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OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 2, 2014 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 Deputy Clerk Mary Corey and Public Works Director Kelly Hirsch.

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 August 19, 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

Mayor Conatser requested to be out of state September 9-12, 2014. A motion to approve the request was made by Council Member Crawford, seconded by Council Member Merja. The motion passed with all in attendance voting aye.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

VOTE ON APPROVAL OF PLACING DELINQUENT WATER CHARGES ON THE TAXES

Council Member Merja asked if the amount was for one account. Mayor Conatser replied that it is two accounts

A motion to approve placing \$1335.97 in delinquent water charges on the property taxes was made by Council Member Merja, seconded by Council Member Lannen. The motion passed with all in attendance voting aye.

CLAIMS

A motion to approve the claims for August was made by Council Member Owen, seconded by Council Member Crawford. The motion passed with all in attendance voting aye.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Public Works Director Hirsch reported that the crew has been locating and operating water valves in preparation for the upcoming leak detection project. They had one water tap, have been patching streets, grading alleys and sent a load of recycling. For the last month (13 open days) the recycling center had 180 people recycle. Of those, 106 were from the city and 74 from the county. They hauled three loads of grass clippings. About 8-10 employees from Northwestern Energy helped plant the 32 trees we purchased with the grant money they gave us. We also received a donation of liquid fertilizer so that was used when watering the trees. Gary Britt is done for the season and we have received lots of compliments on the park.

FINANCE OFFICER'S REPORT

None

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Member Lannen asked what we are going to do with the leaves this fall. Public Works Director Hirsch said he is looking into it.

Council Member Lannen asked if we were going to fix the streets by the Lutheran Church and Joe Cobles. Public Works Director Hirsch replied that

we would.

Mayor Conatser stated that there is going to be a meeting with Kevin Johnson of DOWL HKM and Erik Eneboe of the DNRC at 8:30 tomorrow morning. They will be discussing our water issues at the lagoon. Public Works Director Hirsch has spoken with Dave Yerk of FWP and they might be able to do something to help us.

Mayor Conatser publically thanked Northwestern Energy for the tree grant and helping to plant the trees.

Mayor Conatser asked council what they thought about changing the meeting time from 7 p.m. to 6 p.m. Council Members Merja, Owen and Lannen would not be able to make it at that time. Council Member Crawford said it did not matter to her.

#### ZONING PERMIT REPORT FOR AUGUST 2014

Name	Address	Description
Greg & Kim Yeager	301 2 <sup>nd</sup> Avenue NW	Covered Deck
Steve Howard	307 Main Avenue N #8	Porch & Siding
Brad Asselstine	305 4 <sup>th</sup> Avenue SW	Covered Porch

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

None

#### ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 p.m. was made by Council Member Merja, seconded by Council Member Owen. The motion passed with all in attendance voting aye.

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John W. Conatser, Mayor

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Mary E. Corey, Deputy Clerk

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