

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting of the Evansville Town Council, Evansville, Wyoming

April 10, 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, 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.

Council Members Candace Machado and Michael Scott 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 March 27, 2023, and Executive Session March 27, 2023
- b) Approval of Bills

Motion was made by Dacia Edwards and seconded by Greg Flesvig to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #3-2023: An Ordinance Granting an Electric Utility Franchise and General Utility Easement to Rocky Mountain Power. First reading. Town Clerk Janelle Underwood read Ordinance #3-2023 by title only.

Mayor Edwards stated that the proposed franchise agreement is worded the same as the franchise agreement that is about to expire.

Motion was made by Greg Flesvig and seconded by Dacia Edwards to approve Ordinance #3-2023 on first reading. Motion carried.

COMMUNITY GARDEN AND DOG PARK FENCE: Public Works Director Robert Lewallen said that he would like to receive approval to use the One Cent Funding for fencing off an area for the Community Garden and the Dog Park. He stated that the quote for a four-foot chain link fence around the perimeter of the Community Garden is six thousand two hundred sixty dollars (\$6,260.00). He stated that the fencing quote for the Dog Park is twenty-nine thousand two hundred seventy-seven dollars (\$29,277.00).

Public Works Director Robert Lewallen said that there are two proposed locations for the Community Garden. He stated that the first location would be to the northeast of its current location. He stated that he does have concerns about this location because of the drainage ditch in the area. He advised that another option would be off of Copper Avenue between 5th and 6th Street. He stated that the area off of Copper Avenue would also allow for parking and handicap accessibility.

Mayor Edwards stated that funds have been set aside for the fencing. Discussion was held about locating the Community Garden off of Copper Avenue as being the best location. Motion was made by Greg Flesvig and seconded by Dacia Edwards to proceed forward with the plans for the Community Garden and the Dog Park. Motion carried.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Town Engineer Shane Porter advised that on the Lathrop Road Pathway TAP Project, he had Draw Down Request #3 in the amount of ten thousand six hundred fifty-nine dollars and sixty-four cents (\$10,659.64). He stated that this project is currently in the design stages and the grant covers eighty percent of the project.

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Motion was made by Dacia Edwards and seconded by Greg Flesvig authorizing the Mayor to execute Draw Down Request #3 in the amount of ten thousand six hundred fifty-nine dollars and sixty-four cents (\$10,659.64) for the Lathrop Road Pathway TAP Project. Motion carried.

Engineer Shane Porter stated that the Town was awarded a grant for a new park a few months back but is still waiting on the Environmental Review. He said that in the meantime, the Town can start the design of the park and that there are a couple of design options that the Town can choose from. He stated that the Town could choose vendors that offer standard park equipment that you pick from, or the other choice would be to choose a vendor that custom builds a park or a theme park. He stated that he is looking for direction from the Governing Body as to what they would like to see.

Mayor Edwards provided different pictures of the possibilities. Mayor Edwards said that he really liked the idea of a theme park because it could be designed to fit what Evansville chooses and the Governing Body agreed. There was also discussion on the type of theme park, with possibilities of shelters and wind breaks.

Motion was made by Dacia Edwards and seconded by Greg Flesvig authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement for the design of a theme park. Motion carried.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: During public comments, Council Member Dacia Edwards asked if the Town could look at replacing the water fountain that is no longer there.

Public Works Director Robert Lewallen stated that Public Works can replace the water fountain where the previous one was located but would not be able to put a drinking fountain down at the proposed park because currently there is no potable water down there.

Engineer Porter said that the Town will have an opportunity to expand the infrastructure when the new subdivision west of Reshaw Street is developed.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, motion was made by Greg Flesvig and seconded by Dacia Edwards to adjourn at 7:20 p.m. Motion carried.

APPROVED: _____

Chad Edwards, Mayor

ATTESTED: Janelle Underwood

Janelle Underwood, Town Clerk