

## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting of the Evansville Town Council, Evansville, Wyoming

June 27, 2016

The regular meeting of the Evansville Town Council of the Town of Evansville, County of Natrona, State of Wyoming, was held at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Town Hall.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Phil Hinds at 7:00 p.m. and upon roll call the following were present: Mayor Phil Hinds, Council Members Doug White and Jory Delinger, Town Attorney Phil Willoughby, Town Treasurer Alexi Erickson, Chief of Police Tom Laughrey, Fire Chief Leo Malsom, Public Works Director Dan Adcock, Town Clerk Janelle Underwood, and interested citizens.

Council Member Ernie Blackford and Town Engineer Shane Porter asked to be excused from the meeting.

Mayor Hinds led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion was made by Doug White and seconded by Jory Delinger to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes for the regular meeting on June 13, 2016, were presented for approval. Motion was made by Jory Delinger and seconded by Doug White to approve the minutes as written. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BRESNAN COMMUNICATIONS FRANCHISE AGREEMENT: Town Attorney Phil Willoughby advised the Governing Body that he has been working on a new franchise agreement for the past couple of months. He stated that the proposed franchise agreement term is set for seven (7) years at a rate of five percent (5%) of the annual gross revenues. Attorney Willoughby stated that in the franchise agreement, he added language that will not allow street cuts.

Motion was made by Doug White and seconded by Jory Delinger to approve the Bresnan Communications Franchise Agreement. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #3-2016: An Ordinance for the 2016-2017 Fiscal Year Budget. Third and final reading. Town Clerk Janelle Underwood read Ordinance #3-2016 by title. Motion was made by Jory Delinger and seconded by Ernie Blackford to approve Ordinance #3-2016 on third and final reading. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #4-2016: An Ordinance to Amend the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year Budget. Third and final reading. Town Clerk Janelle Underwood summarized Ordinance #4-2016 and advised that the ordinance was amended to reflect actual expenses to date. Motion was made by Doug White and seconded by Jory Delinger to approve Ordinance #4-2016 on third and final reading as amended. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #5-2016: An Ordinance Repealing Chapter 13 of the Town of Evansville Code and Adopting an Updated Chapter 13. First reading. Town Attorney Phil Willoughby advised that the Town is in the process of updating the Town Ordinances. He stated that he has been working on Chapter 13 of the Town Ordinances which cover Motor Vehicles and Traffic. He stated that he has tried to incorporate as much as he can to follow the Wyoming State Statutes. He stated that by doing so, the laws are more consistent. He advised that Chief of Police Tom Laughrey has reviewed the proposed ordinance as well.

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Motion was made by Jory Delinger and seconded by Doug White to approve Ordinance #5-2016 on first reading. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BUSINESS LICENSE: Business License Applications for 307 All American Roofing, C & P Lawn Service, and MC Roofing were presented to the Governing Body for approval. Motion was made by Doug White and seconded by Jory Delinger to approve the business license applications for 307 All American Roofing, C & P Lawn Service, and MC Roofing. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BUILDING PERMITS: Building Permit applications #4253 through #4255 were presented to the Governing Body for approval. The applications were for re-roof permits. Motion was made by Jory Delinger and seconded by Doug White to approve permits #4253 through #4255. Motion carried.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: No report.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: During public comments, Jennifer Sorenson spoke to the Governing Body about revisiting Ordinance #3-2016, the 2016-2017 Fiscal Year Budget. She stated that it is her understanding that the Police Department employees are experiencing furloughs and the Fire Department employees have taken a wage cut in lieu of furloughs due to the budget and the lack of revenue in the economy. She stated that in looking at the 2015-2016 budget, it doesn't appear that the Town adjusted or changed much as far as budget cuts go. She stated that the Police Department lost roughly two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000.00) and that the Fire Department lost roughly one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00). She stated that she did not feel that this was adequate. She stated that the police department has ten (10) officers with one to two officers running per shift. She stated that there has been public concern about the lack of police presence in the Town. Jennifer Sorenson stated that Evansville has grown and become a lot bigger and stated that the Police Department and Fire Department is not the place to make cuts. She stated that the Fire Department budget is bigger than the Police Department's Budget and yet the Fire Department handles less calls than the Police Department. Ms. Sorenson asked if the Town applies for federal grants.

Discussion was held concerning the transfers that the Fire Department handles as well as the revenue that the Fire Department brings in. Mayor Hinds stated that you cannot compare the Fire Department to the Police Department. He stated that the Fire Department opted to take a pay cut rather than taking a furlough day and that the Police Department was also offered the choice of taking a furlough day or a pay cut. He stated that the Police Department opted to take the furlough day. Mayor Hinds stated that the other departments in the Town are taking furlough days as well. He stated that the revenues are coming in lower than was anticipated and that to date, the Town is down six hundred eighty-five thousand dollars (\$685,000.00) over what was budgeted for this fiscal year. Mayor Hinds also stated that the Town has applied for and has received grants for various projects but that even grants are starting to become less and less.

Attorney Willoughby stated that the Public Comments are for the public to comment. He also noted that the Fire Department's budget is about two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000.00) more than the Police Department's budget but that the revenue that the ambulance generates is around seven hundred thousand dollars (\$700,000.00), which means that the net expenditure for the Fire Department is about five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00) less than the Police Department. He stated that the Police Department budget is actually about five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00) more than the Fire Department.

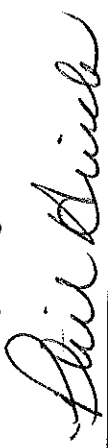
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ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, motion was made by Doug White and seconded by Jory Delinger to adjourn at 7:20 p.m. Motion carried.



APPROVED:

Phil Hinds, Mayor

ATTESTED:   
Janelle Underwood, Town Clerk