

## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting of the Evansville Town Council, Evansville, Wyoming

August 9, 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 Candace Machado and Cathy Stypa, Town Attorney Scott Murray, Town Treasurer Lexi Erickson, Police Chief Mike Thompson, Fire Chief Leo Malsom, Public Works Director Paul Hanson, Town Clerk Janelle Underwood, and interested citizens.

Council Member Michael Scott asked to be excused.

Mayor Chad Edwards led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

- A) Minutes for Regular Meeting July 26, 2021
- B) Approval of Business Licenses – 307 Electric, LLC and Jones Covey Group, Inc.
- C) Approval of Bills

Motion was made by Cathy Stypa and seconded by Candace Machado to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

STEVE KURTZ – CASPER AREA TRANSPORTATION: Steve Kurtz, Vice President of Casper Area Transportation Board (CATC) spoke to the Governing Body about a new program called CATC Moving Forward that would offer rider subsidy funds to the elderly, disabled, transportation disadvantaged and/or low to moderate income residents. He stated that they currently have five hundred seventy-five thousand dollars (\$575,000.00) and what they propose would be for Evansville to qualify riders, purchase and distribute tokens and tickets. He stated that CATC Moving Forward would then reimburse Evansville for the tokens and tickets subject to proof of purchase to the individuals who are supported by the program. Mr. Kurtz stated that they believe that if Evansville markets and distributes the ticket tokens that the ridership should increase. He stated that it would require a contract between CATC and the Town of Evansville.

Mayor Edwards stated that he is very intrigued and asked that the proposed contract be provided to our Town Attorney for review.

JAMIE PURCELL – WYOMING FOOD FOR THOUGHT PROJECT: Jamie Purcell with Wyoming Food for Thought spoke to the Governing Body about the program. She stated that Wyoming Food for Thought has five community gardens around Casper. She stated that they partner with landowners and currently they are partnered with the City of Casper and the Casper Housing Authority which provides the land and water, and Wyoming Food for Thought provides the infrastructure, the knowledge, and the people to handle the gardening. She stated that the gardens can be as big or as little as you want them to be and that all the gardens are planted by the Food for Thought and anyone is welcome to come pick what they want.

Mayor Edwards asked Ms. Purcell who maintains the gardens.

Ms. Purcell stated that Food for Thought goes around and takes care of all the gardens and make sure that they have adequate water and watch the soil conditions. She stated that if they took care of Evansville's gardens with a horticulturist that it would be suggested to budget about eight to ten thousand dollars (\$8,000 to \$10,000.00) annually or the Town could budget a lower amount and it would be an intern that would take care of the beds, but to keep in mind that the intern would only be available for eight to ten weeks.

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Mayor Edwards thanked Ms. Purcell for her time and information.

RESOLUTION #5-2021: A Resolution Renaming VA Cemetery Road to Veterans Road. Town Clerk Janelle Underwood summarized Resolution #5-2021. Motion was made by Cathy Stypa and seconded by Candace Machado to approve Resolution #5-2021. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: During public comments, Phil Hinds stated that when he took office as Mayor in 2005, he started working with the Veteran's Administration to get an emergency access out of Evansville for the fourteen years that he was in office as well as the continued effort after he was out of office, and it is finally done. He stated that the road is opening tomorrow morning at 9:00 a.m. and encourages people to be there.

Mayor Edwards stated that he appreciated all the years of work that Phil Hinds put into the new road.

ADJOURNNMENT: There being no further business, motion was made by Candace Machado and seconded by Cathy Stypa to adjourn at 7:34 p.m. Motion carried.

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

Chad Edwards, Mayor

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

Janelle Underwood, Town Clerk