

## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting of the Evansville Town Council, Evansville, Wyoming

August 24, 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 Joe Knop, and Candace Machado, Town Attorney Scott Murray, Chief of Police Mike Thompson, Fire Chief Leo Malsom, Public Works Representative Robert Lewallen, Town Clerk Janelle Underwood, and interested citizens.

Council Members Aaron Vigneault and Sheena Hixson asked to be excused.

Mayor Chad Edwards led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

### APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

- A) Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes and Executive Session Minutes for August 10, 2020.
- B) Approval of Business Licenses for Hebelman Sweet Treats.

Motion was made by Joseph Knop and seconded by Candace Machado to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

SURVEY RESULTS FOR RECYCLE BINS: Mayor Edwards stated that the City of Casper recently opened a material recycling facility and is looking to charge the outside agencies to pay for the recycling services. He stated that the Town sent out a survey on the different levels of services the Town could consider and the costs associated with those services and the most favored at 48.39% was the current level of services that the Town has with an annual cost of ten thousand six hundred and twelve dollars (\$10,612.00). He stated that the second most popular choice at 22.58% was option four of closing the recycling center. Mayor Edwards stated that he would like to go back and negotiate with the City of Casper on the frequency of the recycle bins being picked up and see if that would reduce some of the costs. Mayor Edwards also stated that in reviewing the Town's anticipated revenues and anticipated expenses that he believes Evansville can still provide the recycling bins services at no additional cost to the residents.

Motion was made by Joe Knop and seconded by Candace Machado authorizing Mayor Edwards to go back to the City of Casper and negotiate with them on the frequency and costs associated with the recycle bins. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION OF MOUNTAINWEST SITE/EQUIPMENT: Mayor Edwards stated that recently the Town approved a Franchise Agreement with Mountain West Technologies to provide internet services to Evansville. He stated that a tower proposal was presented and reviewed by the Town Engineer, Town Planner, PW Director and the Water Treatment Plant Operators and there were no issues. He stated that he would like to get approval from the Governing Body to construct the tower contingent upon Mountain West Technologies receiving all required permits and inspections from the City of Casper. He stated that the tower site location is in the Casper city limits.

Motion was made by Joe Knop and seconded by Candace Machado authorizing Mountain West Technologies to construct a tower contingent upon Mountain West Technologies receiving all required permits and inspections from the City of Casper. Motion carried.

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Mayor Chad Edwards stated that Evansville had applied for a CARES Grant through the State Land and Investment Board for the installation of fiber optics for improved internet in Evansville and that the grant application was denied. He stated that the internet service and at times the band width has been an issue for Evansville. Mountain West Technologies has offered, if a tower is approved by the City of Casper and built, to provide the Town with free internet service because of this.

Tim Meads with Mountain West Technologies stated that what they are trying to do is strengthen the ties with the community and bring better options at the same time. They are also trying to lessen the burden on the Town with its communication systems with no hardware costs incurred.

Mayor Edwards stated that he did not want the approval of the tower install to be a part of the offer from Mountain West Technologies for free internet service to the Town of Evansville because they are two separate issues and he didn't want it to sway anybody one way or another.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** During public comments, Willie Johnson, 436 Albany Street, complained to the Governing Body about the code enforcement concerning his unlicensed vehicle on the street and feels that he is being harassed and slandered by the Police Department. He stated that he has talked to a couple of people in town that have not been contacted by Code Enforcement and he thinks that he has been singled out because of his race.

Mayor Edwards stated that he appreciated this being brought to the Town's attention and that he can tell him that the issue with the vehicles is a Town ordinance and he can guarantee that he has not been targeted because he has received a lot of phone calls about the same complaint. Mayor Edwards stated that if he would fill out the complaint form and submit it to the Town the Governing Body will review it.

Gary Kilwien, 269 Second Street, spoke to the Governing Body concerning the Code Enforcement with John Gregg's property. He stated that one issue is a semi van that was allowed to be parked on a lot more than thirty years ago and is still in good shape. He stated that any attempt at moving it at this point is not realistic because of the building that has taken place around it. He stated that the other issue is Mr. Gregg has a motor home that is not currently licensed that is not on the street that he trying to sell. He stated that the cost to license it is nine hundred dollars (\$900.00) and asked if Mr. Gregg could have some time in hopes that he can get it sold. Gary Kilwien stated that he has helped Mr. Gregg with the weeds on his property. He also stated that the Code Enforcement Officer is doing her job and doing a good job and he understands what the Town is trying to do.

Mayor Edwards stated that the important thing is if people are making progress to clean up their properties. He stated that the problem did not happen overnight, and the clean-up is not going to happen overnight.

Leonard Carney, 772 Whipsaw, stated that he was contacted by Code Enforcement Officer Brandy Nester and she is really doing a good job. He stated that she contacted him concerning grass clippings that he has been dumping over his fence for the last six years and asked if the Town would allow for him to rake out the clippings and flatten them down for this fall and then in the spring address this issue.

Fire Chief Leo Malsom stated that he will investigate it the following day and will let Mr. Carney know.

Sheila Riggs, 655 Platte Park Road, asked if there was any progress with the ordinance concerning motorhomes parked on the streets and the status of the appraisal on the land.

Mayor Edwards stated that the Governing Body is still working on the wording for the ordinance and that the land appraisal is ongoing, and the Town has not received the results.

Mickey Hock, 305 Evans Street, stated that he was contacted by the Code Enforcement Officer concerning his property and he is working on the issues that were pointed out to him. He stated that he does have some issues with the use of tarps when it comes to covering snowmobiles or jet skis.

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Discussion took place concerning what the ordinance states on covering vehicles with tarps, but that Code Enforcement Officer Brandy Nester is doing her job. Mayor Edwards stated that there are ordinances that have not been enforced in years and if an ordinance is not what the public wants, then it is the Governing Body's job to adjust it to make it fit. Mayor Edwards stated that the public comments are appreciated.

ADJOURNNMENT: There being no further business, motion was made by Joe Knop and seconded by Candace Machado to adjourn at 7:52 p.m. Motion carried.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Chad Edwards, Mayor

ATTESTED: \_\_\_\_\_

Janelle Underwood, Town Clerk