

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting of the Evansville Town Council, Evansville, Wyoming

February 10, 2020

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: Council Members Chad Edwards, Joe Knop, Aaron Vigneault, and Sheena Hixson, Town Attorney Scott Murray, Town Engineer Shane Porter, Town Treasurer Lexi Erickson, Chief of Police Mike Thompson, Fire Chief Leo Malsom, Public Works Director Ron Emond, Town Clerk Janelle Underwood, and interested citizens.

Mayor Jennifer Sorenson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes for the Regular Meeting on January 27, 2020, were presented for approval. Motion was made by Aaron Vigneault and seconded by Joe Knop to approve the minutes as written. Motion carried.

LIZ BECHER – CITY OF CASPER AND MPO WAYFINDING: Liz Becher with the City of Casper stated that she would like to introduce Jeremy Yates as the new City of Casper Metropolitan Planning Organization Supervisor. Liz Becher introduced Ryan Peterson with RDG Consultants and stated that the MPO has been working on a Wayfinding Project since last August. Ryan Peterson stated that that purpose of the project is a unique way to brand, educate and inform tourist and residents about each community and that it helps guide tourists and residents to specific places. Ryan Peterson presented the proposed plans and stated that it is something that should be completed in the summer of this year.

ORDINANCE #1-2020: An Ordinance Prohibiting the Use of Portable Electronic Devices While Operating A Motor Vehicle. Third and final reading. Town Clerk Janelle Underwood read Ordinance #1-2020 by title only on third and final reading.

Council Member Aaron Vigneault stated that he has heard some feedback on the proposed ordinance and asked if there could be some clarity on the ordinance. He asked if the proposed ordinance could read “a pair of earbuds”.

After discussion, motion was made by Aaron Vigneault and seconded by Joe Knop to amend the ordinance to read, “Wear a pair of ear buds or headphones while the vehicle is in motion”. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Aaron Vigneault and seconded by Sheena Hixson to approve Ordinance #1-2020 as amended on third and final reading. Motion carried.

Mayor Sorenson asked that Chief Thompson really get out and educate people.

Chief Thompson stated that there will be signage placed throughout town about the “Hands Free” and that drivers will receive written warnings for violations until August 30th, 2020.

ORDINANCE #2-2020: An Ordinance Setting the Tax Levy for 2020. Second reading. Town Clerk Janelle Underwood read Ordinance #2-2020 by title only. Motion was made by Chad Edwards and seconded by Aaron Vigneault to approve Ordinance #2-2020 on second reading. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #3-2020: An Ordinance to Amend Water Rates. First reading. Town Clerk Janelle Underwood summarized Ordinance #3-2020. Motion was made by Aaron Vigneault and seconded by Joe Knop to approve Ordinance #3-2020 on first reading. Motion carried.

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ORDINANCE #4-2020: An Ordinance to Amend Sewer Rates. First reading. Town Clerk Janelle Underwood summarized Ordinance #4-2020. Motion was made by Joe Knop and seconded by Sheena Hixson to approve Ordinance #4-2020 on first reading. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #5-2020: An Ordinance to Amend Sanitation Rates. First reading. Town Clerk Janelle Underwood summarized Ordinance #5-2020. Motion was made by Chad Edwards and seconded by Aaron Vigneault to approve Ordinance #5-2020 on first reading. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BUSINESS LICENSE: Business License application for Alliance Communication and Technologies was presented to the Governing Body for approval. Motion was made by Aaron Vigneault and second by Sheena Hixson to approve the Business License for Alliance Communication and Technologies. Motion carried.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Town Engineer Shane Porter advised that he did not have anything to report on.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: During public comments, Dacia Edwards, 340 Missouri Street, stated that she would like to thank Public Works for all their snow removal efforts and stated that she thinks they are amazing. She stated that the crew has been out there working hard and that she appreciates it.

Tina Edwards, 353 Missouri Street, stated that she has been told that they are going to lose their big garbage dumpster and be switched over to a roll-out. She wanted to know if that was true.

Public Works Director Ron Emond stated that eventually the switch will be made to where everyone will have a roll-out.

Alona Vigneault asked if the Town planned on placing street signs indicating that Evansville has a "Hands Free" ordinance.

Chief Thompson stated that he and Public Works Director Ron Emond will working on placement locations and sizes of the signs for the new "Hands Free" ordinance.

Alona Vigneault stated that she started watching how many distracted drivers there were especially around the school and stated that it is scary. She stated that she is glad that Evansville passed the Hands-Free ordinance.

Motion was made by Aaron Vigneault and seconded by Joe Knop to move into Executive Session at 7:32 p.m – W.S. 16-4-405. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sheena Hixson and seconded by Aaron Vigneault to go back into regular session at 8:48 p.m. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Joe Knop and seconded by Aaron Vigneault to add an additional item to the Agenda – Restructuring of the Police Department positions. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sheena Hixson and seconded by Aaron Vigneault to approve the restructuring of the Evansville Police Department positions. Motion carried.

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ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, motion was made by Joe Knop and seconded by Chad Edwards to adjourn at 8:49 p.m. Motion carried.

APPROVED:



Jennifer Sorenson, Mayor

ATTESTED: 
Janelle Underwood, Town Clerk