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OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 20, 2016 MEETING
OF THE CHOTEAU CITY COUNCIL

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

Staff present was Public Works Director Mike Maples and Finance Officer Jodi Rogers.

Citizens present were Melody Martinsen of the Choteau Acantha; Jim Patterson of DOWL, Rich Lusky and Samuel Rammell.

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 6,
2016

A motion to approve the minutes of the September 6, 2016 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

Jim Patterson of DOWL reported that the roof is on the Headworks Building and they are installing the tin on the pump building. The sludge ponds are not yet lined and will have to wait because of the rain. They are doing a leak test on the oxidation ditch and the sand drying beds

are moving forward. It looks like the plant may go online the end of October. They are at day 407, the contract completion date is supposed to be November 26th.

NEW BUSINESS

VOTE ON RESOLUTION NO. 811 - AMENDING INTEREST RATE RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Finance Officer Rogers reported that the interest rate may decrease to 1.625 percent and may decrease further. In the event the interest rate charged by the USDA on the Series 2016 Bonds is other than 1.625% the City authorizes the issuance of the Series 2016 Bonds at that interest rate. The final interest rate will be on the closing documents closing October 6, 2016.

A motion to approve Resolution No. 811 was made by Council Member Merja, seconded by Council Member Owen. The motion passed with all in attendance voting aye.

VOTE ON EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT - PAVILION SIGN - SAMUEL RAMMELL

Mayor Conatser explained that Samuel Rammell would like to create a Pavilion sign for his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Rammell explained that he would like to put a metal sign at the Pavilion. It will be painted black metal (16 gauge) and will be cut at the Miller Colony. He would also like to stain and paint the bridges at the park as well as the walkway going into the Pavilion.

Council Member Merja stated that the playground committee is looking at talking to the city and state fisheries department to see about the possibility of replacing the bridge by the lean-to. He will get back with Samuel.

Mayor Conatser asked where the sign will be placed. Mr. Rammell replied that it will be by the ramp on the right side of the Pavilion.

A motion to approve the Eagle Scout project request was made by Council Member Crawford, seconded by Council Member Lannen. The motion passed with all in attendance voting aye.

CLAIMS

A motion to pay the claims for September in the amount of \$8354.32 was made by Council Member Owen, seconded by Council Member Merja. The motion passed with all in attendance voting aye.

LAW ENFORCEMENT REPORT

The Law Enforcement Report for July 2016 was submitted for Council's review.

CITY JUDGE'S REPORT

The City Judge's Report for August 2016 was submitted for Council's review.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTORS REPORT

Public Works Director Maples reported that the crew patched potholes, graded alleys, removed blown down tree limbs and swept streets. He further reported that he is working with the DEQ on getting the gravel pit into compliance. They tore up and replaced a portion of 5th Avenue NE and purchased a steam cleaner for cleaning equipment. Williams Brother Construction is done hauling gravel, BJ is entering our pumping and water usage data into an audit program (the golf course leak ran about 750,000 gallons per month and the Weatherbeater approximately 200,000), replaced Tesch's asphalt in the alley and worked on the drying bed issue.

Public Works Director Maples stated that himself, BJ and Levi went to Boulder to tour their new treatment plant. It is a year old and similar to ours. The guys are also working on cleaning out all of the junk in the shop buildings to be able to park more city vehicles inside as well as working on heating more of the buildings. He is also looking at moving the cardboard baler over to the recycling area.

FINANCE OFFICERS REPORT

Finance Officer Rogers reported that she has been working on the budget and getting the loan closed.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Member Lannen stated that he has received lots of comments on how great the city looks.

Council Member Owen reported that she is trying to find people to take care of the triangle at 2nd Avenue NW and 7th Avenue NW.

Mayor Conatser stated that he received a call while he was in Seattle saying how nice everything looks. He is glad to be back.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 p.m. was made by Council Member Crawford, seconded by Council Member Owen. The motion passed with all in attendance voting aye.

John W. Conatser, Mayor

Jodi L. Rogers, Finance Officer