

CITY OF CHOTEAU

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OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 16, 2018 MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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

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

Citizens present were Melody Martinsen of the Choteau Acantha.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Conatser called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2017 meeting was made by Council Member Merja, seconded by Council Member Lannen. The motion passed with all in attendance voting aye.

REQUESTS TO BE OUT OF STATE

Council Member Lannen requested to be out of state January 18-25, 2018.

Council Member Major requested to be out of state January 31-February 2, 2018.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Council Member Merja nominated Dan Lannen. Being no further candidates, Mayor Conatser suggested a unanimous ballot for Dan. All voted aye.

CLAIMS

A motion to pay the claims in the amount of \$123,382.18 was made by Council Member Lannen, seconded by Council Member Merja. Finance Officer Rogers stated that this includes a correction of \$91. The motion passed with all in attendance voting aye.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

See attached report.

FINANCE OFFICERS REPORT

Finance Officer Rogers reported that the auditors will be here on January 29th.

She stated that the revolving loan fund report will be presented at the next meeting.

She reported that she was one of the people that tested the new online gas tax request procedures, it is very user friendly.

Council Member Merja asked if the state deficit will affect us. She replied that the entitlement money will not be affected. It does look like some of the TSEP money was cut so we do not know if that will hurt the water main project funding.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Member Lannen commended the city crew for all their snow plowing/removal efforts.

Mayor Conatser welcomed Mark Major to the city council.

Mayor Conatser reported that there will be a zoning meeting here at City Hall at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 17, 2018.

Mayor Conatser also thanked the crew for all of their efforts.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 p.m. was made by Council Member Lannen, seconded by Council Member Merja. The motion passed with all in attendance voting aye.

John W. Conatser, Mayor

Jodi L. Rogers, Finance Officer