

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting of the Evansville Town Council, Evansville, Wyoming

January 26, 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, Tiffany Dutton, Ernie Blackford, and Joe Knop, Town Engineer Shane Porter, Town Planner Scott Radden, Town Treasurer Peggy Nading, Chief of Police Tom Laughrey, Fire Chief Leo Malsom, Public Works Director Brian Boettcher, Town Clerk Janelle Underwood, and interested citizens.

Town Attorney Phil Willoughby asked to be excused.

Mayor Hinds led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes for the regular meeting on January 12, 2015, were presented for approval. Motion was made by Ernie Blackford and seconded by Tiffany Dutton to approve the minutes as written. Motion carried.

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT: Stephanie Connolly, District Manager of the Bureau of Land Management introduced herself along with a couple of other BLM representatives. She stated that the BLM has received some lease nominations for some parcels to the north and east of the Town of Evansville along Cole Creek Road and Geary Dome Road.

Randy Sorenson, Resource Advisor for the Bureau of Land Management, stated that there are parcels that were nominated for oil and gas leasing in response to an expression of interest received by the Bureau of Land Management. He stated that there is quite a large number of residential housing in these proposed areas. He stated that letters were mailed out advising property owners of lease sale parcels that the BLM will be holding a BLM Oil and Gas Leasing Process Workshop on February 19, 2015, at 5:00 p.m. at the Evansville Community Center. He stated that they wanted to make Evansville officials aware of what is taking place because they feel the Town will be receiving a lot of inquiries on this.

C.E.P.I. – JIM JONES - EASTGATE TRAVEL PLAZA: Mr. Jim Jones with C.E.P.I. advised the Governing Body that East Gate Travel Plaza has the desire to modernize and improve the present facility. He stated that after working and redesigning the current facility, it was decided by the owners to do a complete replacement of the entire travel center. He stated that the fuel islands for diesel and gasoline are to be removed and replaced as well. He stated that the issue they are faced with is the current sign which stands sixty-one (61) feet tall. He stated that under the current zoning regulations, the sign, if replaced, can only be thirty feet (30). Mr. Jones stated that his belief, as well as the owners of the Travel Plaza, is that the future success of the business is the Interstate style sign and asked if the Town Council would consider a Conditional Use Permit or any recommendation by Town Planner Scott Radden to allow the construction of a new sign to be taller than thirty (30') feet.

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A great deal of discussion was held on the height of the sign, the Town's zoning ordinances and the possibility of using and relocating the existing sign. The Town Council agreed that they did not have any issues with trying to work through the issue with the height of the sign.

ORDINANCE #1-2015: An Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Ordinance. Second reading. Town Clerk Janelle Underwood read Ordinance #1-2015 by title only. Motion was made by Tiffany Dutton and seconded by Ernie Blackford to approve Ordinance #1-2015 on second reading. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #2-2015: An Ordinance Repealing Ordinance #6-2011 Providing for the Appointment of Individuals of Other Departments to Become Sworn Officers of the Evansville Police Department. Second reading. Town Clerk Janelle Underwood read Ordinance #2-2015 by title only. Motion was made by Doug White and seconded by Tiffany Dutton to approve Ordinance #2-2015 on second reading. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #3-2015: An Ordinance Setting the 2015 Tax Levy. Town Clerk Janelle Underwood summarized Ordinance #3-2015 on first reading. Motion was made by Ernie Blackford and seconded by Tiffany Dutton to approve Ordinance #3-2015 on first reading. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BUSINESS LICENSES: Business License applications for Frontier Fire Protection, Gaviotis Construction, and Gem City Roofing were presented to the Governing Body for approval. After review of the applications, motion was made Ernie Blackford and seconded by Tiffany Dutton to approve the business license applications for Frontier Fire Protection, Gaviotis Construction, and Gem City Roofing. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BUILDING PERMIT: Building Permit Applications #4126 and #4130 were presented to the Governing Body for approval. The applications were for a new construction and renovation. After review of the applications, motion was made by Doug White and seconded by Joe Knop to approve permits #4126 and #4130. Motion carried.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Town Engineer Shane Porter advised that Governing Body that the Town has received a Service Line Agreement from Source Gas for the Fire Station Garage Project. He stated that there is no cost to the Town of Evansville and would like approval for the Mayor to execute the agreement contingent upon approval from the Town Attorney.

Motion was made by Doug White and seconded by Tiffany Dutton to authorize the Mayor to execute the Service Line Agreement with Source Gas contingent upon approval from Town Attorney Phil Willoughby. Motion carried.

Engineer Porter stated that the contractor has run into a twenty-five pair (25) phone line that runs between the Fire Hall and Town Hall. He stated that the cost to relocate this will be three thousand eighty-nine dollars (\$3,089.00).

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: During public comments, Melisa Grisham spoke to the Governing Body concerning the standing water from the snow melt and the ice hazards because of it at some of the intersections in town such as Third Street and Curtis Street. She was wondering if there was something

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that could be done before somebody slips, falls, and gets hurt. She stated she wasn't sure if this would be a liability to the Town.

Mayor Phil Hinds stated that he does have the Town Engineer working on re-designing the storm water drainage. He stated that this is an issue that they are aware of and that the problem is that the area is so flat that there is no place for the water to run. He advised there are a couple of places that the Town is working to address the storm drainage issues.


Public Works Director Brian Boettcher advised that his department does go out when the snow starts melting with the equipment to break up the ice to get the water flowing. He stated that part of the problem is because the area is so flat that the water just stands there.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, motion was made by Tiffany Dutton and seconded by Ernie Blackford to adjourn at 7:43 p.m. Motion carried.

APPROVED:


Phil Hinds, Mayor

ATTESTED:


Janelle Underwood, Town Clerk