

CITY OF CHOTEAU

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE MARCH 07, 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 Steve Howard and Council Member Stewart Merja.

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

Citizens Present: Melody Martinsen (Acantha), Karla Doncaster

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 February 21, 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 Steve Howard will be out of State from March 14 – 19, 2023.

NEW BUSINESS

VOTE ON REVOLVING LOAN FUND COMMITTEE APPLICATION RECOMMENDATION

The revolving loan committee has reviewed an application from Dawnel Alzheimer and Cindi Weist, owners and operators of Kiss My Mutt dog grooming, who are asking for a \$10,000 loan for start-up capital, equipment purchasing and building renovations. The committee members, through an email poll, recommend the City Council approve the loan. A motion to accept the recommendation and approve the loan application was made by Council Member Dogiakos, seconded by Council Member Coccoli. The motion passed with Council Members Dogiakos, Coccoli and Merja voting aye. Council Member Howard abstained due to his relationship to the applicants.

VOTE ON RES. No. 900 – INTENT TO ESTABLISH SUBDIVISION REVIEW FEES

Resolution No. 900 is the intent to establish fees for services related to the review and processing of subdivision applications pursuant to the City’s adopted subdivision regulations. We will have a public hearing on March 21st for review and adoption of a fee schedule. A motion to adopt Res. No. 900 was made by Council Member Dogiakos, seconded by Council Member Merja. The motion passed with all in attendance voting aye.

CLAIMS

A motion to approve claims for February 2023, check #21727 – 21757, with a total of \$47,346.69 was made by Council Member Dogiakos, seconded by Council Member Howard. The motion passed with all in attendance voting aye.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Hindoien reviewed the conversations he has had with Northwestern Energy concerning plans for additional street lighting. He said they hope to have a plan by April.

Mayor Hindoien attended the Mayor Forum recently in Helena. While there he heard that some cities have their council members on various committees. The Council seemed to be receptive to this idea, and will work with the Mayor to establish City committees.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Melody Martinsen reviewed the success of the Hometown Mixer and Taste of Choteau Hors D’oeuvres Cookoff. They had close to 27 organizations that are active in Choteau, and how to get involved locally.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

Chris Hindoien, Mayor

Tom Frownfelder, Deputy Clerk