. They will be putting some of the equipment from WesTech into the oxidation ditch in the next couple of weeks. He reported that the quality of work is very good, just going slowly. The lagoon is way down, there is very little discharge.

Kevin Johnson reported that he has reworked the drying beds and will bring it up with the contractor at the meeting in the morning and if he is on board, present it to the DEQ for their approval.

Public Works Director Maples thinks this will be a cost savings for the city in terms of maintenance.

NEW BUSINESS

VOTE ON PAY REQUEST #12 - WILLIAMS BROTHER CONSTRUCTION

A motion to approve Pay Request No. 12 was made by Council Member Lannen, seconded by Council Member Owen. The motion passed with all in attendance voting aye.

CLAIMS

A motion to pay the claims for July in the amount of \$667,075.11 was made by Council Member Owen, seconded by Council Member Crawford. The motion passed with all in attendance voting aye.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Public Works Director Maples reported that the crew: patched potholes, flushed sewer mains, trimmed alley trees and bushes, swept streets, worked on cleaning gutters and graded alleys.

Mr. Maples stated that the "spring" in the Country Club Addition slowed way down after the leak was fixed and believes there may be a leak in the Country Club sprinkler line. He also has been working on how to re-do the bridge near the rodeo grounds as well as finding another option for the sludge drying beds.

Mr. Maples explained that Josh Durocher has been hired to work on the garbage truck.

FINANCE OFFICER'S REPORT

Finance Officer Rogers reported that the numbers have been received from the Department of Revenue. The value of each mill went up by \$23.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Member Lannen reported that he spent some time at the new wastewater treatment plant, stated that everyone needs to go and see it.

Council Member Owen stated that she is gathering opinions about the fireworks issue.

Mayor Conatser stated that we have updated our signature card at Teton Banks. The signers are John Conatser, Jodi Rogers, Dan Lannen and Mike Maples. We are required to have two signatures on our checks.

Mayor Conatser and Mike Maples thanked the Acantha for the wonderful editorial in the paper.

ZONING PERMIT REPORT FOR JULY 2016

Name	Address	Description
Charles Hlavac	20 1 st Avenue SW	Covered Deck
Michael Lindermann	11 3 rd Avenue NW	Fence
Kirk Mattingly	12 9 th Avenue NE	House

PUBLIC COMMENT

Gordon Loverink asked to have the dumpster at the Visitors Center dumped three days per week instead of two.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. was made by Council Member Merja, seconded by Council Member Lannen. The motion passed with all in attendance voting aye.

John W. Conatser, Mayor

Jodi L. Rogers, Finance Officer