

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting of the Evansville Town Council, Evansville, Wyoming

February 14, 2022

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.

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 Treasurer Lexi Erickson, Chief of Police Mike Thompson, Fire Chief Leo Malsom, Public Works Director Robert Lewallen, 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 Michael Scott and seconded by Joe Knop to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

- A) Minutes for Regular Meeting January 24, 2022
- B) Approval of Business License – Visionary Communications
- C) Approval of Bills

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

APPROVAL OF SITE PLAN 1-2022 AND RESOLUTION #3-2022: Town Planner Scott Radden advised that the Self Help Center, Inc. is the owner of Lot 3, L&L Addition No. 3, Town of Evansville (aka 740 Luker Ln.) and has submitted a Site Plan to construct eight (8) housing structures, approximately 563 square foot each, for temporary housing for clients and an associated playground and parking area, as an accessory use to the primary business. He stated that the lot is currently zoned Commercial (C-1) and is surrounded by C-1 zoning on all sides. Mr. Radden advised that the housing is to be used for women and children that have experienced domestic violence or sexual assault and that he recommends a “Do Pass” recommendation to the Town Council to approve the Site Plan to construct eight (8) housing structures, and an associated playground and parking area, as an accessory use to the primary business on Lot 3, L&L Addition No. 3, Town of Evansville, subject to the following conditions:

1. The Owner obtains all required building permits, and complies with all Evansville Code and inspection requirements, and State and Federal regulations.
2. That prior to the issuance of certificates of occupancy, all requirements shall be completed to the satisfaction of the Town Planner, Town Engineer, Public Works Director, Fire Inspector and Building Inspector.

Mayor Edwards stated that he supports this project and would like to recommend that the Town waive any fees or filing fees associated with this project.

Town Planner Scott Radden asked Executive Director Jennifer Dyer if they planned to fence the area off for security purposes and if so, could she have CEPI add that to the Site Plan as to avoid any issues later when they want to install a fence.

Ms. Dyer stated that the plan is that Phase One will be the first building with four units and they plan to build a privacy fence around the site and playground equipment. She stated that when they raise enough funds, they will start Phase Two of the project for a second building with four units and the privacy fence will surround it as well. She advised that she will have CEPI make that notation on the Site Plan to add a privacy fence.

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Town Clerk Janelle Underwood read Resolution #3-2022 by title only.

Motion was made by Michael Scott and seconded by Joe Knop to approve Site Plan 1-2022 with the addition of a privacy fence and Resolution #3-2022. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #1-2022: An Ordinance Setting the Tax Levy for 2022. First reading. Town Clerk Janelle Underwood summarized Ordinance #1-2022. Motion was made by Michael Scott and seconded by Joe Knop to approve Ordinance #1-2022 on first reading. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT INTERNSHIP: Mayor Chad Edwards stated that Fire Chief Leo Malsom and Assistant Fire Chief Mark Cornett approached him a few months back about a Fire Department Intern Program which sounded like a terrific opportunity. He stated that it brings students in and provides them with valuable firsthand training and in return, the Town pays for their schooling and tuition.

Assistant Fire Chief Mark Cornett stated that they have brought on three Casper College students, two of which were already volunteers, and started the program on January 18, 2022. He stated that the third student is new to the department, and he started last week. He said that the interns will run with the crew to which they are assigned.

Council Member Joe Knop asked if the Town has to provide insurance on the interns.

Assistant Chief Cornett stated that the interns are covered only by Wyoming Workers Comp just like any volunteer firefighter.

Council Member Michael Scott asked if they are focusing only for Fire Science students.

Chief Cornett stated that for the most part yes, but that they have one student who already has his Fire Fighter One Certificate and that he is going through the paramedic program.

Mayor Edwards stated that he would like to express on behalf of the Town and Council sincere gratitude for all the time and effort on this project. He stated that he knows there has been a lot of effort on Assistant Chief Cornett's part in making this happen. He stated that he has also received an email for Council Member Stypa asking to pass along her gratitude to the entire Fire Department for their dedication and commitment to the Town.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: During public comments, Jereca Lutz with the Chamber of Commerce wanted to invite the Governing Body to two Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies that are taking place in Evansville. She stated Renewal by Anderson Ribbon Cutting is Wednesday, February 16, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. and the Travel Centers of America, TA Trucking is Wednesday, February 23, 2022, at 11:00 a.m.

Gene Williams, 353 Blackmore Road asked if the Town would consider the restriction of jake brakes. He stated that the use of them is becoming really annoying along with the speeding that is taking place on Blackmore Road.

Mayor Edwards stated that the Town will have to look at the jake brake issue and see if there is an ordinance that addresses that.

Gene Williams asked if there has been any determination made concerning the storm water run-off along Blackmore Road and through his property.

Mayor Edwards stated that he will have to get with Town Engineer Shane Porter.

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Gene Williams also advised that he is concerned with companies that are plowing road base parking lots. He stated they are pushing the snow along with the road base across the road into the rights-of-way and then in the spring and summer when the Town comes along to mow they end up catching all the rock. He stated that they are also dragging snow into the street, which then leaves little speed bumps in the roadway.

Mayor Edwards stated that Mr. Williams has brought some things up that will take a little time to investigate.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, motion was made by Joe Knop and seconded by Michael Scott to adjourn at 7:21 p.m. Motion carried.

APPROVED:


Chad Edwards, Mayor

ATTESTED: 
Janelle Underwood, Town Clerk