

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting of the Evansville Town Council, Evansville, Wyoming

June 22, 2020

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.

Council Meeting Livestreamed via You Tube.

The meeting was called to order by Council President Aaron Vigneault at 7:00 p.m. and upon roll call the following were present: Council Members Chad Edwards, Joe Knop, and Sheena Hixson, Town Attorney Kyle Ridgeway, Chief of Police Mike Thompson, Fire Chief Leo Malsom, Public Works Director Ron Emond, Town Clerk Janelle Underwood, and interested citizens.

Council President Aaron Vigneault led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion was made by Sheena Hixson and seconded by Chad Edwards to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

ACCEPTANCE OF MAYOR'S RESIGNATION: Motion was made by Joe Knop and seconded by Sheena Hixson to accept Mayor Sorenson's resignation. Motion carried.

Council President Aaron Vigneault stated that he would like to thank Jennifer Sorenson for all her work as a Council Member and Mayor. He stated that she did a good job and gave up a lot of time for the Town.

APPOINTMENT OF NEW MAYOR AND OATH OF OFFICE: Council President Aaron Vigneault stated that he would like to make a motion to nominate Councilman Chad Edwards as the new appointed Mayor to finish out the Mayor's term. He stated that Councilman Edwards has attention to detail and a sound sense of fiscal responsibility. Council Member Joe Knop seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Town Clerk Janelle Underwood administered the Oath of Office and the jurat was signed. Mayor Edwards thanked everyone and stated that he will try his best to perform the duties to the best of his ability and help the Town move forward.

SELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT: Motion was made by Aaron Vigneault and seconded by Sheena Hixson to appoint Joe Knop as the Council President. Motion carried.

BEGIN PROCESS TO OPEN COUNCIL SEAT: Motion was made by Sheena Hixson and seconded by Aaron Vigneault to start the process to open the Council seat by asking any resident that is interested in sitting on the Town Council to submit a letter of interest that would be due to the Town by July 7, 2020, and then hold interviews. Motion carried.

ACTIONS REGARDING CRIMINAL CHARGES INCLUDING INVESTIGATION: Mayor Edwards stated that the Governing Body needs to decide if they would like to have an investigation into the current events that led up to the issues with a police officer and the resignation of Mayor Sorenson.

Council Member Aaron Vigneault stated that the biggest concern is some of the accusations that were made by anonymous sources that may or may not have been known about Officer McGraw and that the Town needs to investigate that. He stated that he has all the faith in the Police Department but that there are questions that must be asked.

Mayor Chad Edwards stated that they need to also look at the Town's Drug and Alcohol Policy to see if it is adequate or if it needs to be revised.

Council Member Sheena Hixson stated that she would like to know if the current Drug and Alcohol Policy is being followed regarding random and suspicion tests.

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Motion was made by Aaron Vigneault and seconded by Joe Knop to hire a firm for an outside investigation to look at and review the Town's Drug and Alcohol Policy as well as look at the current situation that led to the charges that were filed with Mayor Sorenson and Officer McGraw. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

- A) Approval of Regular Meeting and Executive Session Minutes for June 8, 2020 and Special Meeting and Executive Session Minutes for June 18, 2020.
- B) Approval of Business Licenses for Allen's Concrete, Blue Bull, Inc. and Casper Reflexology and Spa.

Motion was made by Joe Knop and seconded by Aaron Vigneault to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #8-2020: An Ordinance Amending Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget. Third and final reading. Town Clerk Janelle Underwood summarized Ordinance #8-2020 as amended. Motion was made Aaron Vigneault and seconded by Sheena Hixson to approve Ordinance #8-2020 on third and final reading as amended. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #9-2020: An Ordinance Adopting the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget. Third and final reading. Town Clerk Janelle Underwood summarized Ordinance #9-2020 as amended. Motion was made by Sheena Hixson and seconded by Aaron Vigneault to approve Ordinance #9-2020 on third and final reading as amended. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #10-2020: A Franchise Agreement Between the Town of Evansville and Mountain West Technologies. First reading. Town Clerk Janelle Underwood read Ordinance #10-2020 by title only.

Mayor Chad Edwards advised that this is an internet provider that would like to start providing internet services to people in the Evansville area as well as pay the Town of Evansville a Franchise Fee of five percent (5%) based on the customer revenues.

Motion was made by Aaron Vigneault and seconded by Joe Knop to approve Ordinance #10-2020 on first reading. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF SANNER IT CONTRACT: Town Clerk Janelle Underwood advised that Sanner IT has presented the Town with a contract and if approved would provide the Town's email, device networking and server management. She advised that Town Attorney Scott Murry has reviewed the contract and approved it.

Mayor Chad Edwards stated that he would like to see some language in the contract that spells out how they are updating the equipment and assure that it is handled in a timely manner.

Motion was made by Aaron Vigneault and seconded by Sheena Hixson to table the Sanner IT Contract. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: During public comments, Tonya Brigance, 748 Whipsaw, spoke to the Governing Body concerning the parking on the north side of 7th Street and stated that there is a blind spot where she almost had an accident when she pulled onto 7th Street. She stated that the Town painted the curb yellow for no parking but there is still a blind spot. Discussion was held concerning painting of the curbs and No Parking signs and people still parking in those areas. The Governing Body has decided to look at this location and see what else the Town can do.

Forest Tobin, 625 Eagle Circle, asked the Governing Body what they hope to accomplish by having an investigation, the cost of it and what the Town plans on doing with outcome of the investigation. He asked if this is about making policies better or holding people accountable.

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Mayor Chad Edwards stated that a contract would be brought forward to the Governing Body for approval. He stated that first it is the Governing Body's desire to look into this process needed and what those costs would be to make sure that it is feasible and see if the current policies are up to date and being followed. He stated that the Town needs to ask the question, was there a policy failing in this, who knew what when where and why and are there policies that need to be updated so that this doesn't happen again.

Tim Meads with Mountain West Technologies, 3015 Cotton Creek Place, stated that he was excited about the Town of Evansville moving forward with the Franchise Agreement and asked for some clarity about Mountain West Technologies being able to place even a temporary tower approximately ten to fifteen feet tall at their existing equipment location at the water tank located behind the Home Depot until a more permanent solution can be established. He stated that by doing this, it will give people in this area better internet coverage.

Discussion was held and Mayor Chad Edwards stated that he would not have a problem with a temporary tower and in the meantime coordinate with the Town Engineer to make sure that a permanent tower would not create any kind of interference with the Town's infrastructure. Mayor Edwards asked Tim Meads to provide the Town with a proposal showing the tower location and height.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, motion was made by Aaron Vigneault and seconded by Joe Knop to adjourn at 7:34 p.m. Motion carried.

APPROVED:



Chad Edwards, Mayor

ATTESTED:



Janelle Underwood, Town Clerk