

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting of the Evansville Town Council, Evansville, Wyoming

March 25, 2013

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 Phil Hinds at 7:00 p.m. and upon roll call the following were present: Mayor Phil Hinds, Council Members Doug White, Tiffany Rayner, Ernie Blackford, and Jennifer Fowler, Town Attorney Phil Willoughby, Town Engineer Shane Porter, Town Treasurer Peggy Nading, Chief of Police Zack Gentile, Fire Chief Leo Malsom, Public Works Representatives Brian Boettcher and Dale Brown, Town Clerk Janelle Underwood, and interested citizens.

Mayor Hinds led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion was made by Tiffany Rayner and seconded by Jennifer Fowler to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes for the regular meeting on March 11, 2013, were presented for approval. Motion was made by Jennifer Fowler and seconded by Ernie Blackford to approve the minutes as written. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #2-2013: An Ordinance to Amend Wentronics, Inc., Franchise Agreement. Third and final reading. Town Clerk Janelle Underwood summarized Ordinance #2-2013 and advised that the ordinance was to extend the franchise agreement for an additional two years and to increase the franchise fees from three percent (3%) to five percent (5%).

Motion was made by Tiffany Rayner and seconded by Jennifer Fowler to approve Ordinance #2-2013 on third and final reading. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2-2013: A Resolution for WYDOT Financial Assistance. Town Clerk Janelle Underwood advised that the resolution is an annual resolution that is presented for approval for the maintenance OF Highway 20-26 that is conducted by the Town.

Motion was made by Jennifer Fowler and seconded by Ernie Blackford to approve Resolution #2-2013. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF WYOMING WATER DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION WATER SERVICE AGREEMENT: Town Clerk Janelle Underwood advised that she was bringing before the Governing Body an agreement to purchase stored water from Pathfinder Reservoir during the drought years when a call is placed on the North Platte River. She stated that a call has been placed on the river for the month of April and that any entity that has water rights dated after 1904 must find another water source. She advised that Town Attorney Phil Willoughby reviewed the agreement and had no issues.

Motion was made by Tiffany Rayner and seconded by Jennifer Fowler authorizing the Mayor to execute the Wyoming Water Development Commission Water Service Agreement. Motion carried.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Town Engineer Shane Porter advised the Governing Body he had a Notice to Proceed for Hedquist Construction that he needed authorization for the Mayor to execute for the Holmes Street Water Line Replacement Project. He stated that the project is covered by an eighty

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percent grant (80%) through the Wyoming Business Council and that a pre-construction meeting is scheduled for March 27, 2013.

Motion was made by Ernie Blackford and seconded by Tiffany Rayner authorizing the Mayor to execute the Notice to Proceed to Hedquist Construction for the Holmes Street Water Line Replacement Project. Motion carried.

Engineer Porter stated that Hedquist Construction has an option to hold a joint account with the Town of Evansville for their retainage fee. He stated that with a joint account, the contractor is able to collect the interest on the retainage fee. He stated that when the retainage is drawn on, it takes both the contractor and the Town of Evansville to sign off for the release of the funds. He stated that he had an agreement with Hilltop National Bank that he needs authorization for the Town to enter into.

Motion was made by Tiffany Rayner and seconded by Jennifer Fowler authorizing the Town to enter into an agreement with Hilltop National Bank for the retainage account for Hedquist Construction. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Tiffany Rayner and seconded by Ernie Blackford to approve the Engineer's report. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: During public comments, Betty Hobbs introduced herself and stated that she used to be a member of the Evansville Historical Committee. She asked the Governing Body if the land that the Town is selling is the same land that is fenced off down by the water treatment plant and stated that there are artifacts in that area.

Mayor Hinds stated that it was.

Betty Hobbs stated that it was her understanding that this is a significant historical area and that it is the location of Camp Davis. She stated that she thought this land would always be set aside for historical purposes and that at one time there was talk of placing a museum there. She stated that when the road to the Cemetery was constructed, many artifacts were found.

Carolyn Buff, an archeologist with Casper College, stated that she was involved with the archeological findings of the Reshaw Trading Post when the cemetery road was constructed. She stated that she has a report of the findings from that dig and that the Town was provided with a copy. She stated that it was disappointing back then when someone chose to destroy this sight for the road way and that she is disappointed that the Town is considering construction to take place in a very significant historical area. She stated that Evansville is the site of the four trails meeting, that Evansville has a great deal of significant history, and asked that the Governing Body take a step back to think about the history. Carolyn Buff stated that developers do not like archeologists. She asked if the Town would ask the developer to budget for a monitor for the project so that if artifacts are found, perhaps the artifacts could be preserved.

Mayor Hinds stated that when the development starts, the developer is supposed to stop what they are doing and call someone in to take care of any findings.

Greg Schultz stated that he bought his home twelve years ago but that he has been gone that entire time while he was in the Army. He stated that while driving into town, he thinks the Town is doing a

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good job. He stated that the Evansville signs are really nice and that if there is anything that he can do, he would like to help.

Chief of Police Zack Gentile stated that last September, there was a mobile home fire where one person did not survive. He stated that another individual that did survive the fire because of the heroic action of Police Officer Eric Dodge. Chief Gentile stated that after Officer Dodge got the individual out of the mobile home, the mobile home was engulfed with flames. He stated that he submitted Officer Dodge's name to the Wyoming Chief of Police Association because of his actions and that on April 9, 2013, in Douglas, Wyoming, Officer Dodge will be honored for his heroic act. Chief Gentile stated that he is very proud of him.

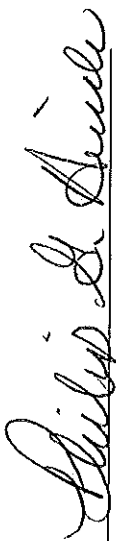
Betty Hobbs asked the Governing Body if there is anything else that she can do concerning the land sale.

Mayor Hinds stated that he will talk to Lisa Burridge who is the person who bought the property to let her know that there are a lot of concerns.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, motion was made by Tiffany Rayner and seconded by Jennifer Fowler to adjourn at 7:18 p.m. Motion carried.

ATTESTED: 
Janelle Underwood, Town Clerk

APPROVED:


Phil Hinds, Mayor