

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting of the Evansville Town Council, Evansville, Wyoming

September 12, 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, Ernie Blackford, Joseph Knop and Jory Delinger, Town Attorney Phil Willoughby, Town Engineer Shane Porter, Town Treasurer Lexi Erickson, Chief of Police Tom Laughrey, Fire Chief Leo Malsom, Public Works Director Dan Adcock, Town Clerk Janelle Underwood, and interested citizens.

Mayor Phil Hinds led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes for the regular meeting on August 22, 2016, were presented for approval. Motion was made by Ernie Blackford and seconded by Jory Delinger to approve the minutes as written. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF DEPARTMENTAL MONTHLY REPORT: The Treasurer's report, Police report, Fire report, and the Public Works report were presented to the Governing Body in writing. Motion was made by Jory Delinger and seconded by Joseph Knop to approve the departmental monthly reports. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #6-2016: An Ordinance Repealing Chapter 15 of the Town of Evansville Code and Adopting an Updated Chapter 15. Second reading. Attorney Willoughby summarized Ordinance #6-2016. Motion was made by Jory Delinger and seconded by Ernie Blackford to approve Ordinance #6-2016 on second reading. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #7-2016: An Emergency Ordinance to Repeal Ordinance #6-2010 and Resolutions #5-2012 and #5-2015 and Establishing Policy and Procedures for the Collection of Past Due Utility Bills, Non-Sufficient Fund Returns, Discontinuance of Utility Service, and the Collection of Security Deposits. Town Attorney Phil Willoughby advised the Governing Body that this emergency ordinance came about last month after what appeared to be some inconsistencies in the whether a customer paid by check, cash, or automatic payment. Attorney Willoughby stated that this ordinance will make everything consistent from individual to individual. He stated that staff prepared the ordinance, that he has reviewed it, and that he believes it will be a good policy. He stated that the ordinance has been prepared as an emergency ordinance in order to put the policy in place immediately to avoid any further inconsistencies and that the emergency ordinance needs to be passed by three-quarters of the Governing Body.

Motion was made by Jory Delinger and seconded by Ernie Blackford to approve Ordinance #7-2016 as an emergency ordinance. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BUSINESS LICENSES: Business License Applications for Big Horn Roofing, KJ Electric, and RCH Parking Lot Maintenance were presented to the Governing Body for approval. Motion was made by Ernie Blackford and seconded by Jory Delinger to approve the business license applications for Big Horn Roofing, KJ Electric, and RCH Parking Lot Maintenance. Motion carried.

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CASPER LODGE 30 DAY BUSINESS LICENSE RENEWAL: Fire Chief Leo Malsom advised that an inspection of the facility was completed on September 8, 2016. He stated that a lot of work has been completed with the fire suppression system. He stated that his department should be able to conduct a hydro test on the fire suppression system in the next week and the installation of equipment in the riser room. He stated that he would recommend another thirty day (30) approval of the business license.

Motion was made by Doug White and seconded by Ernie Blackford to approve the business license for 30 days for the Casper Lodge (Super 8 Motel). Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BUILDING PERMIT: Building Permit applications #4266 and #4267 were presented to the Governing Body for approval. The applications were for re-roof permits. Motion was made by Ernie Blackford and seconded by Jory Delinger to approve permits #4266 and #4267. Motion carried.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: No report.

BILLS FOR APPROVAL: Bills were presented to the Governing Body for approval. Motion was made by Joseph Knop and seconded by Jory Delinger to pay all bills and draw treasury upon the same. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: During public comments, Jennifer Sorenson, 741 Camp Davis Circle, stated that it had been three weeks (3) since the last Council Meeting. She asked if the Governing Body had made any progress towards handling the budget deficit as far as balancing the budget for the furloughs and wage reduction for police and fire department if the price of oil does not come back and the economy does not improve.

Mayor Hinds stated that as he has stated before, the Town will rectify the situation when the revenues increase and that there have not been any additional cuts thus far.

Ms. Sorenson stated that the Town can't continue the furloughs and expect people to stay if the oil doesn't bounce back. She stated that the safety of the Town and the workload that is not getting done have to be looked at.

Mayor Hinds stated that every one of the departments has looked at ways to cut their budgets and that they are not spending money if they don't have too.

Ms. Sorenson stated that the Town can't keep scraping by because eventually there will be nothing to scrape. She stated that sooner or later something big is going to happen and asked what the Town would do then.

Mayor Hinds asked Ms. Sorenson what her solution was. He stated that at each meeting, she comes in and complains about things that the Town is not doing, but that she has not offered a solution.

Ms. Sorenson stated that she does not see the Town's finances. She stated that she does not know what bills the Town pays or what the revenues are and that she shouldn't have to be the one to re-write the budget.

Mayor Hinds advised that the Town's finances are public record and that she can review those.

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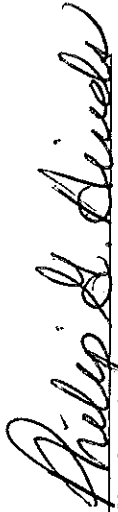
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Justin Burt, 602 Toll Street, stated that he would like to thank the Governing Body and Town Attorney Phil Willoughby for looking into the issue that he brought to their attention at the last Council Meeting concerning the process of collecting utility bills.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, motion was made by Doug White and seconded by Ernie Blackford to adjourn at 7:12 p.m. Motion carried.

APPROVED:


Philip G. Hinds, Mayor

ATTESTED:


Janelle Underwood, Town Clerk