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INSTRUCTIONS: To vote in favor of the recall, place an X in the square at the right of the words “IN FAVOR OF”. To vote against the recall, place an X in the square at the right of the word “AGAINST”. If you change your mind, tear, or make a mistake on this ballot, request a new ballot from an election worker.

“Shall Betty Heater, who holds the office of Mayor for the City of Kamiah, State of Idaho, be recalled?”

Petitioners’ reasons for recall demand:

On January 10, 2018 Betty Heater was sworn in as the Mayor of Kamiah. Since her time in office, Mayor Betty Heater, has shown a lack of administrative control over the city council [Idaho Code 50-602] and a lack of fiscal management by spending more than what the city brings in [Idaho Code 50-1003 –EXPENDITURES NOT TO EXCEED APPROPRIATION]. These violations of Idaho Code have put the city of Kamiah at risk of bankruptcy (worst case) and could lead to a loan denial by the USDA for the Bryan Drive Booster Station because the city has currently failed to meet the requirements of the 1.8-million-dollar loan.

FINANCIAL FACTS:

- Fiscal Year 21/22 Quest CPAs audit showed \$45,963 moved from the street fund to the general fund; \$418,522 moved from the water fund to the ambulance fund; A combined operating loss of \$581,186 in the ambulance fund, water fund, and sanitation fund.
- On January 1, 2020 the Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP) had a balance of 1.6 million-dollars.
- On January 30, 2024 the LGIP had a balance of \$317,034.
- In 4-years the LGIP has been drained of 1.3 MILLION-DOLLARS.
- Booster station funds of \$335,900 (to cover bids over loan amount) ARE GONE.

Mayor Heater’s response to the above allegations:

I am writing this letter in response to the Recall Letter that was provided to me. Per Idaho Code 50-602 I have performed my duties as Mayor over the City of Kamiah and the provisions in this Chapter. I can recommend my opinions to the Council, however; that does not mean that they will vote in the directions that I have recommended.

Per Idaho Code 50-1003, Expenditures Not to Exceed Appropriation, the City of Kamiah hired a Clerk/Treasurer that transferred funds from LGIP to the General Funds within the accounts without communication the fund transfers to myself or the council members. I do not nor have ever had access to the Black Mountain Software program or the LGIP accounts.

The staff deficiencies were discussed with council members, in which there was no disciplinary action taken. I was officially notified of the amount of funds that had been spent in September 2023. I have acted within City Hall and will work with the council to ensure that all reports are provided to them prior to spending and will see us through these hard times.

Thank You
Betty Heater

FOR recalling/removing Betty Heater
who holds office of Mayor for the City of Kamiah.....

AGAINST recalling/removing Betty Heater
who holds office of Mayor for the City of Kamiah.....