

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting of the Evansville Town Council, Evansville, Wyoming

February 10, 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, Tiffany Rayner, Ernie Blackford, and Jennifer Fowler, Town Attorney Phil Willoughby, Town Engineer Shane Porter, Town Treasurer Peggy Nading, Chief of Police Zack Gentile, Public Works Representatives Brian Boettcher and Dale Brown, Fire Chief Leo Malsom, 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 January 27, 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 DEPARTMENTAL MONTHLY REPORT: The Treasurer's report, Emergency Services report, Public Works report, and Police report were presented to the Governing Body in writing. Motion was made by Doug White and seconded by Ernie Blackford to approve the departmental monthly reports. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #1-2014: An Ordinance Setting the 2014 Tax Levy. Second reading. Town Clerk Janelle Underwood read Ordinance #1-2014 by title only. Motion was made by Tiffany Rayner and seconded by Jennifer Fowler to approve Ordinance #1-2014 on second reading. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BUSINESS LICENSES: Business License applications for Bruno Painting, Designs by Dave, Fabco, Inc., and WY Downs OTB were presented to the Governing Body for approval. Town Clerk Janelle Underwood advised the Governing Body that the business license fee for Wyoming Downs OTB is a fee that is set by the Governing Body according to the resolution. After review of the applications, motion was made by Tiffany Rayner and seconded by Doug White to approve the business licenses for Bruno Painting, Designs by Dave, Fabco, Inc., and Wyoming Downs OTB and set the license fee for Wyoming Downs OTB at fifty dollars (\$50.00) per calendar year. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CATERING PERMIT: Town Clerk Janelle Underwood advised the Governing Body that Tin Shack dba Poplar Wine and Spirits applied for a Catering Permit to serve alcohol on March 28, 2014, at the Casa Red Wagon Fundraiser event to be held at Sonny's RV. Motion was made by Ernie Blackford and seconded by Jennifer Fowler to approve the Catering permit for Tin Shack dba Poplar Wine and Spirits for the Casa Red Wagon Fundraiser event. Motion carried.

APPROVAL TO EXECUTE SECONDARY ACCESS GRANT AGREEMENT: Town Clerk Janelle Underwood advised the Governing Body that the Town received a fifteen thousand dollar (\$15,000.00) grant from the Wyoming Business Council to conduct a Secondary Access Study. She advised that she needed approval for the Mayor to execute the grant agreement and that Town Engineer Shane Porter and Town Attorney Phil Willoughby had reviewed the agreement.

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Motion was made by Ernie Blackford and seconded by Tiffany Rayner authorizing the Mayor to execute the grant agreement. Motion carried.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Town Engineer Shane Porter stated that the Town received bids for the Manhole-Fire Hydrant Replacement Project. He stated that the bids came in higher than what was anticipated. He stated that the estimate for the project was at three hundred thirty-three thousand eight hundred eighty two dollars (\$333,882.00). He stated that the lowest bidder was 71 Construction and that their bid came in at five hundred seventeen thousand dollars (\$517,000.00). He stated that replacing sewer manholes and fire hydrants is a public safety issue. Engineer Porter stated that the trend appears to be that costs are increasing more and more and that he is going to have to factor in higher construction costs.

Discussion was held concerning funding possibilities and if the low bidder would work with the Town on scaling the project in order to stay closer to the Engineer's estimate. Motion was made by Doug White and seconded by Tiffany Rayner to table the award of the bid for the Manhole-Fire Hydrant Replacement Project. Motion carried.

Engineer Porter advised the Governing Body that he had a proposed easement with Mountain West Telephone Company for a new fiber optic line to be run down Landmark Drive for the dispatch center. Motion was made by Ernie Blackford and seconded by Jennifer Fowler authorizing the Mayor to execute the easement. Motion carried.

Motion was made Tiffany Rayner and seconded by Ernie Blackford 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 Jennifer Fowler to pay all bills and draw treasury upon the same. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: During public comments, Public Works Representatives Dale Brown and Brian Boettcher spoke to the Governing Body about the policy that is in place for turning water on to a property that requires that someone be home. They stated that they are running into a problem when a property has more than one residence on a meter.

Attorney Phil Willoughby stated that the Town does not have a liability if the water is turned on when no one is home and there is a problem. After a great deal of discussion, it was decided that each situation will be based on a case-by-case basis.

Also discussed by Public Works Representatives Dale Brown and Brian Boettcher is the problem that they have ran into with water freeze-ups when the individuals that have been thawed out and have frozen up again. After discussion, motion was made by Doug White and seconded by Tiffany Rayner to charge the utility customer a fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for each time the Town has to respond for a freeze-up after the first call-out for each cold snap. Motion carried.

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ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, motion was made by Jennifer Fowler and seconded by Tiffany Rayner to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Motion carried.

APPROVED: 
Phil Hinds, Mayor

ATTESTED: 
Janelle Underwood, Town Clerk