

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting of the Evansville Town Council, Evansville, Wyoming

July 13, 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.

Council Meeting Livestreamed via You Tube.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Chad Edwards at 7:00 p.m. and upon roll call the following were present: Mayor Chad Edwards, Council Members Joe Knop, Aaron Vigneault and Sheena Hixson, Town Attorney Kyle Ridgeway via Skype, Town Treasurer Lexi Erickson, Chief of Police Mike Thompson, Fire Chief Leo Malsom, Public Works Director Ron Emond, Town Clerk Janelle Underwood.

Mayor Chad Edwards led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

- A) Minutes for Regular Meeting on June 22, 2020
- B) Approval of Business License for Done Right Carpentry
- C) Approval of Bills

Motion was made by Joe Knop and seconded by Aaron Vigneault to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #10-2020: A Franchise Agreement Between the Town of Evansville and Mountain West Technologies. Second reading. Town Clerk Janelle Underwood read Ordinance #10-2020 by title only. Motion was made by Sheena Hixson and seconded by Aaron Vigneault to approve Ordinance #10-2020 on second reading. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #8-2020: A Resolution for the Submission of a Coronavirus State Land and Investment Grant Application. Town Clerk Janelle Underwood read Resolution #8-2020 by title and advised that the grant application was for the reimbursement of expenses that have been incurred due to the Coronavirus Pandemic. She advised that the request is in the amount of forty-two thousand seven hundred forty-six dollars and forty-five cents (\$42746.45). Motion was made by Joe Knop and seconded by Aaron Vigneault to approve Resolution #8-2020. Motion carried.

RATIFY APPROVAL OF SANNER IT CONTRACT: *Tabled June 22, 2020.* Motion was made by Aaron Vigneault and seconded by Sheena Hixson to remove the Approval of the Sanner IT Contract from the table. Motion carried.

Town Attorney Kyle Ridgeway stated that there is a lot more additional detail in terms of service and the contract now has line items for specific services and the charges for those services. He stated that Mayor Edwards worked hard to get those clarifications into the contract.

Motion was made by Aaron Vigneault and seconded by Joe Knop to ratify the Approval of the signing of the Sanner IT Contract. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION OF PUBLISHING THE AGENDA: Mayor Chad Edwards stated that he would like to propose the publishing of the Council Meeting Agenda sooner than on Mondays prior to the Council Meeting. He stated that this might help the citizens view items on the agenda of upcoming meetings and that gives them time to put together questions and attend the meetings. He stated that he would like to see Wednesday as the deadline to ask for items to be placed on the Agenda and have the Agenda published on the Friday before the Council Meeting.

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Discussion was held regarding when and where the Agenda is published, and it was stated that the Agenda is posted on the Town's website. There were suggestions to add new locations by posting at the Post Office and on the Town Hall doors with the understanding that the Agenda will be subject to changes without notice.

Motion was made by Sheena Hixson and seconded by Joe Knop for Agenda items to be submitted by Wednesday and the Agenda published to the public on Friday with the Agenda subject to change without notice. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION OF RECYCLE BINS: Mayor Chad Edwards stated that the City of Casper has recently reopened the materials recycling facility and that Casper posed questions to its residents about what direction they would like to see Casper move towards. He stated that the citizen response was to keep the recycle bins open and that the Casper residents would be willing to pay an additional \$1.70 per month to cover those costs. He stated with that, the City of Casper has reached out to the surrounding communities to see if they are interested in keeping their recycling bins and if so, the cost associated with that service. He stated that the Town will need to notify the City of Casper by September 1, 2020. He stated that the current level of service that the Town receives is for cardboard, magazines, newspaper, aluminum cans, number one plastic, and some trash. He stated that at that level of service the cost to the Town of Evansville would be ten thousand six hundred twelve dollars (\$10,612.00) per year. He also stated that there are different options of reduced services that would decrease the annual cost. Mayor Edwards stated that he would like to see the Town conduct its own survey and see what the Town's people want.

After some discussion, motion was made by Aaron Vigneault and seconded by Joe Knop to send a survey out with different recycling options. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ON COUNCIL LETTERS OF INTEREST: With the recent resignation of Mayor Jennifer Sorenson, it has created a vacancy of a Town Council seat with a term expiring January 2023. Mayor Edwards stated that the Town received four letters of interest to fill the vacant Council seat and stated that he would like to thank those individuals for their letters of interest. Mayor Edwards stated that it had been discussed about conducting interviews and he would like to hold those interviews at the next Council Meeting. He also stated that he would like the Council Members to formulate a couple of questions that each candidate can be asked.

Motion was made by Joe Knop and seconded by Sheena Hixson to conduct Council Interviews at the next Council Meeting (July 27, 2020). Motion carried.

REVIEW OF PROPOSAL FROM LAW FIRMS FOR OUTSIDE INVESTIGATION: Town Attorney Kyle Ridgeway stated that he reached out to a couple of firms to provide an estimate on what it would cost to handle an investigation into the events that led up to the issues with a previous police officer and previous Mayor. Kyle Ridgeway stated that his office did receive the unredacted DCI Investigation report that is a rather extensive report that can be provided to the firm that the Town selects to conduct the investigation which would save time and money.

After some discussion, the desire of the Mayor and Town Council was to review the two proposals and the unredacted DCI Investigation report. Motion was made by Aaron Vigneault and seconded Joe Knop to table the selection process until the next Council Meeting. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: During public comments, Tonya Brigance, 748 Whipsaw, asked the Governing Body if anything was decided about the intersection of 7th Street and Whipsaw.

Mayor Edwards and Council Members Hixson and Vigneault all stated that they looked at that intersection and were able to see the issue that Ms. Brigance was talking about and felt that the painted yellow curb needs to be extended.

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Ms. Brigance also stated that she was wondering about the enforcement of Town Code #13-2-7 regarding the trailers that are parked on the streets. She stated that she feels if the Town is going to have an ordinance then it needs to be enforced. She stated she can understand if someone comes in with a trailer after camping and needs to unload it but some of the trailers never move or half of them are parked halfway up on the sidewalk.

Mayor Edwards stated that they will take it under review.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, motion was made by Joseph Knop and seconded by Aaron Vigneault to adjourn at 7:33 p.m. Motion carried.

APPROVED: _____


Chad Edwards, Mayor

ATTESTED: _____


Janelle Underwood, Town Clerk