

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting of the Evansville Town Council, Evansville, Wyoming

July 25, 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 Candace Machado, Michael Scott, and Dacia Edwards, Town Attorney Scott Murray, Chief of Police Mike Thompson, Assistant Fire Chief Mark Cornett, Public Works Director Robert Lewallen, Town Clerk Janelle Underwood, and interested citizens.

Council Member Joe Knop 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 Dacia Edwards to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

- A) Approval of Minutes for Regular Meeting June 27, 2022
- B) Approval of Business Licenses – Absolute Vinyl, Antelope Arms, and Central Wyoming Construction
- C) Approval of Bills

Motion was made by Michael Scott and seconded by Candace Machado to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

BID AWARD – 2022 OR NEWER ½ TON TRUCK: The award of the 2022 or Newer ½ Ton Truck was tabled June 27, 2022. Motion was made by Michael Scott and seconded by Candace Machado to remove the Bid Award from the table. Motion carried.

Assistant Fire Chief Mark Cornett advised the Governing Body that the Town received bids for a new ½ Ton Truck. He stated that the Town received a total of six bids and that the lowest bidder was Greiner Ford for a total bid price of forty-seven thousand nine hundred and two dollars (\$47,902.00) for a 2022 Ford F-150 Crew Cab Truck. He stated that he did a little further research and found that the Town can purchase an extended warranty that will cover the truck for eight (8) years or one hundred thousand (100,000) miles for an additional cost of three thousand seven hundred and thirty dollars (\$3,730.00). Assistant Chief Cornett said that the total would be fifty-one thousand six hundred thirty-two dollars (\$51,632.00).

Motion was made by Dacia Edwards and seconded by Michael Scott to award the bid to Greiner Ford for the 2022 Ford Crew Cab Truck with extended warranty in the amount of fifty-one thousand six hundred thirty-two dollars (\$51,632.00). Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CHILI'S GRILL & BAR LIQUOR LICENSE: The approval of the Chili's Southwestern Grill and Bar Liquor License application was table June 27, 2022. Motion was made by Dacia Edwards and seconded by Michael Scott to remove the Chili's Southwestern Grill and Bar Liquor License application from the table. Motion carried.

Bruce Shively, representative for the Chili's Grill & Bar was present.

Council Member Dacia Edwards asked when he expected Chili's would be opening.

He stated that the expected opening of Chili's is set for August 8, 2022, and that they are excited to be here.

There being no further questions, motion was made by Michael Scott and seconded by Dacia Edwards to approve the Bar & Grill Liquor License for Chili's Southwestern Grill and Bar. Motion carried.

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AUTHORIZATION FOR MAYOR TO EXECUTE CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES: Town Clerk Janelle Underwood advised that she had the Contract for Professional Services with the City of Casper for The Assist and The Link Transportation Services. She advised that the fees for the transit services will be thirty-five thousand two hundred fourteen dollars and ninety-two cents (\$35,214.92) for 2022-2023 Fiscal Year.

Mayor Chad Edwards advised that this is the same funding level that Evansville provided in 2019.

Motion was made by Michael Scott and seconded by Candace Machado authorizing the Mayor to execute the Professional Services with the City of Casper for The Assist and The Link Transportation Services. Motion carried.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Town Engineer Shane Porter reported to the Governing Body that he had Resolution #6-2022, A Resolution for the Submission of an Application to the State Loan and Investment Board for a Grant through the Water and Sewer ARPA Grant Program Funding on behalf of the Governing Body for the Town of Evansville. He stated this is for the Emergency Connection Project and the grant application is in the amount of five hundred eight thousand two hundred seventy-one dollars (\$508,271.00). He stated that this is to finish the Emergency Connection Project that was started a couple of years ago when the Town ran out of funding. He said that the purpose of the project is so if something happens to Evansville's water system, the Town can draw water from the City of Casper. Engineer Porter stated that the Town's match for this grant would be ninety-six thousand eight hundred and fourteen dollars (\$96,814.00).

Motion was made by Michael Scott and seconded by Candace Machado authorizing the Mayor to execute Resolution #6-2022. Motion carried.

Town Engineer Porter advised that he has the Certification Statement and the Grant Application and that he recommended that the Governing Body authorize the Mayor to execute the Certification Statement and Grant Application for the Emergency Connection Project.

Motion was made by Dacia Edwards and seconded by Michael Scott authorizing the Mayor to execute the Certification Statement and Grant Application for the Emergency Connection Project. Motion carried.

Town Engineer Porter stated that he had Resolution #7-2022, A Resolution for the Submission of an Application to the State Loan and Investment Board for a Grant through the Water and Sewer ARPA Grant Program Funding on behalf of the Governing Body for the Town of Evansville. He stated that this is for refurbishing and upgrading the two original Filter Trains in the Town of Evansville's Water Treatment Plant and the grant application is in the amount of one million two hundred seventy-three thousand eight hundred ninety-two dollars (\$1,273,892.00). Engineer Porter stated that the Town's match would be two hundred forty-two thousand six hundred forty-six dollars (\$242,646.00). Engineer Porter said that the two older Filter Trains have reached their life span and need refurbishing. He also stated that the ARPA Funds came about while the Water Treatment Plant Operator advised that now was a good time to start looking at refurbishing the filters.

