

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting of the Evansville Town Council, Evansville, Wyoming

December 8, 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 Dutton, and Jennifer Fowler, Town Attorney Phil Willoughby, Town Treasurer Peggy Nading, Chief of Police Tom Lauthrey, Fire Chief Leo Malsom, Public Works Director Brian Boettcher, Town Clerk Janelle Underwood, and interested citizens.

Town Council Member Ernie Blackford and Town Engineer Shane Porter 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 November 24, 2014, were presented for approval. Motion was made by Jennifer Fowler and seconded by Doug White to approve the minutes as written. 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 Tiffany Dutton and seconded by Jennifer Fowler to approve the departmental monthly reports. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BUSINESS LICENSES: Business License applications for ACT, Coast to Coast Carpports, Inc., Fun Stuff Too, and Well Control Products were presented to the Governing Body for approval. Also presented to the Governing Body for approval was the 30-day renewal of the Business License for Colorado Hospitality Services, Inc. After review of the applications, motion was made by Jennifer Fowler and seconded by Tiffany Dutton to approve the licenses for ACT, Coast to Coast Carpports, Inc., Fun Stuff Too, and Well Control Products. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Leo Malsom stated that he and Casper Fire Department Inspector Justin Smith conducted an inspection of the Colorado Hospitality Services, Inc. premises on Friday, December 5, 2014. He stated that some of the small items that needed to be corrected have been accomplished. He stated that Colorado Hospitality has received bids on installation of some of the larger items such as an offsite fire alarm system and arc fault outlets to accommodate microwaves and refrigerators in all of the rooms. He stated that Rapid Fire is working on bid specs for a fire suppression system for them. Chief Malsom stated that Colorado Hospitality prompted these inspections to begin with because they know how old the facility is and want everything to be correct. Chief Malsom stated that he is comfortable with Colorado Hospitality having their business license renewed for another 30 days and stated that the Fire Department will be conducting another inspection at the end of December.

Motion was made by Doug White and seconded by Jennifer Fowler to re-new the business license for Colorado Hospitality Services, Inc., for another thirty days (30). Motion carried.

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APPROVAL OF BUILDING PERMITS: Building Permit applications #4120 and #4121 were presented to the Governing Body for approval. The applications were for finishing a basement and a re-roof. After review of the applications, motion was made by Tiffany Dutton and seconded by Doug White to approve permits #4120 and #4121. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #7-2014: An Ordinance to Amend the Sanitation Rates. Second reading. Town Clerk Janelle Underwood summarized Ordinance #7-2014 and stated that it is proposed that there would be a five percent (5%) rate increase effective January 1, 2015, with a five percent (5%) increase for four years. Motion was made by Jennifer Fowler and seconded by Doug White to approve Ordinance #7-2014 on second reading. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #8-2014: An Ordinance to Amend the Sewer Rates. Second reading. Town Clerk Janelle Underwood summarized Ordinance #8-2014 and stated that it is proposed that there would be a five percent (5%) rate increase effective January 1, 2015, with a five percent (5%) increase for four years. Motion was made by Tiffany Dutton and seconded by Jennifer Fowler to approve Ordinance #8-2014 on second reading. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #9-2014: An Ordinance to Amend the Water Rates. Second reading. Town Clerk Janelle Underwood summarized Ordinance #9-2014 and stated that it is proposed that there would be a five percent (5%) rate increase effective January 1, 2015, with a five percent (5%) increase for four years. Motion was made by Tiffany Dutton and seconded by Jennifer Fowler to approve Ordinance #9-2014 on second reading. Motion carried.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: During public comments, Wilbur Yankey stated that he would like a copy of the Treasurer, Police, Public Works, and Emergency Services reports and wanted to know if they were public information.

Mayor Hinds stated that he could request a copy of the reports.

Mr. Yankey also wanted to know what the current water rates were for residential users and asked when and how much the last increase was.

Town Clerk Janelle Underwood advised that the last increase was January 2014 and that the increase was three percent (3%).

Mr. Yankey asked Fire Chief Leo Malsom if he does yearly inspections on motels and when was the last time the Shilo Inn was inspected. He asked if the problems with the Shilo Inn Motel happened all at once such as needing a fire sprinkler system.

Fire Chief Leo Malsom stated that when the Shilo Inn Motel was built back in the 1970's, the fire and building codes at that time did not require a sprinkler system. He stated that since the Shilo Inn Motel changed ownership, the owners are required to bring them up to code.

Town Treasurer Peggy Nading advised that the residential water rate is five dollars and twenty-six cents (\$5.26) and two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50) per thousand gallons of water used.

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Town Treasurer Peggy Nading and Dan Adcock, with Public Works approached the Governing Body on some rate increases that the Town of Evansville will be seeing for the Sanitation and Wastewater services. Dan Adcock stated that he spoke to the Solid Waste Facility and stated that the City of Casper is anticipating an increase of one dollar (\$1.00) per ton on the municipal solid waste. He stated that he also spoke to Dave Hill with Casper Public Utilities and that he advised that the Town of Evansville should anticipate an eleven to twelve percent (11% - 12%) increase each year in charges for the next several years based on factors such as new federal regulations and the required upgrades that the Waste Water Treatment Plant will need to conduct.

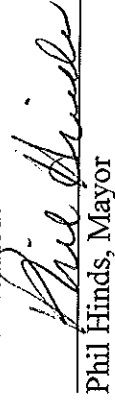
Town Treasurer Peggy Nading stated that with the current proposed five percent (5%) increase, the Town is barely breaking even. She stated that based on this information, the Town will need to look at increasing the sewer fees eleven to twelve percent (11% - 12%). She stated that she is also looking at the sanitation charges and that one of the things that are included in the expenses is the bale fill passes that residents receive on the water bill for a free trip to the dump. She stated that the cost to the Town is fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per trip to the landfill and that it averages around one hundred (100) bale fill passes per month.

Public Works Director Brian Boettcher, who is the Town's representative on the Waste Water Joint Powers Board, stated that it was his understanding that the estimated cost of improvements on the Waste Water Treatment Plant is around forty to fifty million dollars (\$40,000,000.00 - \$50,000,000.00) in order to meet the new federal regulations and to address issues such as selenium. He stated that he is not aware of when this will take place. He stated that the Waste Water Joint Powers Board doesn't meet again until June and that he believes that there cannot be a price increase until the board votes on it.

Mayor Hinds asked Brian Boettcher to contact Dave Hill to find out for sure when they think they will have to increase the Town's rates.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, motion was made by Jennifer Fowler and seconded by Tiffany Dutton to adjourn at 7:25 p.m. Motion carried.

APPROVED:


Phil Hinds, Mayor

ATTESTED:


Janelle Underwood, Town Clerk