

City of Choteau

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 24th, 2023 MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

This meeting was held at City Hall and via ZOOM.COM.

Council Present: Mayor Chris Hindoien, Council Member Stewart Merja, Council Member Steve Howard, Council Member Sara Coccoli and Council Member Heather McCartney-Duty

Staff Present: Finance Officer Tom Frownfelder, Deputy Clerk Terah Henry

Citizens Present: Brian Colesworthy, Phyllis Bechtold, Melody Martinsen

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hindoien called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes (with a correction on page 2 of the minutes to replace chop with chip) of the October 3rd, 2023, council meeting was made by Council Member Merja, Council Member Howard seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in attendance voting aye.

REQUESTS TO BE OUT OF STATE

Council Member Coccoli will be out of state November 8-11 and November 17-19
Mayor Hindoien will be out of state October 28-29

NEW BUSINESS

DRAW REQUEST #7, WATER PROJECT

A motion was made by Council Member Coccoli to approve Draw Request #7, motion was seconded by Council Member McCartney-Duty. The motion passed with all those in attendance voting aye.

VOTE RES. NO. 912 – UPDATE SIGNERS ON BANK ACCOUNT

Council Member McCartney-Duty made a motion to pass and approve Res No. 912. Council Member Merja seconded the motion. The motion passed with all those in attendance voting aye.

CLAIMS

A motion to approve the claims for October 2023, check #22116 – 22140 for a total of \$17,600.42 was made by Council Member Merja. Council Member Coccoli seconded the motion. The motion passed with all those in attendance voting aye.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Hindoien said that we are working with County Sanitarian and Jen Stutz to look on how we can remove junk vehicles. Mayor Hindoien reviewed the Public Works Directors Report which included landscaping around the bandshell will continue in the spring and summer of 2024, as will the chip sealing on the streets that were part of the water project. The city has hauled approximately 200 loads of millings for that project. Leaf pick-up has been extremely busy, and the city will need to develop a different system for picking up leaves in the future. The leaf vacuum needs serious repairs/upgrades before next fall.

Council Member Coccoli: Its nice to see the Trading Post building being used. Trunk or Treat will be Halloween evening starting at 5:30pm on Main Street. There will be hot dogs and a Haunted House put together by the National Honor Society.

Council Member Howard: Firemen will be electing new officers tonight, adopting new bylaws and is changing their elections to 3-year renewal rather than every year.

Mayor Hindoien: The city will be a part of Trunk or Treat; no city funds are being used. He communicated that he had sent a letter to Brett Debrucker concerning zoning questions. Mayor Hindoien has been elected as Vice President for MMIA Board. Good luck to Lady Bulldog volleyball as they head to District Tournaments in Fairfield.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Melody Martinsen: There will be a concert Nov 7th at the High School. It is being sponsored by Choteau Arts. She also asked about the letter requesting ARPA funds for the water project payment, is there a hold up? The Council responded that no, no hold up, just normal procedure.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:06 pm

Chris Hindoien, Mayor

Tom Frownfelder, Finance Officer