

# **CITY OF CHOTEAU**

## **OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 17, 2023 MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

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

Council Present: Mayor Chris Hindoien, Council Member President Steve Dogiakos, Council Member Sara Coccoli, Council Member Stewart Merja and Council Member Steve Howard.

Staff Present: Finance Officer Jodi Rogers, Deputy Clerk Tom Frownfelder

Citizens Present: Melody Martinsen (Acantha), Polly Cunningham, Rich Lusky

### **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 of the January 03, 2023, meeting was made by Council Member Dogiakos, seconded by Council Member Merja. The motion passed with all in attendance voting aye.

### **REQUESTS TO BE OUT OF STATE**

Council Member Howard will be out of state January 26<sup>th</sup> – February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **VOTE TO APPOINT CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

Council Member Dogiakos was council president for 2022. Council Member Howard made a motion to elect Council Member Dogiakos as council president for 2023, seconded by Council Member Coccoli. The motion passed with all in attendance voting aye.

#### **VOTE ON REVOLVING LOAN COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – TEGAN KESLER**

Tegan Kesler, owner and operator of TK Esthetics, is asking for \$4,500 for start-up capital. The committee members recommend the City Council approve the loan with the condition Tegan pass the board exam to be a licensed esthetician, and provides proof of the license before approving the loan. Council Member Merja made a motion to approve the loan with the

condition that Tegan passes her exams, seconded by Council Member Dogiakos. Motion passed with all in attendance voting aye.

#### PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION ON SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

Not all council members had a chance to review the suggested boilerplate policy recommended by Council Member Dogiakos. Council Member Dogiakos asked that we move the discussion to the next council meeting after the other council members had a chance to read the policy.

#### CLAIMS

A motion to approve claims for January 2023, check #21666 – 21679, with a total of \$85,368.74 was made by Council Member Dogiakos, seconded by Council Member Howard. The motion passed with all in attendance voting aye.

#### MONTHLY REPORTS

Reports were reviewed by Mayor Hindoien; see council packet for full reports.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Polly Cunningham gave an update on the new dog park that they are working on. They have raised \$14,700 in donations and have decided to move forward with phase one of construction. This phase would include the fence, signs and walkways. Phase two would include the sunshade and additional features.

Rich Lusky talked about the upcoming Road Kill Car Shows. He is working with the Chamber to have a show during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July events. He also inquired about current leaf pickup.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

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Chris Hindoien, Mayor

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Tom Frownfelder, Deputy Clerk