

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting of the Evansville Town Council, Evansville, Wyoming

August 11, 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 Philip G. Hinds at 7:00 p.m. and upon roll call the following were present: Mayor Philip G. Hinds, Council Members Doug White, Ernie Blackford, and Jennifer Fowler, Town Attorney Phil Willoughby, Town Engineer Shane Porter, Town Planner Scott Radden, Town Treasurer Peggy Nading, Chief of Police Tom Laughrey, Fire Chief Leo Malsom, Public Works Representatives Brian Boettcher and Dale Brown, Town Clerk Janelle Underwood, and interested citizens.

Council Member Tiffany Dutton asked to be excused.

Mayor Hinds led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes for the regular meeting on July 28, 2014, were presented for approval. Motion was made by Ernie Blackford and seconded by Jennifer Fowler to approve the minutes as written. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CATERING PERMIT- HOOCHS: Town Clerk Janelle Underwood advised the Governing Body that Hooch's, LLC, has applied for a catering permit for an event that they would like to hold on August 15, 2014. She stated that the event is the Eastgate Travel Plaza Customer Appreciation event and that the location will be at 6985 Nugget under the canopy of the entrance to Dori Lou's Restaurant. She advised that the area will be fenced off and that people's identification will be checked and wrist bands provided to those ages 21 and up.

Tiffany Mortimer, applicant, advised that they are providing free food all day during the event and that she would like permission for people under the age of 21 to be able to enter the area in order to eat with their families.

Town Attorney Phil Willoughby stated that he has concerns about people under the age of 21 being in an area where there is alcohol all around. He stated that was the reason why he liked the fact that the area is fenced off and identifications are being checked and asked Police Chief Tom Laughrey what he thought.

Chief Laughrey advised that he agreed with Attorney Phil Willoughby. He stated that his concern is if a minor gets alcohol. Chief Laughrey stated that if one of his officers was to catch a minor with alcohol during this event, it could reflect negatively on Hooch's.

After discussion, motion was made by Jennifer Fowler and seconded by Ernie Blackford to approve the Catering Permit with the provision that an area will be set aside for families to eat that is outside the area where alcohol will be dispensed. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF DEPARTMENTAL MONTHLY REPORT: The Treasurer's report, Police report, Emergency Services report, and the Public Works report were presented to the Governing Body in writing. Motion was made by Ernie Blackford and seconded by Jennifer Fowler to approve the departmental monthly reports. Motion carried.

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ORDINANCE #5-2014: An Ordinance Establishing Animal Control. Third and final reading. Town Attorney Phil Willoughby summarized Ordinance #5-2014 and stated that the proposed ordinance would reflect the same as the City of Casper Metro Animal Control regulations. Motion was made by Jennifer Fowler and seconded by Ernie Blackford to approve Ordinance #5-2014 on third and final reading.

Council Member Doug White voted nay on proposed Ordinance #5-2014.

Motion carried approving Ordinance #5-2014 on third and final reading.

PUBLIC HEARING – TEXT AMENDMENT 1-2014 FOR DIGITAL SIGNAGE AND ORDINANCE #6-2014: An Ordinance to amend Chapters 28.4.1 and 28.6.3 of the Evansville Town Code pertaining to digital signage usage and regulations. Town Planner Scott Radden provided a staff report as follows:

Background

Evansville officials and staff have identified a lack of definition and regulation concerning digital signage within Evansville. Signs are necessary to enable the public to information, locate goods, services and facilities within the Town of Evansville. Time to time, it is necessary to update the Town's sign regulations to address changing technology and trends. Digital signage, when properly regulated and utilized, can effectively promote information in the community. Unregulated digital signage can be detrimental to the aesthetics and safety of the community. In order to preserve and enhance the Town of Evansville as a desirable community in which to live and do business, a pleasing, visually attractive environment is important. Regulating digital signage is a highly contributive means by which to achieve this desired end, and the regulations herein have been prepared with the intent of enhancing the visual environment of the Town and promoting the health, safety and welfare of the community.