Mayor Edwards stated that the Town does have the funds available to match both grant applications from the Town Enterprise Reserves.

Motion was made by Dacia Edwards and seconded by Michael Scott authorizing the Mayor to execute Resolution #7-2022. Motion carried.

Town Engineer Shane Porter advised that he has the Certification Statement and the Grant Application and that he recommended that the Governing Body authorize the Mayor to execute the Certification Statement and Grant Application for the refurbishing and upgrading of the two original Filter Trains.

Motion was made by Dacia Edwards and seconded by Michael Scott authorizing the Mayor to execute the Certification Statement and Grant Application for the refurbishing and Upgrading of the two original Filter Trains. Motion carried.

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Town Engineer Porter stated that he had Wyoming Business Council Grant Draw Down Request Number One in the amount of twelve thousand thirty-six dollars (\$12, 036.00). He stated this is for the Community Development Plan Update and that the grant covers seventy-five percent of the cost. Engineer Porter stated that he needed authorization for the Mayor to execute the Draw Down Request.

Motion was made by Michael Scott and seconded by Candace Machado authorizing the Mayor to execute Draw Down Request Number One in the amount of twelve thousand thirty-six dollars (\$12, 036.00) to the Wyoming Business Council for the Community Development Plan Update. Motion carried.

Town Engineer Shane Porter stated that he had for the Governing Body's approval the 2022-2023 WLC Engineering and Planning Agreement. He stated that this is something that is presented for approval each year.

Motion was made by Dacia Edwards and seconded by Michael Scott to approve the 2022-2023 WLC Engineering and Planning Agreement. Motion carried.

Town Engineer Shane Porter stated that he had for approval the WLC Agreement for the Lathrop Road TAP Project. He said that this is for the design and construction engineering for the Lathrop Road Pathway. He advised that the agreement has been reviewed by Town Attorney Mike Lansing as well as the Wyoming Department of Transportation.

Motion was made by Michael Scott and seconded by Candace Machado to authorize the Mayor to execute the Lathrop Road TAP Project Agreement. Motion carried.

Mayor Edwards said that himself and Town Engineer Shane Porter have been working with the Wyoming Department of Transportation on the Urban Systems Funds to finish the paving of Memorial Way. He stated that the draft agreement, the environmental impact study, as well as the design work have been submitted for approval and is optimistic that we are getting closer to completing that project.

Engineer Shane Porter said that a contractor has been hired to blade Memorial Way in hopes the road will hold until the Town can get it paved.

Motion was made by Michael Scott and seconded by Candace Machado to approve the Engineer's report. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF VISIONARY LICENSE AGREEMENT: Town Attorney Scott Murray stated that they are finalizing the Franchise Agreement with Visionary Communication so they can bring fiber into the Town of Evansville. He stated that in the interim, to allow Visionary to get started, he is reviewing a Temporary Use Agreement and asks that the Governing Body authorize the Mayor to execute the Temporary Use Agreement after it has been completed and approved by Attorney Scott Murray.

Motion was made by Michael Scott and seconded by Candace Machado authorizing the Mayor to execute the Temporary Use Agreement with Visionary Communications. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION OF PARKING OF TRAILERS ON TOWN STREETS: Public comments tonight were from citizens concerning the parking of trailers on the streets. Some people are saying they want to see the ordinance removed all together or to only allow trailers on the streets seasonally from May through October. There were comments made about the streets not being wide enough to leave trailers on the streets, and that the ordinance was put in place back in 1982 when trailers weren't necessarily the trailers you see today. There are concerns about children running out from behind a camper and getting hit. It was also brought up that the ordinance allows motorhomes on the street, but not a trailer. After hearing all the comments, the Governing Body would like to take some time to consider all the comments and will hold a Work Session on August 15, 2022.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS: During public comments, Council Member Candace Machado stated that the Evansville Community Garden is flourishing and encourages everyone to visit it.

Alona Vigneault stated that the radishes are growing like crazy, and they need to be picked. She stated that people can come and help themselves.

Alona Vigneault said that there was a poll conducted on Facebook concerning the ordinance and trailers parked on the streets. She stated that a total of sixty-seven (67) people responded, and that fifty-three percent (53%) voted to remove the ordinance all together, twenty-eight percent (28%) voted to keep the ordinance and seventeen percent (17%) voted to allow trailers to be parked on the streets from May to October.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, motion was made by Dacia Edwards and seconded by Michael Scott to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. Motion carried.

APPROVED:


Chad Edwards, Mayor

ATTESTED:


Janelle Underwood, Town Clerk