

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting of the Evansville Town Council, Evansville, Wyoming

August 28, 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, Dacia Edwards, Greg Flesvig and Phil Gierke, Town Attorney Scott Murray, Fire Chief Leo Malsom, Public Works Director Robert Lewallen, Town Clerk Janelle Underwood, and interested citizens.

Chief of Police Mike Thompson asked to be excused.

Mayor Chad Edwards led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

a) Approval of Minutes for Regular Meeting and Executive Session August 14, 2023

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

COUNCIL UPDATES: Mayor Edwards stated that at the September 11, 2023, Council Meeting, there will be discussion on making the 5th Cent Tax permanent. He stated that there are no ordinances being brought forward at this time, only discussion for the members of the Governing Body.

Council Member Phil Gierke stated that he has been working with Wyoming Department of Transportation and Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad concerning the condition of the railroad crossing on Curtis Street. He also stated that he will be talking to the Wyoming Department of Transportation concerning the removal of the fence that runs in the barrow ditch between the 20-26 Highway and the Frontage Road to get that area cleaned up.

Council Member Phil Gierke stated that he has been working with the Post Office on the mailboxes on Platte Park Road and that he believes that the Post Office may have a solution sometime in September that can be brought forward to the public.

Council Member Greg Flesvig stated that he attended a Metro Animal Control Task Force meeting. He stated that Evansville is the last municipality in the county that does not have a standardized rate.

Mayor Edwards suggested putting together a comparison of the proposed rates and Evansville's current rates.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: During public comments, Brett at 607 Bozeman Trail stated that the Council should do a comparison to other municipalities about the number of police officers Evansville has. He stated Evansville has ten (10) police officers. He stated that Mills has nine (9) police officers, and their population is about one thousand two hundred (1,200) more citizens than Evansville. He stated that Wheatland has about seven hundred and fifty (750) more residents and that they have ten (10) police officers. He stated that he thinks Evansville should only have six or seven (6 or 7) police officers and that the Town would save money.

Brett also stated that the sidewalks in town are for walking on, not parking on. He stated that the kids have to walk in the streets because they cannot walk on the sidewalk. He stated that he believes something needs to be done about it. He asked if Evansville is policing for profit, because the number of officers that Evansville has is ridiculous. He also stated that he is going to investigate the Fire Department and Ambulance because he is sure their numbers are high as well.

Mayor Edwards stated that the Police Department is not policing for profit.

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting of the Evansville Town Council, Evansville, Wyoming

August 28, 2023

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, motion was made by Dacia Edwards and seconded by Greg Flesvig to adjourn at 7:07 p.m. Motion carried.

APPROVED: 
Chad Edwards, Mayor

ATTESTED: 
Janelle Underwood, Town Clerk