

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting of the Evansville Town Council, Evansville, Wyoming

July 27, 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: Council Members Aaron Vigneault, Joe Knop, and Sheena Hixson, Town Attorney Kyle Ridgeway, Chief of Police Mike Thompson, Fire Chief Leo Malsom, Public Works Director Ron Emond, Town Clerk Janelle Underwood, and interested citizens.

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) Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes for July 13, 2020.
- B) Approval of Business Licenses for Allen's Roofing, H & M Cycle & Powersports Repair, Hi Power, LLC, and Symmetry Trailers.

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

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

RESOLUTION #9-2020: A Resolution Authorizing Submission of a Coronavirus Relief Grant Application to the State Land and Investment Board to Install Fiber Optics. Town Clerk Janelle Underwood summarized Resolution #9-2020 and advised that the grant application was in the amount of two hundred forty-four thousand five hundred eighty-six dollars (\$244,586.00).

Motion was made by Joe Knop and seconded by Aaron Vigneault to approve Resolution #9-2020. Motion carried.

PROPOSAL FROM LAW FIRMS FOR OUTSIDE INVESTIGATION: *Tabled July 13, 2020.* Motion was made by Joe Knop and seconded by Sheena Hixson to remove the Proposal from Law Firms for Outside Investigation from the table. Motion carried.

Mayor Chad Edwards stated that these proposals were from two different law firms for the investigation and that at the last Council Meeting everyone wanted to review the unredacted DCI report before making any decisions.

Council Member Aaron Vigneault stated that after seeing the DCI report there are some things that are concerning that need followed up on. He stated that his concern is that after spending the money for an investigation, especially when revenues are low, that the Town would get the same report. He stated that he does not want to see the Town spend six thousand dollars (\$6,000.00) and basically get the same report that was received from DCI.

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Mayor Edwards stated that he as well has concerns after reviewing the report and hopes that with an investigation, there would be some focus and recommendations on our policies and policy changes which could be beneficial. He stated that his thought would be to place a maximum amount to spend and anything beyond that the hired firm would need to put in a request for an increase.

Town Attorney Kyle Ridgeway stated that the purpose of bringing in an outside firm is not to get a factual report because DCI has already conducted the investigation. He stated that the point of having an outside firm do an audit is to review everything and see if the policies and procedures implemented were adhered to. He stated that they may also suggest other policies and procedures and perhaps vet some of the things in the DCI investigation report. He stated that what could come out of the investigation is the closing of loopholes and other things to insure this doesn't happen again. Kyle Ridgeway stated that the Governing Body could consider the firm that placed a bid for six thousand dollars (\$6,000.00) and maybe put a maximum amount of eight thousand dollars (\$8,000.00) and anything beyond that they would need to discuss with the Governing Body.

Councilmember Aaron Vigneault stated that he had not thought of it that way.

Attorney Kyle Ridgeway stated that he could put together a letter accepting their proposal with a fee agreement not to exceed a said amount that would direct the scope of their work with terms and conditions.

Motion was made by Aaron Vigneault and seconded by Joe Knop to hire Davis and Cannon, LLP, to perform the investigation with a not to exceed amount of eight thousand dollars (\$8,000.00). Motion carried.

INTERVIEWS FOR TOWN COUNCIL SEAT. APPOINTMENT AND OATH OF OFFICE: Due to the vacant Council seat, letters of interest were submitted to fill the vacant seat. Mayor Edwards stated that the Town did receive notification that Rhonda Stypa withdrew her letter of interest. Mayor Edwards stated that he would ask that each candidate provide a brief narrative of who they are and why they are interested in serving on the Town Council and what goals and objectives they may have.

Candace Machado, 664 Bozeman Trail, stated that she has lived in Evansville for the last five years as well as grew up in Evansville, Mills, Natrona County among other places. She stated that for the last fourteen years she has worked in mental health and has worked in psychiatric facilities, substance abuse facilities, prison settings, school districts and private practice. She stated that she owns her own yoga and meditation company.

The Governing Body asked Candace Machado questions as to what her interest in serving on the Town Council is. She stated that she is interested in serving on the Town Council because she wants to be a voice for the community, and that your voice cannot be heard sitting at home. She stated that she would like to see more community-based programs and activities throughout the community as well as a better health and wellness program for our police and first responders.

Wilbur Yankey, 421 Holmes Street, stated that he has resided in Evansville since 1971, and that he was a volunteer firefighter and BEC/EMT when the Evansville Fire Department was a volunteer department. He stated that he retired from the Town of Evansville as an employee about seven years ago.

The Governing Body asked Wilbur questions as to what his interest in serving on the Town Council is. He stated that he felt that now was a good time to serve. He stated that you are not always going to make everyone happy and that he knows of the challenges that the Town faces because he worked for Evansville and feels that he has some insight on how to handle some of those issues that may arise.

There were no other persons present that submitted a letter of interest.

Council Member Aaron Vigneault thanked both candidates for submitting letters of interest and wanting to serve on the Town Council.

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Motion was made by Aaron Vigneault and seconded by Sheena Hixson to appoint Candace Machado to serve the remaining time on the Town Council seat.

Mayor Edwards called for all in favor. Council Member Aaron Vigneault – aye, Council Member Shenna Hixson – aye, Council Member Joseph Knop – nay.

Motion carried to appoint Candace Machado to fill the vacant Town Council seat. Mayor Edwards congratulated her.

Town Clerk Janelle Underwood administered the Oath of Office and the Jurat was signed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: During public comments, Wilbur Yankey stated that he would like to thank the Mayor and Town Council for the opportunity to seek appointment to the open Town Council seat.

The Governing Body thanked Wilbur Yankey for his interest.

Mayor Edwards stated that he wanted to ask Evansville residents to please respond to the Recycle Bin Survey that is currently out and that the last day to participate in the survey is August 24, 2020. He stated that there is a link to the survey on the Town's website as well in the Oil City News article and he encourages everyone to participate. He stated that there was a question about potential cost to the Town and that the annual cost is listed in the survey. He stated that the Town Council will have to review the sanitation budget to see what monies are available to off-set any potential costs that may be passed on.

ADJOURNNMENT: There being no further business, motion was made by Aaron Vigneault and seconded by Joe Knop to adjourn at 7:32 p.m. Motion carried.

APPROVED:



Chad Edwards, Mayor

ATTESTED:



Janelle Underwood, Town Clerk