

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting of the Evansville Town Council, Evansville, Wyoming

March 11, 2019

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 Jennifer Sorenson at 7:00 p.m. and upon roll call the following were present: Mayor Jennifer Sorenson, Council Members Chad Edwards and Aaron Vigneault, Town Attorney Phil Willoughby, Town Treasurer Lexi Erickson, Chief of Police Mike Thompson, Fire Chief Leo Malsom, Town Clerk Janelle Underwood, and interested citizens.

Council Member Joseph Knop was absent.

Council Member Sheena Hixson, Town Engineer Shane Porter, and Public Works Representative Ron Emond asked to be excused.

Mayor Jennifer Sorenson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion was made by Aaron Vigneault and seconded by Chad Edwards to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes for the regular meeting on February 25, 2019, and Executive Session minutes for February 25, 2019, were presented for approval. Town Clerk Janelle Underwood asked that the record reflect the correct adjournment time on the regular meeting minutes should be 7:41 p.m. rather than 7:05 p.m. Motion was made by Chad Edwards and seconded by Aaron Vigneault to approve the minutes as corrected. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #4-2019: A Resolution Extending Hours of Operation for Liquor Licensees for March 17, 2019, to March 18, 2019. Town Attorney Phil Willoughby advised the Governing Body that the Hours of Operation for the liquor establishments on Sundays requires the establishment to close by 12:00 p.m. He stated that the Town ordinance allows for special circumstances such as St. Patrick's Day. If approved by the Governing Body, the presentation and approval of a Resolution is needed that will allow the hours to be extended from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. the following day for holidays or special occasions.

Motion was made by Chad Edwards and seconded by Aaron Vigneault to approve Resolution #4-2019. Motion carried.

BILLS FOR APPROVAL: Bills were presented to the Governing Body for approval. Motion was made by Aaron Vigneault and seconded by Chad Edwards to pay all bills and draw treasury upon the same. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Dave Swanson, a resident of Evansville as well as the owner of Batteries Plus Bulbs, stated that he is looking to get the Town of Evansville's business. Mr. Swanson stated that they sell batteries and light bulbs, repair I Phones, and do key fob replacement. He stated that they mostly sell Duracell batteries. Mr. Swanson handed out some brochures and stated that if it is an item that he doesn't have, he can order it and deliver the item too.

Mayor Sorenson stated that she will pass the information onto the Department Heads.

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Gordon Schuler, owner of the The Ash Premium Lounge, wanted to provide some additional information to the Governing Body about applying for a liquor license. Mr. Schuler provided a drawing of the lounge that he is proposing if he was to apply for and receive approval for a liquor license. Mr. Schuler stated that he had an area that would be set aside for a 24/7 Smoke Lounge. He stated that he and would like to allow the approved members access this area 24/7 and that these members also be allowed to Bring Your Own Bottle (BYOB). He stated that only approved club members 21 years of age or older would be allowed access only by key fobs. He stated that he will have surveillance cameras and will know exactly who came in by the key fob and that he will know if a member brings someone in under the age of 21. He stated that he wanted to know the Town's feelings on the BYOB because people eighteen and older can purchase cigars and pipe tobacco but not alcohol. He stated that the hours of operation for alcohol would be from 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Attorney Phil Willoughby asked Mr. Schuler questions about the drawing that he provided and asked if Mr. Schuler could provide a more detailed drawing to indicate what was located where. Mr. Willoughby stated that he has concerns about younger people coming in especially, if the BYOB is allowed. He stated that what this leads to is 24 Hour Clubs and that he doesn't know if the Town wants to have a 24-Hour Club. Attorney Willoughby stated that he would like to see in great detail where the liquor is stored, who has access to it, how secure is it, and the management of people underage. Mr. Willoughby asked if TIPS Training was going to be provided and stated that Mr. Schuler might get a copy of the Town ordinances.

Mayor Sorenson asked if Mr. Schuler would be opposed to not allowing a BYOB after the business closes. She stated that her concern is the risk of underage drinking.

Mr. Schuler stated that he would not be opposed to not allowing the BYOB. He stated that after talking with them, he feels it is going to be too much of a hassle trying to control that and keeping underage drinking from taking place.

After a great deal of discussion took place regarding this type of set up, Mr. Schuler will be picking up an application and applying for a liquor license. He stated that this will be additional revenue that the Town of Evansville will receive.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, motion was made by Chad Edwards and seconded by Aaron Vigneault to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. Motion carried.

APPROVED: _____

Jennifer Sorenson, Mayor

ATTESTED: _____

Janelle Underwood, Town Clerk