

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting of the Evansville Town Council, Evansville, Wyoming

August 14, 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 Dacia Edwards, Greg Flesvig and Phil Gierke, Town Attorney Scott Murray, 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 Candace Machado asked to be excused.

Mayor Edwards led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion was made by Dacia Edwards and seconded by Greg Flesvig to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

- a) Approval of Minutes for Regular Meeting July 24, 2023
- b) Approval of Business Licenses – 5150 Roofing, FB Titan Power, Wayne Coleman Construction
- c) Approval of Bills

Motion was made by Greg Flesvig and seconded by Phil Gierke to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

TASSMA POWERS – VISIT CASPER: Tasma Powers, Evansville representative on the Natrona County Travel and Tourism Board spoke to the Governing Body about how well tourism is in Wyoming and remains as Wyoming's second largest industry based on the 2022 Tourism Impact Statement. She stated that in the Casper area alone, it equates to about three hundred and fifty million dollars (\$350,000,000) in economic impact. She stated that she appreciates Evansville's support.

Mayor Edwards thanked Ms. Powers for her time and representing Evansville.

PUBLIC WORKS VACTOR PRESENTATION: Public Works Director Robert Lewallen spoke to the Governing Body about the need to replace the Town's Vactor Truck and how important this piece of equipment is to the Town to keep the sanitary sewers clean. He stated that the current Vactor truck that the Town utilizes is a 1995 unit that was purchased in 2008. He advised that replacing this unit with the equipment that the Public Works Department can use will cost about five hundred one thousand dollars (\$501,000.00) and that the Town has been setting funds aside each year to make a purchase like this possible.

After discussion, motion was made by Dacia Edwards and seconded by Greg Flesvig to move forward with the purchase of a new Vactor truck. Motion carried.

AWARD OF PATROL UNIT: Town Clerk Janelle Underwood advised that the Town advertised for bids for the purchase of a 2023 Dodge Durango Pursuit patrol unit with the trade in of a 2016 Dodge Charger. She advised that the Town received one bid from Young Auto Mall and the bid amount came to forty-three thousand nine hundred seventy-three dollars (\$43,973.00) with a trade-in value of the 2016 Dodge Charger of twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000.00) so the total bid amount would be thirty-one thousand nine hundred seventy-three dollars (\$31,973.00).

Chief Thompson stated to keep in mind that this would just be for the purchase of the vehicle and that it does not account for the upbuild of it such as the sirens, and emergency equipment. He stated that the last patrol unit upbuild was around thirty-two thousand dollars (\$32,000.00) and that he is looking at a different vendor out of Colorado to upbuild the patrol unit and is estimating the cost will be anywhere from twenty-four to twenty-eight thousand dollars (\$24,000.00 to \$28,000.00).

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Motion was made by Phil Gierke and seconded by Dacia Edwards to award the bid for the purchase of the 2023 Dodge Durango Pursuit patrol unit. Motion carried.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Town Engineer Shane Porter advised that he had Draw Down Request No. 5 for the Wyoming Department of Transportation on the TAP Project for the Lathrop Road Pathway Project. He said the amount of the drawdown is three thousand seven hundred forty dollars and forty cents (\$3,740.40).

Motion was made by Greg Flesvig and seconded by Dacia Edwards authorizing the Mayor to execute Draw Down Request No. 5 in the amount of three thousand seven hundred forty dollars and forty cents (\$3,740.40) for the Lathrop Road Pathway Project. Motion carried.

Engineer Porter advised that the project is designed and is under review with the Wyoming Department of Transportation. He stated that he is also working with a property owner on an easement for the pathway project.

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

COUNCIL UPDATES: Mayor Edwards stated that the Town has a new on-line payment system for both the Municipal Courts and the Utility Department. He said that it has been a lengthy process, but it is now available to view and or pay your bill online. He stated that you can set up email notifications, go paperless, see account history, and set up recurring payments.

Council Member Phil Gierke thanked Public Works Director Robert Lewallen for getting some road base over at the mailboxes off Platte Park Road. He said that he is looking at and working with the Post Office on a couple of options to address the mailbox issues for Eagle Estates being how the subdivision does not have an HOA to maintain the mailbox area. He stated that they can be left as they are, close off the area so people cannot drive in the area, turn the mailboxes so they all face Platte Park Road, or move the boxes over to the Evansville Post Office.

Phil Gierke stated that he noticed that the railroad is getting ready to do some work and is trying to reach out to somebody with the railroad to address the train crossing on Curtis Street.

Mayor Edwards stated that before any decision are made regarding the mailboxes that it would be good to have a Public Comment period on it.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – W.S.S. 16-4-405 (ii): Motion was made by Greg Flesvig and seconded by Dacia Edwards to go into Executive Session at 7:26 p.m. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Greg Flesvig and seconded by Dacia Edwards to go back into Regular Session at 8:37 p.m. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: During public comments, Pat Sweeney offered a group to come in and speak to the Town Council about the 5th Cent Extension if they would like.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, motion was made by Greg Flesvig and seconded by Phil Gierke to adjourn at 8:39 p.m. Motion carried.

APPROVED:



Chad Edwards, Mayor

ATTESTED:



Janelle Underwood, Town Clerk