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

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

Staff present was Deputy Clerk Mary Corey.

Citizens present were Melody Martinsen of the Choteau Acantha; Jim Patterson of DOWL; Keith Van Setten of the Teton County Sheriff's Office; Jesse Crawford; Rich Lusky and Micah Martin.

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 December 1, 2015 meeting was made by Council Member Lannen, seconded by Council Member Crawford. The motion passed with all in attendance voting aye.

REQUESTS TO BE OUT OF STATE

Council Member Merja requested to be out of state January 7-10, 2016. A motion to approve the request was made by Council Member Owen, seconded by Council Member Crawford. The motion passed with all in attendance voting aye.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

CHOTEAU WATER RESOURCE RECOVERY FACILITY UPDATE

Jim Patterson of DOWL reported that the project is at 26 percent of monies spent and 32 percent of the time completed. He stated that clarifier #2 is 90 percent complete with the concrete work and the floor slab for clarifier #1 is done and paid for. They will be pouring half of the walls next week and weather dependent on the rest. The floor slab for the oxidation ditch is 75 percent

complete and the walls were poured for the pump building. Next week they are looking at pouring the first half of clarifier #1 and working on the west end of the oxidation ditch putting up the walls and the columns where the mixers will be going. They are looking at working inside the UV building, removing the lights and replacing the tank.

## NEW BUSINESS

### VOTE ON PAY REQUEST #5 - WILLIAMS BROTHER CONSTRUCTION

A motion to approve pay request #5 was made by Council Member Merja, seconded by Council Member Lannen. The motion passed with all in attendance voting aye.

### VOTE ON PAY REQUEST - WESTECH ENGINEERING

Not all information has been received yet.

## CLAIMS

A motion to pay the claims for December was made by Council Member Crawford, seconded by Council Member Owen. The motion passed with all in attendance voting aye.

## PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mayor Conatser reported that Lindsay Talkington is the new Public Works Director. He stated that he will do a good job. Council Member Crawford asked if he will be coming to the meetings, Mayor Conatser replied that he will have a report at the next meeting. He further stated that the crew has been busy removing snow and there will be a safety meeting at the shop Monday morning at 8:00. Council Member Merja stated that the crew is doing a great job and being very aware of traffic while getting rid of the snow.

## FINANCE OFFICER'S REPORT

Finance Officer Rogers was excused.

## MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Member Merja reported that the next playground meeting will be held on January 12, 2016.

Council Member Crawford stated that Mari Shore will be opening a coffee shop with a drive thru, hopefully on Monday, at the north end of town, across from the Outpost Deli. She further

reported that GW Towing is up and running. It is being run by Jeremiah Anderson and Roy Deshner.

Council Member Crawford stated that Pacific Steel & Recycling had talked about the possibility of bringing a train car to Choteau to get rid of all the scrap metals. The funds could possibly be donated to the playground fund. Council Member Owen stated that she wanted to talk to them about electronics recycling. She will contact them about both possibilities.

Mayor Conatser reported that there will be an MMIA training session for Mayors and Council Members in Great Falls on January 12, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. He encouraged all to attend.

Mayor Conatser stated that he and Jim Patterson went and looked at the spring that is below the Country Club and to the North of Persinger's. He stated that the ice is 10-12 inches thick. The crew goes up and sands it every other day. He stated that Jim and Kevin of DOWL will be helping us alleviate the problem. Council Member Owen asked if the DNRC was going to be involved. Mayor Conatser replied that if we were going to be capturing the water they would be involved. Council Member Lannen asked if the water has been tested for chlorine. Jim Patterson stated that he would go up and check it. Melody Martinsen asked if it on city property. Mayor Conatser replied that he does not know, a survey will have to be done.

#### ZONING PERMIT REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2015

Name	Address	Description
None		

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Rich Lusky stated that he likes that more people are showing up for the meetings. He stated that both sides need to listen to each other and respect what other people think.

#### ADJOURNMENT

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

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John W. Conatser, Mayor

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Mary E. Corey, Deputy Clerk