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**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE MAY 5, 2015 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 Kelly Hirsch and Utility Billing Clerk Becky Olsen.

Citizens present were Melody Martinsen of the Choteau Acantha, Curly Anderson, Jesse Crawford and Rich Lusky.

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 April 21, 2015 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

Mayor Conatser requested to be out of state May 13-17, 2015. A motion to approve the request was made by Council Member Lannen, seconded by Council Member Owen. The motion passed with all in attendance voting aye.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

CLEAN-UP DATES

Mayor Conatser stated that he and Public Works Director Hirsch discussed the options today. They are looking at having the clean-up from May 26th through possibly May 31st or June 2nd. Public Works Director Hirsch stated that he sent a letter to N.M.J.R.D.D. requesting to be on the agenda for their next board meeting. He stated that we currently have approximately 100 tons remaining on our current assessment. He would like to have residents be able to pick up a

coupon from the City Office, allowing them to take their stuff to the roll-off site for free. He stated we would provide an attendant to help Rolf. N.M.J.R.D.D. will decide at their next meeting. Council discussed various dates and how the coupons would work. Tires and appliances would not be included. A motion to approve the clean-up dates from May 26th with coupons expiring June 6th, pending approval from N.M.J.R.D.D. was made by Council Member Merja, seconded by Council Member Owen. The motion passed with all in attendance voting aye.

NEW BUSINESS

VOTE ON JARR REQUEST FOR USING CITY ICE SKATING RINK JULY 4, 2015

Mayor Conatser explained that the letter requesting the use of the skating rink for the July 4, 2015 car show is in the council packet. They would like to park a concession trailer on the concrete. A motion to approve the request was made by Council Member Lannen, seconded by Council Member Merja. The motion passed with all in attendance voting aye.

VOTE ON RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO ADOPT 2014 MT DNRC FLOOD PLAIN ORDINANCE

Council Member Merja asked if our flood plain has changed. Mayor Conatser replied that it has not. A motion to adopt Resolution No. 792, Intent to Adopt the 2014 DNRC Flood Plain ordinance was made by Council Member Lannen, seconded by Council Member Crawford. The motion passed with all in attendance voting aye.

DISCUSS AND VOTE ON YIELD SIGNS ON 3RD STREET SW

Curly Anderson stated that there a lot of children that live on 3rd Street SW with the Mini Park at one end. He explained that there were 14 kids running around this afternoon. He is requesting the City place yield signs at the intersections to prevent cars from blowing through the intersections and 15 m.p.h. signs the entire length of 3rd Street SW. Mayor Conatser stated that he has spoken with Undersheriff Gjerde to put more patrols in the area. He further stated that each intersection in Choteau is a yield-right-of-way street by law. Council discussed the issue at length. It was decided that Mayor Conatser would speak with Undersheriff Gjerde again about the issue. A motion to table the item until the May 19th meeting 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 April was made by Council Member Owen, seconded by Council Member Merja. The motion passed with all in attendance voting aye.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Public Works Director Hirsch reported that there was a contractor's pre-bid meeting last week for the wastewater treatment plant. He further reported that the gravel hauling is done. They irrigated from the lagoon, graded alleys, started the irrigation systems at the parks and sent a load of recycling. He stated that the grass clipping area is open.

FINANCE OFFICER'S REPORT

None

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Conatser reported that there will be a Super Host program at the Stage Stop Inn tomorrow from noon until 3:00 p.m.

Mayor Conatser stated that our engineer suggested we postpone the bid deadline from May 12th to May 19th to give more contractors a chance to bid.

Mayor Conatser reported that there is a conference in Bozeman in October, he would like to have at least one council member go.

Mayor Conatser explained that the hospital officially changed hands on April 30th. It is now known as Benefis Teton Memorial Hospital. He encourages everyone to support it and hopes it will be a long term relationship for the city.

ZONING PERMIT REPORT FOR APRIL 2015

Name	Address	Description
Ken Davis	911 Main Avenue N	Steps & ADA Ramp
Mark Donaldson	711 8 th Avenue NW	Fence/Deck
Denny Perry	608 Main Avenue S	Windmill

PUBLIC COMMENT

Melody Martinsen stated that she spoke with Finance Officer Rogers last week about the fireworks. This year the total cost for both the fireworks and insurance will be \$10,700. She

stated that the Fireworks Fundraiser raised \$7100, we still need \$3600. She spoke with the Sons of the American Legion to see if they will be donating this year. Mr. Yeager felt the most they might possibly be able to donate would be \$2500 which would leave \$1100 to be raised.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m. was made by Council Member Merja, seconded by Council Member Owen. The motion passed with all in attendance voting aye.

John W. Conatser, Mayor

Rebecca E. Olsen, Utility Billing Clerk