

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting of the Evansville Town Council, Evansville, Wyoming

November 23, 2015

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, Ernie Blackford and Jory Delinger, Town Attorney Phil Willoughby, Town Engineer Shane Porter, Town Treasurer Peggy Nading, Chief of Police Tom Laughrey, Public Works Director Dan Adcock, Town Clerk Janelle Underwood, and interested citizens.

Mayor Hinds led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion was made by Ernie Blackford and seconded by Jory Delinger to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes for the regular meeting on November 9, 2015, were presented for approval. Motion was made by Jory Delinger and seconded by Doug White to approve the minutes as written. Motion carried.

EMERGENCY ORDINANCE #11-2015: An Emergency Ordinance Requiring Evansville Water Service for Residential Dwellings. Motion was made by Doug White and seconded by Jory Delinger to remove Ordinance #11-2015 from the table. Motion carried.

Mayor Hinds asked for a motion to not pass Ordinance #11-2015.

Motion was made by Doug White and seconded by Jory Delinger to not pass Ordinance #11-2015. Mayor Hinds asked for any discussion.

Town Attorney Phil Willoughby advised that this ordinance came about because of two residences that do not have water service to them due to delinquent accounts. He stated that it is his understanding that one of the properties has become abandoned and that the other property is occupied by renters but that the renters are behind on their rent as well. He believes that if the Town files a lien on the property, then perhaps the landowner will take care of the renter.

Motion carried to not pass Ordinance #11-2015 and the ordinance was defeated.

CANCELLATION OF DECEMBER 28, 2015 COUNCIL MEETING: Due to the Christmas Holiday, motion was made by Doug White and seconded by Jory Delinger to cancel the December 28, 2015, Council Meeting. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION OF UNISSUED LIQUOR LICENSE – (acquired July 2015): Town Attorney Phil Willoughby advised that the Wyoming Liquor Commission reviews the estimated population numbers for each community and issues liquor licenses based on the population. He advised that due to their review, the Town of Evansville gained a retail liquor license. He stated that an individual has made application to the Town for the license. He stated that he believes a license should be issued because it would bring revenues to the Town. He stated that it is his suggestion that the availability of the retail liquor license should be advertised for a four to six month period of time. He stated that it would allow potential applicants to get financing in place, to put business plans together, and possibly even reach out to a national franchise, as well as obtain property.

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Motion was made by Ernie Blackford and seconded by Jory Delinger to advertise the available retail liquor license for a period up to six months. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BUILDING PERMITS: Building Permit application #4219 was presented to the Governing Body for approval. The application was for a shed. Motion was made by Doug White and seconded by Jory Delinger to approve permit #4219. Motion carried.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Town Engineer Shane Porter advised the Governing Body that he had Pay Estimate number one to Treto Construction for the 2015 Storm Drainage Project in the amount of seventy-nine thousand seven hundred forty-eight dollars and seventy cents (\$79,748.70).

Motion was made by Doug White and seconded by Jory Delinger to approve Pay Estimate Number One to Treto Construction for the 2015 Storm Drainage Project in the amount of seventy-nine thousand seven hundred forty-eight dollars and seventy cents (\$79,748.70). Motion carried.

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

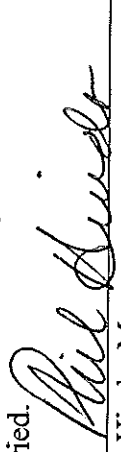
PUBLIC COMMENTS: During public comments, Fred Rogge stated that he supported Attorney Willoughby's recommendation on advertising the availability of the retail liquor license and the opportunity of promoting new business. He stated that for many years he lived in Riverton and that liquor licenses were a prime commodity. He stated that often times when a liquor license would become available and then purchased, the new owner would then open his business in a building that already had a liquor establishment. He stated that with the value of the licenses, these licenses should be more competitive. He stated that he feels provisions should be made so that a license does not end up in the same establishment and that the Town should promote new business.

Mayor Hinds stated that the Town of Evansville has full authority as to who is issued the license.


Attorney Willoughby stated that the advertisement will state that a business plan must be submitted along with the application and disclosure of any buildings. He stated that it will be a matter of the applicant being able to meet all of the requirements.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, motion was made by Ernie Blackford and seconded by Doug White to adjourn at 7:14 p.m. Motion carried.

APPROVED:


Phil Hinds, Mayor

ATTESTED:


Janelle Underwood, Town Clerk