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OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE JUNE 3, 2014 MEETING

OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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

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

Citizens present were Melody Martinsen of the Choteau Acantha; Cameron and Grant Stott of the Choteau Boy Scouts; Paul Wick, Teton County Planner and Rich Lusky.

CALL TO ORDER

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

CLOSING PUBLIC HEARING - ORDINANCE #309 - REPLACING CODE 10-6-01 REGARDUBG SPEED LIMIT AROUND BASEBALL COMPLEX

Mayor Conatser asked if there was any more public comment on Ordinance #309. 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 April 29, 2014 meeting, the May 13, 2014 and the May 21, 2014 Special Meeting was made by Council Member Owen, seconded by Council Member Merja. Council Members Owen, Merja and Lannen voted aye. Council Member Crawford was excused.

REQUESTS TO BE OUT OF STATE

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

VOTE ON EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT - CAMERON STOTT

Cameron Stott is proposing to re-finish the existing benches and also make some new benches (4-5) that would be movable at the City Park. He also would work on painting the picnic tables. A motion to approve the project request was made by Council Member Merja, seconded by Council Member Lannen. Council Members Merja, Lannen and Owen voted aye. Council Member Crawford was excused.

VOTE ON SECOND READING ORDINANCE #309 - SPEED LIMITS

Mayor Conatser read Ordinance #309. A motion to approve Ordinance #309 was made by Council Member Lannen, seconded by Council Member Owen. Council Members Lannen, Owen and Merja voted aye. Council Member Crawford was excused.

DISCUSSION ON RECYCLING

Council Member Owen explained that we are looking at recycling through Steel Etc. They provide bins and empty them free of charge. Public Works Director Hirsch found an area by the City Shop that the bins can be placed. We would be able to recycle mixed paper, aluminum and steel cans and cardboard. She stated that we would like to stop giving our cardboard to NMJRDD. We would be looking at the site being manned as there can be no contamination. There would be a sign in sheet requiring their name and address to see how many City and County recyclers there are. They also discussed having a donation box for anyone that would like to donate. Dan Lannen stated that we will hopefully get some money from Teton County to help with start-up costs. There should also be a check coming from Headwater's for the sale of the equipment. It looks to be about \$6,000. Finance Officer Rogers stated that she will be moving 25 percent of our late fees to garbage. It will be about \$2,000 per year. Public Works Director Hirsch stated they would be looking at placing the containers between the shop and the Quonset hut. He thinks it would be a good idea to have some cameras set up. Mayor Conatser stated that he spoke with one of the local service organizations to see about helping man it. He does not think the

City will have to pay for an employee to man it on Saturdays. Paul Wick asked what is in it for Steel Etc.? Council Member Owen stated that she does not know for sure but they do make money on it. Mr. Wick questioned if it will be sustainable. Council Member Lannen replied that it would be less tonnage at the landfill and people want the service. We can look at for a year and see how it goes. Finance Officer Rogers stated that we will not make it a year without raising garbage rates. A motion to move forward and try it for a year was made by Council Member Owen, seconded by Council Member Merja. Council Members Owen, Merja and Lannen voted aye. Council Member Crawford was excused.

#### DISCUSSION ON COMPOSTING

Council Member Merja stated that he received a reply from the DEQ. It will be OK for us to pile up grass and move it to a composting site. We have to stay at least 200 yards from any main water course. Public Works Director Hirsch stated that we will accept grass only. If it is abused, we will shut it down. A motion to try accepting grass only down by the City Shop was made by Council Member Merja, seconded by Council Member Lannen. Council Members Merja, Lannen and Owen voted aye. Council Member Crawford was excused.

#### NEW BUSINESS

#### VOTE ON CITY COUNTY PLANNING BOARD RECOMMENDATION

Paul Wick reported that we have a joint City/County Planning Board. They have reviewed a subdivision request and the City needs to sign the plat to formalize the subdivision. The request came from Scot Sessions. It will be addressed off Sherman Avenue. He explained that the Planning Board is recommending approval. A motion to approve the recommendation from the Planning Board was made by Council Member Lannen, seconded by Council Member Merja. Council Members Lannen, Merja and Owen voted aye. Council Member Crawford was excused.

#### VOTE ON FLOOD PLAIN SERVICES CONTRACT

Mayor Conatser explained that we are looking at paying Teton County \$1,000 per year to have Paul Wick as our Flood Plain Administrator. The City of Choteau or its representatives will serve as the Board of Appeals. A motion to approve the contract was made by Council Member Lannen, seconded by Council Member Owen. Council Members Lannen, Owen and Merja voted aye. Council Member Crawford was excused.

#### VOTE ON RESOLUTION NO. 783 - ADOPTING AMENDMENT OF CODE 10-6-1

A motion to approve Resolution No. 783 was made by Council Member Owen, seconded by Council Member Merja. Council Members Owen, Merja and Lannen voted aye. Council Member Crawford was excused.

#### VOTE ON STREET CLOSURE APPLICATION

Mayor Conatser explained that an application to close 2<sup>nd</sup> Street NW between Main Avenue N and 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue N for Keg Hockey on Saturday July 5, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. A motion to approve the request was made by Council Member Lannen, seconded by Council Member Merja. Council Members Lannen, Merja and Owen voted aye. Council Member Crawford was excused.

#### VOTE ON REVOLVING LOAN FUND APPLICATION - PDL

Mayor Conatser stated that a revolving loan fund application has been received from Perry Lindgren of PDL. He is asking for a loan of \$10,000 to fix his roof and some water damage. The Revolving Loan Fund Committee is recommending approval. A motion to approve the recommendation was made by Council Member Lannen, seconded by Council Member Merja. Council Members Lannen, Merja and Owen voted aye. Council Member Crawford was excused.

#### CLAIMS

A motion to approve the claims for May was made by Council Member Merja, seconded by Council Member Lannen. Council Members Merja, Lannen and Owen voted aye. Council Member Crawford was excused.

#### PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Public Works Director Hirsch reported that they located and repaired two water leaks, flushed hydrants, worked on leak detection, patched potholes, swept streets, graded alleys, removed sod on the boulevard near the pool, started the annual clean-up and turned on the park sprinklers.

#### FINANCE OFFICER'S REPORT

Finance Officer Rogers reported that there will be a budget amendment public hearing next week. She stated that Arbor Day will be on June 11, 2014 at 1:00 at the City Park. She further stated that we are starting to get complaints about weeds. She discussed with council about setting up a budget committee. Current members are herself, Public Works Director Hirsch, Council Member Lannen and Mayor Conatser. Council Member Merja volunteered to be on the committee.

#### MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Member Owen asked if asphalt can be dumped in the container. Public Works Director Hirsch replied that it cannot.

Mayor Conatser reported that the city clean-up is going well. The Lions Club manned the containers over the weekend.

#### ZONING PERMIT REPORT FOR MAY 2014

Name	Address	Description
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Charles Hlavac	20 1 <sup>st</sup> Avenue SW	Garage
Ronda Reiding	826 9 <sup>th</sup> Avenue NW	Fence
JoAnn McDowell	36 3 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue SW	Remodel

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

None

#### ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. was made by Council Member Lannen, seconded by Council Member Owen. Council Members Owen, Lannen and Merja voted aye. Council Member Crawford was excused.

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John W. Conatser, Mayor

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Jodi L. Rogers, Finance Officer

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