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OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 20, 2015 MEETING

OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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

Staff present was Finance Officer Jodi Rogers, Deputy Clerk Mary Corey and Public Works Director Kelly Hirsch.

Citizens present were Melody Martinsen of the Choteau Acantha; Barb Bouma of the Choteau Stage Stop Inn and John Morris.

CALL TO ORDER

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

CLOSING PUBLIC HEARING - TAX ABATEMENT CHOTEAU STAGE STOP INN

Being no further comments, Mayor Conatser closed the public hearing at 7:01 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2015 meeting was made by Council Member Lannen, seconded by Council Member Owen. 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 25-29, 2015. A motion to approve the request was made by Council Member Merja, seconded by Council Member Crawford. The motion passed with all in attendance voting aye.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

VOTE ON RESOLUTION NO. 791 - TAX ABATEMENT REQUEST FROM CHOTEAU STAGE STOP INN

A motion to approve Resolution No. 791 was made by Council Member Merja, seconded by Council Member Crawford. The motion passed with all in attendance voting aye.

NEW BUSINESS

FIRST READING ORDINANCE #310 - UPDATED STATE BUILDING CODE

Mayor Conatser read Ordinance No. 310. He explained that this is a housekeeping matter, all certified cities must update to the new editions of the state building code. He stated that they are conservation changes. Council Member Owen asked if we are establishing a Board of Appeals. Finance Officer Rogers explained that we already have one. She asked who the Board of Appeals is. Finance Officer Rogers stated that it is the council. A motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 310 was made by Council Member Owen, seconded by Council Member Merja. The motion passed with all in attendance voting aye.

VOTE ON BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Conatser read the list of board appointments. Council Member Owen asked if their terms are indefinite. Mayor Conatser explained that there are no term limits on these boards. He further stated that on some of these boards, longevity is a good thing. A motion to approve the board appointments was made by Council Member Lannen, seconded by Council Member Owen. The motion passed with all in attendance voting aye.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT DESIGN - PROGRESS REPORT

Mayor Conatser reported that WesTech has provided the final submittals for the electrical, instrumentation and control equipment. The construction drawings went to the DEQ the week of January 5th. This started the 60 day statutory review time allowance.

LAW ENFORCEMENT REPORT

There was no Law Enforcement Report submitted.

CITY JUDGE'S REPORT

The City Judge's report for December 2014 was submitted for Council's review. Mayor Conatser thanked Mr. Howard for his many years of service.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Public Works Director Hirsch reported that the crew cleaned sewer main lines, plowed snow, sanded and removed snow and hauled gravel. He reported that we have hauled approximately 550 loads of the 1400 needed. We sent a load of recycling to Great Falls. He further reported that people are recycling small boxes (pill boxes, toilet paper rolls, etc.) and they are hard to get out of the bins. He suggested they put those boxes into larger flattened cardboard boxes.

FINANCE OFFICER'S REPORT

Finance Officer Rogers reported that the Quarterly Cash and Investment reports are on the tables. She stated that the general fund is at 59 percent but that is because she has paid both the Sheriff's contract and the County Attorney's contract in full.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 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

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