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OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 18, 2014 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 Deputy Clerk Mary Corey and Public Works Director Kelly Hirsch. Finance Officer Jodi Rogers 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.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of the November 4, 2014 meeting was made by Council Member Lannen, seconded by Council Member Crawford. The motion passed with all in attendance voting aye.

REQUESTS TO BE OUT OF STATE

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT UPDATE

Mayor Conatser reported that he visited with Jim Bouma about the utilities easement. The utility companies will be working with Mr. Bouma to get it done. He stated that he and Finance Officer Rogers spoke with Kevin Johnson yesterday, they will be revisiting with Rural Development to see if there might be any more grant monies available. Council Member Owen asked if Mr. Johnson writes the grants. Mayor Conatser replied that he has the contacts to find the grants and he helps us fill out the forms.

Mayor Conatser reported that Mr. Johnson spoke with the pump companies and their equipment will match up with what we need.

NEW BUSINESS

LAW ENFORCEMENT REPORT

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

CITY JUDGE'S REPORT

The City Judge's report for October 2014 was submitted for Council's review. Council Member Merja reported that the Justice of the Peace elect, Wes Myhre, is in Missoula for training.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Public Works Director Hirsch reported that they repaired some water leaks, cleaned the UV lights, sanded icy intersections, picked up branches and leaves, hauled gravel and sent a load of recycling.

FINANCE OFFICER'S REPORT

None

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Conatser asked council to think about changing the time of the December 16, 2014 to 5:30 p.m. as that is the night of the school program. It will be discussed at the next meeting.

Mayor Conatser reported that the Stage Stop Inn has applied for a tax abatement. It will be on the next agenda.

Council Member Crawford reported that the Community Thanksgiving Supper is being put on by the Choteau Lions Club, the Choteau Soroptimists, Neighbors Helping Neighbors and the local churches as well as a multitude of volunteers. It is being held this year at the Choteau Elementary School from 11 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. It is a free will dinner.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Melody Martinsen reported that the PALS of the Pavilion raised over \$20,000 for the Pavilion at their last fund raiser. They needed \$17,500 to complete the remodel of the kitchen.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 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

Mary E. Corey, Deputy Clerk

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