

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting of the Evansville Town Council, Evansville, Wyoming

February 22, 2021

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, Candace Machado, Michael Scott, Town Attorney Scott Murray, Police Chief Mike Thompson, Fire Chief Leo Malsom, Public Works Director Paul Hanson, Town Clerk Janelle Underwood, and interested citizens.

Council Member Cathy Stypa asked to be excused.

Mayor Chad Edwards led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

- A) Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes for February 8, 2021.
- B) Approval of Day Care License Renewals – Imagination Station, Kids Kampus and Wonderfully Made Child Care

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

ORDINANCE #1-2021: An Ordinance Setting the Tax Levy for 2021. Second Reading. Town Clerk Janelle Underwood summarized Ordinance #1-2021. Motion was made by Michael Scott and seconded by Joe Knop to approve Ordinance #1-2021 on second reading. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #2-2021: An Ordinance Amending and Updating the Evansville Employee Handbook. First reading. Town Clerk Janelle Underwood summarized Ordinance #2-2021 and advised that the policies were for Employee Hiring and Background Checks, Employee Mental Health, Workplace Drug and Alcohol Testing, and Whistleblower and Special Reporting. Motion was made by Michael Scott and seconded by Candace Machado to approve Ordinance #2-2021 on first reading. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ON EMPLOYEE AWARDS: Mayor Chad Edwards stated that given the events in the past year he cannot think of one department that was not shorthanded and despite all of that he is proud of the service all the Town's Departments provided to the Town citizens. He stated that he would like to propose an Award to the employees with a Letter of Recognition as well as a monetary amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) to all fulltime employees and two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) to all parttime employees. He stated that he would like to propose this award come from the CARES Act reimbursement money so as not to affect the current budget and the cost is approximately twenty-three thousand dollars (\$23,000.00). Mayor Edwards added that during the last budget process, the Town was not able to provide a cost-of-living increase to the Town employees and given the revenue forecast for the next year, the Town may be in the same position.

After discussion, motion was made by Michael Scott and seconded by Candace Machado to approve Employee Awards. Motion carried.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS: During public comments, Chief of Police Mike Thompson stated that the Police Department had an eventful weekend. He stated that he just wants the community to know that when they communicate with the Police Department, it really helps them out. He stated that if you see something, say something because they are really trying to catch the criminals. Chief Thompson stated that when he became Police Chief Evansville was listed as the number one most dangerous place listed in Wyoming and we are now listed as number four.

Mayor Edwards stated that he has had citizens mentioning the Police Department presence and that it is appreciated.

Council Member Michael Scott stated that he has heard the same thing about the police presence, and he would like to thank them for their efforts.

Mayor Edwards stated that at the March 8, 2021, Council Meeting, there will be a presentation on the proposed land sale off of Platte Park Road. He stated that the bidder will be present with their proposed layout for citizens to see.

Mayor Edwards stated that on March 13, 2021, there will be a free Suicide Awareness presentation at the Evansville Community Center from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, motion was made by Michael Scott and seconded by Joe Knop at adjourn at 7:15 p.m. Motion carried.

APPROVED: _____

Chad Edwards, Mayor

ATTESTED: 
Janelle Underwood, Town Clerk