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OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 19, 2014 MEETING

OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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

Staff present was Finance Officer Jodi Rogers. Public Works Director Kelly Hirsch was excused.

Citizen present was Melody Martinsen of the Choteau Acantha.

CALL TO ORDER

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

PUBLIC HEARING - FY2014 FINAL BUDGET AND FY2014 ASSESSMENTS

Mayor Conatser opened the Public Hearing at 7:01 p.m.

Mayor Conatser asked if there were any questions on the budget or assessments. Being none, Mayor Conatser closed the Public Hearing at 7:02 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of the August 5, 2014 meeting was made by Council Member Lannen, seconded by Council Member Crawford. Council Members Lannen, Crawford and Merja voted aye. Council Member Owen was excused.

REQUESTS TO BE OUT OF STATE

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. 787 - FY 2015 LEVY ASSESSMENTS WITHIN SPECIAL IMPROVEMENTS

Finance Officer Rogers reported that she previously made the recommendation that Street Maintenance be increased from .45 to .50 cents and Street Lights increased from .40 to .45 cents.

A motion to Approve Resolution No. 787 was made by Council Member Merja, seconded by Council Member Lannen. Council Members Merja, Lannen and Crawford voted aye. Council Member Owen was excused.

RESOLUTION NO. 788 - FY 2015 FINAL BUDGET

A motion to approve Resolution No. 788 was made by Council Member Merja, seconded by Council Member Crawford. Council Members Merja, Crawford and Lannen voted aye. Council Member Owen was excused.

DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON PAVILION CLEANING

Finance Officer Rogers explained that the Pavilion is not getting cleaned by the renters as good as it used to. She does not want to watch it deteriorate. She would like to have the City put a request for proposal in the paper to have it professionally cleaned by someone with an Independent Contractors Exemption Certificate. She would like to see it cleaned every other month and the windows done two times per year. Council Member Merja asked if it is not clean enough to get the deposit back. She replied that it is clean but not clean. It needs to be deep cleaned to keep it looking nice. Council Member Lannen asked how it would be paid for. Finance Officer Rogers replied that it would come from the Pavilion budget. A motion to request the Finance Officer to call for proposals for deep cleaning the Pavilion every other month was made by Council Member Merja, seconded by Council Member Lannen. Council Members Merja, Lannen and Crawford voted aye. Council Member Owen was excused.

LAW ENFORCEMENT REPORT

The Law Enforcement report for July 2014 was submitted for Council's review.

Mayor Conatser reported that he spoke with Undersheriff Gjerde. With school getting ready to start, he requested they move patrols a block or so further from the schools to watch for speeders. He further stated that we have received complaints about speeders on 7th Avenue SW and near the Mini Park. We have also put a link on our website to link to the new Sheriff's Office website. He stated that Undersheriff Gjerde has been extremely easy to work with.

CITY JUDGE'S REPORT

The City Judge's report for July 2014 was submitted for Council's review.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Finance Officer Rogers reported that the crew has pretty much been working on the same things they have all summer. Patching streets, mowing, grading alleys, etc. She reported that the recycling is going well. The trees we received from the Northwestern Energy grant will be planted on Tuesday the 26th starting at 9:00.

FINANCE OFFICER'S REPORT

Finance Officer Rogers reported that she has been making the month end entries and finishing the budget.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Conatser reported that there was a conference call last week with Kevin Johnson of DOWL HKM, DEQ, DNRC and TSEP. We will be able to haul a lot of our fill for the new treatment plant which will save us a lot of money. They will be hauling as they can throughout the winter. They also discussed changing the well to a cistern for potable water. He reported that there will be an ad for equipment procurement in the paper next week for two weeks.

Council Member Merja stated that he spoke with Brian Heagy. He can help with the Fire Blight that is affecting our apple trees.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. was made by Council Member Lannen, seconded by Council Member Crawford. Council Members Lannen, Crawford and Merja voted aye. Council Member Owen was excused.

John W. Conatser, Mayor

Jodi L. Rogers, Finance Officer

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