

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting of the Evansville Town Council, Evansville, Wyoming

April 8, 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, Joseph Knop, Aaron Vigneault and Sheena Hixson, Town Engineer Shane Porter, Town Treasurer Lexi Erickson, Chief of Police Mike Thompson, Fire Chief Leo Malsom, Public Works Representative Ron Emond, Town Clerk Janelle Underwood, and interested citizens.

Town Attorney Phil Willoughby asked to be excused.

Mayor Jennifer Sorenson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes for the regular meeting on March 25, 2019, were presented for approval. Motion was made by Aaron Vigneault and seconded by Chad Edwards to approve the minutes as written. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR: Mayor Jennifer Sorenson stated that after conducting interviews of four applicants for a new Public Works Director, she would like to recommend the appointment of Ron Emond as the new Public Works Director.

Motion was made by Sheena Hixson and seconded by Chad Edwards to approve the appointment of Ron Emond as the Public Works Director. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #2-2019: An Ordinance Repealing Chapter 19 of the Town Code and Substituting Chapter 19 as it Appears in the Ordinance. Second reading. Town Clerk Janelle Underwood summarized Ordinance #2-2019. Motion was made by Aaron Vigneault and seconded by Chad Edwards to approve Ordinance #2-2019 on second reading. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BUSINESS LICENSES: Approval of Business Licenses for CD's Electric, Johnny Applesed, Mukawno Coffee, and Oasis Emission Consultants were presented to the Governing Body for approval. After review of the applications, motion was made by Sheena Hixson and seconded by Joseph Knop to approve the business licenses for CD's Electric, Johnny Applesed, Mukawno Coffee, and Oasis Emission Consultants. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING – 7:05 P.M.- ISSUANCE OF RETAIL LIQUOR LICENSE: Retail Liquor License application for The Ash Premium Cigar. Mayor Sorenson opened the Public Hearing.

Town Clerk Janelle Underwood advised that Schuler Enterprises, LLC, dba The Ash Premium Cigar applied for a retail liquor license located at 4410-4420 E. Yellowstone Highway. She advised that Town Attorney Phil Willoughby reviewed the application and had no issues with it. She advised that the Wyoming Liquor Commission reviewed the application and that the only stipulation they placed on the issuance of the liquor license is that the Lease Agreement between the Lessee and Lessor needed to be executed prior to the liquor license issuance. Town clerk Janelle Underwood asked that if the Governing Body approves the issuance of the license that it be contingent upon the execution of the Lease Agreement.

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Mayor Sorenson asked for any public comments for the issuance of the liquor license to The Ash Premium Cigar. There were no public comments for the issuance of the liquor license.

Mayor Sorenson asked for any public comments against the issuance of the liquor license to The Ash Premium Cigar.

Travis Taylor with Taylor's Sports Bar and Spirits stated that it is his understanding that Evansville has a Retail Liquor License available. He stated that he doesn't have a problem with that but would ask the Governing Body to consider the location is directly put upon himself. He stated that he does not know what their intentions are as far as a cigar shop but that as far as the retail side of it, he doesn't see the benefit of it because it places the two businesses on top of each other. Mr. Taylor stated that he has spent the last seventeen (17) years in Evansville with a couple of different businesses. He stated that he has spent a lot of time and money for the business that he has and asked the Governing Body to take that into consideration, not only for his business but for other businesses.

There being no further comments against the issuance of the liquor license, Mayor Sorenson closed the Public Hearing. Mayor Sorenson stated that she would like to speak on behalf of the Town of Evansville. She stated that this is for a cigar shop with the alcohol being consumed inside by the patrons. She stated that it is not a bar setting and that it is more of a lounge setting.

Gordon Schuler, owner of The Ash Premium Cigar, stated that currently his business is located at 200 N. Wolcott Street in Casper and that he is looking at expanding his business to a cigar shop and liquor lounge. He stated that the retail sales of alcohol will be minimal. Mr. Schuler stated that this will be a quiet place where someone can come in, have a drink, and smoke a cigar. He stated that the lounge will be open from 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. unless someone wants to have an event such as a Bachelor, Bachelorette, retirement party or something along those lines. He stated that there will be a television in the 24/7 smoke shop but no televisions any where else and that his main goal is to sell cigars.

Motion was made by Aaron Vigneault and seconded by Chad Edwards to approve the issuance of the Retail Liquor License to the Ash Premium Cigar. Motion carried.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Town Engineer Shane Porter stated that he is finishing up the plans and design on the 2018 Miscellaneous Water Main Replacement Project. He stated that this project is to replace an old water main that runs along Yellowstone Highway as well as to provide some additional looping in the system. Engineer Porter stated that he has Draw Down Request Number Three that he will need authorization for the Mayor to execute.

Engineer Porter stated that they currently have the plans at ninety percent (90%) complete for the Secondary Access Road Project. He stated that he submitted the plans to the City of Casper as well as the State Veterans Administration for review. Engineer Porter advised that they are working on the process to obtain the easement from the State of Wyoming and that they are hoping to have the easement by the end of April or early May with the project under construction late summer/early fall. He stated that he met with Andrew Beamer with the City of Casper last week and that they would like the Town to modify how we are proposing to connect to Metro Road. Engineer Porter stated that he will make these changes and resubmit to the City of Casper.

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Engineer Porter stated that he need authorization for the Mayor to execute Drawn Down Request Number Three (3) to the Wyoming Business Council for the 2018 Miscellaneous Water Main

Replacement Project and Draw Down Request Number Two (2) for the Secondary Access Road Project.

Motion was made by Joseph Knop and seconded by Aaron Vigneault authorizing the Mayor to execute Drawn Down Request Number Three (3) to the Wyoming Business Council for the 2018 Miscellaneous Water Main Replacement Project and Draw Down Request Number Two (2) for the Secondary Access Road Project. Motion carried.

Engineer Porter stated that the property owner at 6700 E. Yellowstone is planning to install a 4" sewer service to their property. He stated that the Town of Evansville's sewer main is located south of their lot in the Wyoming Department of Transportation frontage road and that the sewer connection will be inside WYDOT's right-of-way which will require a permit from WYDOT. Engineer Porter stated that since the Town is the owner of the utility, the Town is required to sign the permit and that he needed authorization for the Mayor to execute the WYDOT M54 Permit.

Motion was made by Sheena Hixson and seconded by Chad Edwards authorizing the Mayor to execute the WYDOT M54 Permit. Motion carried.

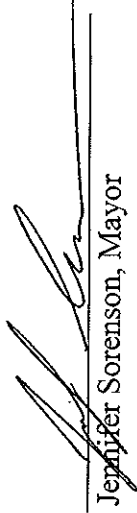
Motion was made by Joseph Knop and seconded by Aaron Vigneault to approve the Engineer's report. Motion carried.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, motion was made by Joseph Knop and seconded by Sheena Hixson to adjourn at 7:18 p.m. Motion carried.

APPROVED:


Jennifer Sorenson, Mayor

ATTESTED:


Janelle Underwood, Town Clerk