

## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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Meeting of the Evansville Town Council, Evansville, Wyoming

March 24, 2014

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, Acting Chief of Police Tom Laughrey, Fire Chief Leo Malsom, Public Works Representatives Brian Boettcher and Dale Brown, Town Clerk Janelle Underwood, and interested citizens.

Mayor Phil 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 10, 2014, were presented for approval. Motion was made by Tiffany Rayner and seconded by Jennifer Fowler to approve the minutes as written. Motion carried.

RETAIL LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION SELECTION: Town Clerk Janelle Underwood advised the Governing Body that the Town received two applications. She stated that Texas Roadhouse Holdings, LLC, and Octavio Cuevas with LA Hacienda Authentic Mexican Food Restaurant submitted their applications along with a comprehensive business plan to include the location and building plans. She stated that once a selection is made, the applicant will go through normal approval process of advertising for a public hearing and then holding the public hearing before the Town can approve the liquor license.

Town Attorney Phil Willoughby stated that he has reviewed the applications and stated that the Shilo Inn filed a Chapter 11 Bankruptcy a couple of years ago, went through re-organization, and had a new start. He stated that Shilo Inn filed for another Chapter 11 Bankruptcy last September or October and that they are trying to re-organize as they did a couple of years ago. He stated that during Shilo Inn's first bankruptcy, the Shilo Inn was having difficulties finding new financing. He stated that at this point, he has not seen anything concerning their financing but that he has been advised by the Town Treasurer that they are two months behinds on their water bill. He stated that he has concerns that if the Shilo Inn doesn't make it through the re-organization, they could end up closing. He stated that would leave a valuable retail liquor license with the possibility of no building to be connected to, which in turn could revert back to the Town of Evansville. He stated if that was to happen, the Town of Evansville does not benefit from the use of the retail liquor license.

After brief discussion, motion was made by Tiffany Rayner and seconded by Jennifer Fowler to select Texas Roadhouse Holdings, LLC, as the applicant to move forward with the approval process for the Retail Liquor License due to the stability and benefit for the Town of Evansville. Motion carried.

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APPROVAL OF BUILDING PERMITS: Building Permit Applications # 4030 through #4033 were presented to the Governing Body for approval. The applications were for a re-roof, new construction, and sign replacements. After review of the applications, motion was made by Ernie Blackford and seconded by Tiffany Rayner to approve permits #4030 through #4033. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BUSINESS LICENSES: Business License application for New Horizons Alternative Energy Solutions was presented to the Governing Body for approval. After review of the application, motion was made by Jennifer Fowler and seconded by Ernie Blackford to approve the business license application for New Horizons Alternative Energy Solution. Motion carried.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Engineer Shane Porter advised that he had the 71 Construction's Notice to Proceed on the Sewer Manhole and Fire Hydrant Replacement Project. He stated that he needed authorization for the Mayor to execute the Notice to Proceed. Motion was made by Tiffany Rayner and seconded by Ernie Blackford authorizing the Mayor to execute the Notice to Proceed for the Sewer Manhole and Fire Hydrant Replacement Project. Motion carried.

Engineer Porter stated that he had an easement for a Storm Sewer line in the Evansville Business Park. He stated that he has reviewed the easement along with the Town Attorney and needed authorization for the Mayor to execute. Motion was made by Jennifer Fowler and seconded by Doug White authorizing the Mayor to execute the easement for the Storm Sewer line in the Evansville Business Park. Motion carried.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: During public comments, discussion was held concerning the City of Casper's ordinances regarding definitions and allowances of wild animals and snakes. Attorney Willoughby stated that he needs some direction from the Town Council as to how far they want to go with a possible ordinance change. He also stated that a lot will depend on Metro Animal Control's role in the process and if it would be additional charges to the Town. The consensus was to perhaps move forward on changing the ordinance for small, non-venomous snakes such as the corn snake.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, motion was made by Ernie Blackford and seconded by Doug White to adjourn at 7:28 p.m. Motion carried.

APPROVED:



Phil Hinds, Mayor

ATTESTED: 

Janelle Underwood, Town Clerk