

# Butte Civic Center Board

## Special Meeting of the Board of Directors Minutes

### July 17, 2023 12:30pm

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Marko Lucich, Kelly Lee, Jocelyn Dodge, Dan Callahan, Jamie Lynch

**STAFF PRESENT:** Bill Melvin, Krystal Carlson

**GUESTS PRESENT:** NBC News, Tracy – MT Standard, Chief Executive JP Gallagher

Meeting to Order 12:31pm

#### NEW BUSINESS

- 1923 CONTRACT

Bill informed the Board that 1923 would like to end their contract with the Civic Center as of August 31<sup>st</sup>. They are held up on production due to the Screen Actors Guild strike. Bill let Chief Executive JP inform the Board of the other details.

JP informed the Board that Bill and he met with Charlie Skinner, with 1923 - King Street Productions, on Friday, July 14<sup>th</sup>. Charlie requested that they be released of their contract as of August 31<sup>st</sup> allowing the Civic Center to use the main arena immediately and move forward with events that have been displaced. They would still pay the \$75,000 for August, as they still have their equipment stored in the annex. There would be a \$200,000 settlement charge and those funds would go towards the purchase of new bleachers. The bleacher negotiations are in place. They have been paying monthly rent since January, which has continued to support utilities, personal, events displaced, improvements, new bleachers, and the parking lots. King Street Productions will have some presence in Butte doing some location filming, but no filming inside the Civic Center. They do still have a presence at the mall, renting various spaces. If the strike settles, there would not be enough time to rebuild the sets inside the Civic Center and then film. Charlie also said that the Montana Legislature didn't pass the tax rebate for the film industry and because of this, it is not financially feasible to film in Montana. They will be moving their headquarters and film sets back to Utah.

Bill did meet with Alana from the mall and the Civic Center has been on a month-to-month basis for rent of the Event Center. Bill informed her that the Civic Center will be all moved out of that space by July 31<sup>st</sup>. King Street Productions has been paying that rent for the Civic Center

Bill said the process for this request to be passed is that the Civic Center Board needs to vote on this request. Then if they pass the request, it will go to Council on Wednesday, July 19<sup>th</sup> for their approval. Bill and JP both feel this is a fair agreement being asked of King Street Productions.

**MOTION:** Motion to accept the recommendation of Chief Executive JP Gallagher and Bill Melvin and move forward to cancel the lease with King Street Productions as of August 31<sup>st</sup>. 1<sup>st</sup> Jocelyn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dan, Motion Passed

Meeting Adjourned 12:42pm, Kelly moved to adjourn the meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dan.