

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting of the Evansville Town Council, Evansville, Wyoming

September 13, 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 and Michael Scott, Town Attorney Alia Scott, Town Engineer Shane Porter, Town Planner Scott Radden, Town Treasurer Lexi Erickson, Police Chief Mike Thompson, Assistant Fire Chief Mark Cornett, Public Works Representative Robert Lewallen, Town Clerk Janelle Underwood, and interested citizens.

Council Member Cathy Stypa and Fire Chief Leo Malsom asked to be excused.

Mayor Chad Edwards led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

- A) Minutes for Regular Meeting August 23, 2021
- B) Approval of Bills

Motion was made by Michael Scott and seconded by Joe Knop to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

MOU BETWEEN TOWN OF EVANSVILLE AND THE NATRONA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT: Chief of Police Mike Thompson advised the Governing Body that about a year and a half ago, the Natrona County School District (NCSD) approached him about having a police officer at the school for an hour each day and that NCSD would reimburse the town for its time. He stated that his department started dedicating time at the Evansville School and then the Covid pandemic came about, and the Police Department no longer spent time at the school. He stated that the NCSD has reached out to him and would like to start up this program again. Chief Thompson stated that the Town would receive about seven thousand four hundred dollars each year (\$7,400.00) for this commitment.

Motion was made by Michael Scott and seconded by Joe Knop authorizing the Mayor to execute the Memorandum of Understanding with the Natrona County School District. Motion carried.

MOU BETWEEN TOWN OF EVANSVILLE AND CITY OF MILLS – ANIMAL HOLDING AND SHELTER: Chief Thompson advised the Governing Body that the Animal Shelter and Holding Memorandum of Understanding Between Evansville and Mills was up for renewal. He stated that the only difference from the MOU last year is that rather than charging a per animal/per day charge to a charge of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) per year.

Motion was made by Joe Knop and seconded by Michael Scott authorizing the Mayor to execute the Animal Shelter and Holding Memorandum of Understanding Between Evansville and Mills. Motion carried.

EVANSVILLE SOUTHERN ANNEXATION 2021 AND RESOLUTION #7-2021: Town Planner Scott Radden stated that the Town of Evansville is looking at annexing areas throughout the southern boundaries of Evansville and properties along the western boundary of its corporate limits that are inclusive of Evansville infrastructure and its growth boundaries, but are not incorporated. He stated this also includes a portion of Platte Park Road from Western Avenue, to the north, past 7th Street that was not previously annexed, a portion of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad (BNSF) Right of Way (ROW) accessible off Western Avenue and a portion of E. Yellowstone Highway between Western Avenue and Walsh Drive.

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He stated that per Wyoming State Statute that the proposed areas are surrounded by seventy-five percent (75%) or more of the perimeter of the area to be annexed and is contiguous to the corporate limits of Evansville, therefore the property owners can not file an objection.

Town Planner Scott Radden stated that the property owners will pay a little more in their property taxes, but if they receive water, sewer or sanitation from the Town, those rates will be lower because they would now pay an in-town rate versus an out-of-town rate for those services. He also stated that Evansville recently added urban agriculture zones to the zoning definitions. Mr. Radden stated that the Town is required to hold a Public Hearing which would be set for October 25, 2021. He stated that a notice will need to be published in the Casper Star Tribune and Certified letters will be mailed out to those property owners.

Resolution #7-2021 – A Resolution Certifying Compliance with W.S. 15-1-404 for the Annexation of the Evansville Southern Annexation as Petitioned by the Evansville Governing Body and Establishing a Date of Public Hearing on said Annexation. Into the Town of Evansville, Natrona County, Wyoming. Motion was made by Joe Knop and seconded by Michael Scott to approve Resolution #7-2021. Motion carried.

ENGINEER’S REPORT: Town Engineer Shane Porter reported on the Secondary Access Project. He stated that he had Contractor’s Pay Estimate Number Five to Granite Peak Construction in the amount of six thousand nine hundred dollars (\$6,900.00).

Motion was made by Michael Scott and seconded by Candace Machado to approve Contractor’s Pay Estimate Number Five in the amount of six thousand nine hundred dollars (\$6,900.00). Motion carried.

Engineer Porter stated that he had Draw Down Request Number Four to the Wyoming Business Council for the Secondary Access Road Project in the amount of six thousand nine hundred dollars (\$6,900.00).

Motion was made by Michael Scott and seconded by Candace Machado authorizing the Mayor to execute the Wyoming Business Council Draw Down Request Number Four in the amount of six thousand nine hundred dollars (\$6,900.00). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Michael Scott and seconded by Joe Knop to approve the Engineer’s report. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: During public comments, Dan Coursen introduced himself as the President of the newly created Firefighters of Evansville Union. He stated that if the Governing Body has any questions, he will be more than happy to answer them.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, motion was made by Michael Scott and seconded by Joe Knop to adjourn at 7:27 p.m. Motion carried.

APPROVED: _____

Chad Edwards, Mayor

ATTESTED: _____


Janelle Underwood, Town Clerk