

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting of the Evansville Town Council, Evansville, Wyoming

August 26, 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, Aaron Vigneault and Sheena Hixson, Town Attorney Scott Murray, Chief of Police Mike Thompson, Fire Chief Leo Malsom, Public Works Director Ron Emond, Town Clerk Janelle Underwood, and interested citizens.

Council Member Joe Knop was absent. Town Engineer Shane Porter asked to be excused.

Mayor Jennifer Sorenson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion was made by Aaron Vigneault and seconded by Sheena Hixson to approve the agenda with the exception of tabling item #5 – Ordinance #6-2019 – An Ordinance Repealing Chapter 15, Section 15-5-1 and Section 15-5-2 and Replace until the next Council Meeting. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes for the regular meeting on August 12, 2019, were presented for approval. Motion was made by Chad Edwards and seconded by Aaron Vigneault to approve the minutes as written.

GINGER EATON – RE MAX REALTY: Ginger Eaton with Re Max Realty spoke to the Governing Body about 617 Bozeman Trail. She stated that she is the selling agent for the property with the un-permitted enclosed porch. She stated that finalizing the sale of the property has been delayed a couple of times because of this and that they would like to close on the property this week. She stated that they would like the Governing Body to sign a letter stating that the Town will not require the sellers or buyers to tear down the enclosed porch or fine them. She stated that the sellers have vacated the property and that the buyers would like to close on the property. She stated that the required permits have been pulled for the work that needs to be completed to bring the enclosed porch up to code and that the work can take place while the buyers are still living there. She stated that the money for the work that needs completed would be set aside in escrow.

After some discussion, Mayor Sorenson stated that it is not going to be the Town itself to take a stance either way because it is the Natrona County Building Department that enforces the codes for the Town. She stated that the letter needs to come from the County.

CASPER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR LIZ BECHER AND CHIEF OF POLICE MCPHEETERS – METRO ANIMAL CONTROL: Casper Community Development Liz Becher and Casper Chief of Police Keith McPheeters introduced themselves and also introduced Casper Finance Director Tom Pitlick, City Attorney John Henley, and Metro Animal Shelter Manager Tory Walsh. Liz Becher stated that she and Chief McPheeters met with Mayor Sorenson and Evansville Chief of Police last week regarding Metro Animal Control services and stated that it was a very productive meeting. She stated that the City of Casper has a proposed agreement for the Town of Evansville to look at. She stated that the agreement is now based off actual costs rather than average

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cost as has been charged in the past. She stated that last year the animal control officers moved under the direction of Chief McPheeters. She stated that the proposed operation cost for the combined animal control and animal shelter services is one hundred fifteen thousand dollars (\$115,000.00) for FY2019-2020.

Chief McPheeters stated that since July 1, 2019, Metro Officers conducted four hundred and ninety-three (493) investigations in the Town of Evansville. He stated that one of the complaints was that people did not see enough of the Animal Control Officers and that he has tried to make sure that there is more of a presence of them.

Liz Becher stated that the Animal Shelter has some upcoming needed repairs on the aging structure, such as work on the HVAC system, replacement of the sewer line out to the sewer main and the installation of security cameras on the outside of the facility. She stated that there has been increase cost in food and vaccinations while at the same time, they have held steady with the expenses for personnel. Ms. Becher stated that she anticipates major capital upgrades on the shelter this year, but that some of those costs may flow into the next fiscal year.

Chief McPheeters stated that there is a total of six Animal Control Officers and that they currently have one position open that they are needing to fill. He stated that when the officers came in under his department, he had increased expenses such as radio upgrades, body cameras, and bullet proof vests for each of the officers. He stated that Evansville's average time figured out to approximately eight percent of his officers' patrol time.

Discussion was held and questions asked such as response times, the number of animal control officers Casper currently has, how often there is a meeting amongst those that are users of Metro Animal Services and reporting of the statistics.

Chief McPheeters stated that they have a total of six officers and that geographically, the response time can be slow at times. He stated that Animal Control Officers are by far busier than his police officers. Chief McPheeters stated that there is an Advisory Group that meets quarterly. He also stated that Casper is trying to come up with a better way of reporting the statistics.

ORDINANCE #5-2019: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 15 of the Evansville Town Code and Adding A Section for Standing, Loitering and Obstructing Person. Second reading. Town Clerk Janelle Underwood read Ordinance #5-2019 by title only. Motion was made by Chad Edwards and seconded by Aaron Vigneault to approve Ordinance #5-2019 on second reading. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BUSINESS LICENSES: Approval of Business Licenses for C.B. Plumbing, Clark Roofing, and HIS Rustic Woodrights were presented to the Governing Body for approval. Motion was made by Aaron Vigneault and seconded by Sheena Hixson to approve the business licenses for C.B. Plumbing, Clark Roofing, and HIS Rustic Woodrights. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments.

Motion was made by Aaron Vigneault and seconded by Sheena Hixson to go into Executive Session at 7:43 p.m. for legal advice.

Back in Regular Session at 8:26 p.m.

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ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, motion was made by Aaron Vigneault and seconded by Chad Edwards to adjourn at 8:27 p.m. Motion carried.

APPROVED:


Jennifer Sorenson, Mayor

ATTESTED:


Janelle Underwood, Town Clerk