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OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE JULY 19, 2016 MEETING
OF THE CHOTEAU CITY COUNCIL

Present were Mayor Jack Conatser, Council Member Stewart Merja, Council Member Dan Lannen and Council Member Jill Owen. Council Member Rose Crawford arrived at 7:05 p.m.

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

Citizens present were Melody Martinsen of the Choteau Acantha; Beth Barlow, Gordy Loverink and Tom Frownfelder of the Tourism Business Improvement District; Jim Patterson of DOWL and Rick and Maxine Lusky.

CALL TO ORDER

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

PUBLIC HEARING - TOURISM BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT - STAGE STOP INN

Mayor Conatser opened the public hearing at 7:00 p.m.

As there was no public comment, Mayor Conatser closed the public hearing at 7:03 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF JULY, 2016

A motion to approve the minutes of the July 5, 2016 meeting was made by Council Member Owen, seconded by Council Member Merja. Council Members Owen, Merja and Lannen voted aye. Council Member Crawford had not yet arrived.

REQUESTS TO BE OUT OF STATE

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. 806 - CREATE TOURIM BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

A motion to approve Resolution No. 806 was made by Council Member Lannen, seconded by Council Member Crawford. Council Member Merja asked if the other motels, outfitters or campgrounds wanted to join in later, would they be able to do it. Beth Barlow replied that it if the outfitters or others out of the city limits were to join, the collecting agent would change to the county. All city motels are welcome to join. To do so would require a signature page, a resolution and a public hearing. The motion passed with all in attendance voting aye.

RESOLUTION NO. 807 - SET SALARIES FOR CITY OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES

A motion to approve Resolution No. 807 was made by Council Member Owen, seconded by Council Member Merja. The motion passed with all in attendance voting aye.

CLAIMS

A motion to pay the claims for June in the amount of $2375.97 and the claims for July in the amount of $7341.72 was made by Council Member Crawford, seconded by Council Member Lannen. The motion passed with all in attendance voting aye.

LAW ENFORCEMENT REPORT

There were no reports submitted.

CITY JUDGE'S REPORT

The City Judge's Report for June 2016 was submitted for Council's review.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTORS REPORT

Public Works Director Maples reported that the crew patched potholes, cleaned the dirt and grass from around the Courthouse circle, trimmed branches and shrubbery in the alleys, placed wood chips around and watered the trees, swept Main Avenue and picked up branches.

Mr. Maples further stated that it looks the "spring" on 13th Avenue NE may be caused by a leaking water line. They dug up the line and repaired it. Hopefully that will alleviate our

problem. He explained that he worked with the county to correctly strip the gravel from the pit according to DEQ standards. Williams Brother Construction is taking out approximately 1,000 cubic yards per day or 22,000 cubic yards so far. They are done pumping out the sewage.

Mr. Maples stated that we had advertised for a garbage truck driver/city crew member. There were four applicants. We selected Josh Durocher, he will start work on the 1st of August.

Council Member Lannen reported that he has had four people comment on how nice it looks around the courthouse.

FINANCE OFFICERS REPORT

Finance Officer Rogers reported that the revenue and expenditure reports for the end of June are in the council packet.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Conatser thanked Rich Lusky for bringing so many cars to town for the car show.

Mayor Conatser has received a lot of compliments about how the City looks and the morale of the crew.

Mayor Conatser asked Council to talk to people in their areas about fireworks and bring thoughts and ideas to the last meeting in August.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Rich Lusky thanked the Mayor and Council for allowing him to have the car shows.

Jim Patterson showed photos of the wastewater treatment plant. He stated that Williams Brother Construction is doing an excellent job and the quality of work is wonderful. They hope to have the Headwaters building done the middle of next week. They will pour concrete for the oxidation ditch and work on getting the sludge out of the lagoon. They will also have some of the crew work their days off.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 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 Jodi L. Rogers, Finance Officer