

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting of the Evansville Town Council, Evansville, Wyoming

September 9, 2013

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, Tiffany Rayner, Ernie Blackford and Jennifer Fowler, Town Attorney Phil Willoughby, Town Engineer Shane Porter, Chief of Police Zack Gentile, Town Treasurer Peggy Nading, Public Works Representatives Brian Boettcher and Dale Brown, Assistant Fire Chief Matt Gacke, Town Clerk Janelle Underwood, and interested citizens.

Mayor 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 August 26, 2013, were presented for approval. Motion was made by Ernie Blackford and seconded by Doug White to approve the minutes as written. Motion carried.

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

APPROVAL OF BUILDING PERMITS: Building Permit applications #4003 through #4006 were presented to the Governing Body for approval. The applications were for re-roof permits, a shed, and a deck replacement. After review of the applications, motion was made by Tiffany Rayner and seconded by Jennifer Fowler to approve permits #4003 through #4006. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION OF DEMERIT POINTS FOR LIQUOR LICENSEES: Town Attorney Phil Willoughby spoke to the Mayor and Town Council concerning an ordinance that the Town has had in place for approximately the last three years concerning demerit points for liquor establishment violations. He stated that the City of Casper has proposed that all entities throughout Natrona County adopt something similar to what the Town has adopted so that all establishments are somewhat uniform throughout the county. He stated that a good portion of the Town's current ordinance is being modeled and used by the other entities. Attorney Phil Willoughby stated that he will be bringing up a revised ordinance probably at the next Council meeting.

Chief of Police Zack Gentile stated that the other communities are following Evansville as far as the ordinance is concerned and that one of the changes in the proposed ordinance is going to be that a liquor establishment will be assessed points for the violation and not the conviction. Discussion was held concerning the proposed ordinance that will be coming up for approval.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Town Engineer Shane Porter stated that he had pay request number four (4) to Pope Construction in the amount of one hundred five thousand one hundred thirty dollars (\$105,130.00) less the ten percent (10%) retainage for the Water Treatment Plant Expansion Project. Motion was made by Tiffany Rayner and seconded by Jennifer Fowler to approve pay request number four (4) to Pope Construction in the amount of one hundred five thousand one hundred three dollars (\$105,130.00) less the ten percent (10%) retainage for the Water Treatment Plant Expansion Project. Motion carried.

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Engineer Porter stated that he had grant draft request number nineteen (19) in the amount of one hundred five thousand one hundred thirty dollars (\$105,130.00) for the Water Treatment Plant Expansion Project. He stated that the grant is payable at one hundred percent (100%). Motion was made by Tiffany Rayner and seconded by Ernie Blackford to approve grant draft request number nineteen (19) in the amount of one hundred five thousand one hundred thirty dollars (\$105,130.00) for the Water Treatment Plant Expansion Project. Motion carried.

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

BILLS FOR APPROVAL: Bills were presented to the Governing Body for approval. Motion was made by Ernie Blackford and seconded by Tiffany Rayner to pay all bills and draw treasury upon the same.

Mayor Hinds stated that he would like to abstain from check # 14237.

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: During public comments, Terry and Diane McCollum spoke to the Mayor and Council concerning Code Enforcement in Evansville and wanted to know if someone was patrolling town. He stated that there are weeds standing taller than six foot fences and junk cars. He also stated that the Town's property such as the pathway is really bad with weeds and goat head stickers.

Chief Gentile stated that the Code Enforcement Officer is patrolling town. He stated that on average, twenty to thirty (20-30) letters and posting notices on doors each week.

Mr. McCollum asked if there was any way of getting a stop sign at Curtis Street and Fifth Street for the traffic traveling on Curtis Street. He stated that four of their vehicles have been hit at that corner and that a couple of them were hit-n-run accidents. Diane McCollum complained of how the accidents have been handled and that one time the house was actually hit by a car that landed in her granddaughter's bedroom. Terry McCollum stated that there needs to be more patrolling on the streets so that no more kids are hit.

Chief Gentile stated that the Curtis Street stop signs were taken down at that intersection and placed on Fifth Street so that the traffic could flow through without having to stop.

A great deal of discussion took place. Mayor Hinds stated that he felt the Town was doing the best it could with the police officers it has and the financial constraints that all municipalities are faced with. He stated that it is something that the Town looks at seriously whenever citizens come forward with their concerns.

Diane McCollum asked when the Police Department was available because it seemed like it is closed up on the weekends.

Chief Gentile advised that the Police Department is staffed twenty-four (24) hours a day seven (7) days a week. He stated that if someone needs a police officer, they need to call the police dispatchers at 234-0897. He stated that after business hours, there is a brown phone that you pick up and that it calls the police dispatcher directly.

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Terry McCollum asked about the crosswalks needing painted and the streets needing striped.

Public Works Coordinator Dale Brown advised that the Town will be receiving a paint striper on Wednesday and that his department will be getting the painting taken care of.

Terry McCollum thanked the Governing Body for their time.

Walt Berens stated that he lives on Cielo Vista and that he too had complaints concerning the people and the way they drive on his street. He stated that he very seldom sees a police officer patrolling on his street and that everyone on his street is getting tired of it. He stated that the other night, a vehicle was speeding down the street and was involved in an accident. He stated that the speed bumps on Gold Avenue do not slow the traffic down and that he is concerned about the kids who are on their bikes playing.

Chief Gentile stated that kids don't belong in a street playing. He stated that his officers cannot be everywhere all the time. Chief Gentile stated that they cannot put speed bumps on every street.

Town Attorney Phil Willoughby stated that speed bumps and stop signs don't matter to some people. Attorney Willoughby stated that the good thing is that these problems have been brought to the Town's attention and that he knows that he, the Governing Body, and the Chief of Police are going to put a lot of thought in these issues.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, motion was made by Tiffany Rayner and seconded by Doug White to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. Motion carried.

APPROVED: _____

Phil Hinds, Mayor

ATTESTED: _____

Janelle Underwood, Town Clerk