Town Planner Scott Radden advised that there was a Public Hearing on August 5, 2014, with the Planning and Zoning Commission and that after discussions were held with the public input, the Planning and Zoning Commission Members forwarded a "do pass" recommendation of the proposed text amendments to the Town Council with the addition of allowing "animation" to be used on the Digital Signage.

Council Member Jennifer Fowler asked what the argument was during the public hearing at the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting and why animation should be allowed.

Town Planner Scott Radden stated that the argument was because there is a lot of money that is spent on the digital signs and the business is going to want to have the ability to market things. He stated that what would not be allowed is the full motion video such as the play of the day.

Some discussion took place concerning the brightness of the signs and the effect of the brightness of the lights on the pavement after it rains.

Mayor Hinds opened the Public Hearing and asked for any comments for or against the proposed text amendment for the Digital Signs.

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Brad Moore with Bar D Signs stated that he appreciates the Town's consideration on the allowance of the digital signs. He stated that the City of Casper has also been looking at updating their digital signs ordinance and share a lot of the concerns that Evansville has addressed particularly the animation. He stated that businesses that are looking at these digital signs are investing a lot of money in them and want to be able to use those signs the way they are made.

Warren Youmans spoke in favor of the adoption of the digital signs. He stated that the digital signs are powerful in getting the message out and that is what they are designed to do. He asked that the Evansville Council consider the adoption of the ordinance that allows digital signs.

There being no further public comments, the public hearing was closed.

Ordinance #6-2014 was presented to the Governing Body. Motion was made by Jennifer Fowler and seconded by Doug White to approve Ordinance #6-2014 on first reading. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BUSINESS LICENSES: Business License application for Tyco Integrated Security was presented to the Governing Body for approval. After review of the application, motion was made by Ernie Blackford and seconded by Doug White to approve the license for Tyco Integrated Security. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BUILDING PERMITS: Building Permit applications #4076 through #4081 were presented to the Governing Body for approval. The applications were for new house construction, storage units, a deck, and a trailer parking permit. After review of the applications, motion was made by Ernie Blackford and seconded by Doug White to approve permits #4076 through #4081. Motion carried.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Town Engineer Shane Porter stated that he had Pay Request number four to 71 Construction for the Fire Hydrant/Sewer Manhole Replacement Project. He stated the pay request was in the amount of twenty-three thousand three hundred fifty-seven dollars and fifty cents (\$23,357.50). Motion was made by Jennifer Fowler and seconded by Ernie Blackford to approve Pay Request number four to 71 Construction in the amount of twenty-three thousand three hundred fifty-seven dollars and fifty cents (\$23,357.50). Motion carried.

Engineer Porter advised that he had a Draw Down Request number five (5) to the Wyoming Business Council for the Fire Hydrant/Sewer Manhole Replacement Project in the amount of one thousand one hundred forty dollars (\$1,140.00). He advised that this will expend the remainder of the grant. He stated that he needed authorization for the Mayor to execute the Draw Down Request. Motion was made by Ernie Blackford and seconded by Jennifer Fowler authorizing the Mayor to execute the Draw Down Request number five (5) to the Wyoming Business Council for the Fire Hydrant/Sewer Manhole Replacement Project in the amount of one thousand one hundred forty dollars (\$1,140.00). Motion carried.

Engineer Porter advised that there will be a meeting at the Evansville Community Center on August 12, 2014, at 9:00 a.m. He stated that the meeting will be with KLJ to discuss the Secondary Access Study for Evansville.

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

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BILLS FOR APPROVAL: Bills were presented to the Governing Body for approval. Motion was made by Doug White and seconded by Jennifer Fowler to pay all bills and draw treasury upon the same. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, motion was made by Ernie Blackford and seconded by Jennifer Fowler to adjourn at 7:33 p.m. Motion carried.

APPROVED: 
Phil Hinds, Mayor

ATTESTED: 
Janelle Underwood, Town Clerk