

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting of the Evansville Town Council, Evansville, Wyoming

January 9, 2023

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, Dacia Edwards, and Greg Flesvig, Town Attorney Scott Murray, Town Engineer Shane Porter, 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.

Mayor 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 December 12, 2022
- b) Approval of Bills

Motion was made by Michael Scott and seconded by Greg Flesvig to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT OF PLANNING AND ZONING MEMBERS: Town Clerk Janelle Underwood advised that three members' terms that have served on the Planning and Zoning Commission have expired. She stated that the three members have all agreed to continue serving if the Town so desired. She stated that the three members are Marvin Rone, Stan Beld, and Mike Stypa and that if appointed by the Governing Body, they would serve a four-year term that would expire in 2026.

Motion was made by Greg Flesvig and seconded by Michael Scott to approve the appointment of Marvin Rone, Stan Beld and Mike Stypa as Planning and Zoning Commission members with their term expiring in 2026. Motion carried.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Town Engineer Shane Porter said that last fall the Town applied for a couple of ARPA Grants through the State of Wyoming for the Emergency Connection Project and the Upgrading of the Filter Trains at the Water Treatment Plant. He stated that the Town was not approved for those grants and that there is another round of ARPA funds available that the Town can apply for. He stated that he had Resolution #1-2023 – A Resolution Authorizing the Submission of a Local Government Project ARPA Grant Application for the Emergency Connection Project. He said that the grant is payable at eighty-four percent (84%) and that the grant application is in the amount of five hundred eight thousand two hundred seventy-one dollars (\$508,271.00) and that he needed approval of Resolution #1-2023.

Motion was made by Dacia Edwards and seconded by Michael Scott to approve Resolution #1-2023. Motion carried.

Engineer Porter advised that he had the ARPA Grants Certification Statement for the Emergency Connection and that he needed authorization for the Mayor to sign.

Motion was made by Greg Flesvig and seconded by Dacia Edwards authorizing the Mayor to sign the ARPA Grant Certification Statement for the Emergency Connection Project. Motion carried.

Town Engineer Shane Porter advised that he had Resolution #2-2023, A Resolution Authorizing the Submission of a Local Government Project ARPA Grant Application for the Upgrading of the Filter Trains at the Water Treatment Plant in the amount of one million two hundred seventy-three thousand eight hundred ninety-two dollars (\$1,273,892.00). He said this grant application is payable at eighty-four percent (84%) and needed approval of Resolution #2-2023.

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Motion was made by Greg Flesvig and seconded by Michael Scott to approve Resolution #2-2023. Motion carried.

Engineer Porter stated that he had the ARPA Grants Certification Statement for the Upgrading of the Filter Trains at the Water Treatment Plant and that he needed approval for the Mayor to sign.

Motion was made by Michael Scott and seconded by Greg Flesvig authorizing the Mayor to sign ARPA Grants Certification Statement for the Upgrading of the Filter Trains at the Water Treatment Plant. Motion carried.

Town Engineer Shane Porter advised that he had a Land Easement Agreement between the Town of Evansville and Visionary Communications for a new fiber line. He stated that the easement would be for the Scott Hill Water Tank area. He stated after review, the proposed location for the fiber will not interfere with the future site of an additional water tank and asked for approval for the Mayor to sign.

Motion was made by Michael Scott and seconded by Greg Flesvig to approve the Mayor signing the Land Easement Agreement with Visionary Communications. Motion carried.

Town Engineer Porter stated that he had the Certificate of Completion from the Wyoming Business Council for the Comprehensive Plan Update. He stated that it also releases back to the Wyoming Business Council any excess funds that were not spent for the project which totals one hundred ninety-nine dollars (\$199.00). Engineer Porter advised that he needed approval for the Mayor to execute.

Motion was made by Dacia Edwards and seconded by Greg Flesvig to approve the Mayor signing the Certificate of Completion to the Wyoming Business Council. Motion carried.

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

PUBLIC HEARING – 7:05 P.M. LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWALS: Liquor License renewals for Outback Steakhouse, Texas Roadhouse, Taylor's Sports Bar and Spirits, Wyoming Downs OTB, Happy Days Liquor, Hooch's, Ash Premium Cigar, HQ Southern BBQ, and Chili's Southwest Grill and Bar were presented to the Governing Body for approval. Town Clerk Janelle Underwood advised that all licensees submitted renewal applications and that the applications had been reviewed and approved by the Wyoming Liquor Commission. A representative for each license holder was present to represent their license.

Chief of Police Mike Thompson stated that he did not have any concerns with the license renewals.

Mayor Edwards called for any comments for the renewal of the liquor licenses. There were no comments.

Motion was made by Dacia Edwards and seconded by Greg Flesvig to approve the liquor license renewals for Outback Steakhouse, Texas Roadhouse, Taylor's Sports Bar and Spirits, Wyoming Downs OTB, Happy Days Liquor, Hooch's, Ash Premium Cigar, HQ Southern BBQ, and Chili's Southwest Grill and Bar. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: During public comments, Larry Muzzy, stated that he was the owner of 460 5th Street. He said that his house is the one that was destroyed after the police incident that took place last March. He stated that the amount of money that they received from their homeowner's insurance is one hundred fifty-five thousand dollars (\$155,000.00) and the cost to rebuild their house is going to be two hundred sixty-nine thousand dollars (\$269,000.00) and he is looking for the Town to file a liability insurance claim with the State of Wyoming that is in place for law enforcement officers. He also said that it cost them eight thousand dollars (\$8,000) to demolish the existing house. Mr. Muzzy stated that what he is looking for is the difference of what his insurance is paying and the cost to construct a new home. He said that he does have an attorney, but that he believes that if a claim comes from the Town of Evansville, they can avoid involving their attorney.

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ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, motion was made by Greg Flesvig and seconded by Dacia Edwards to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. Motion carried.

APPROVED: 
Chad Edwards, Mayor

ATTESTED: 
Janelle Underwood, Town Clerk