

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting of the Evansville Town Council, Evansville, Wyoming

October 12, 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 Philip G. Hinds at 7:00 p.m. and upon roll call the following were present: Mayor Philip G. Hinds, Council Members Doug White, Ernie Blackford, Joe Knop and Jory Delinger, Town Engineer Shane Porter, Town Attorney Phil Willoughby, Town Treasurer Peggy Nading, Chief of Police Tom Laughrey, Fire Chief Leo Malsom, Public Works Director Dan Adcock, Town Clerk Janelle Underwood, and interested citizens.

Mayor Hinds led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes for the regular meeting on September 28, 2015, were presented for approval. Motion was made by Doug White and seconded by Joe Knop 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 Ernie Blackford and seconded by Doug White to approve the departmental monthly reports. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #10-2015: An Ordinance Repealing the Town of Evansville Employee Handbook and Adopting the Evansville Employee Handbook – October 2015. Third and final reading. Town Clerk Janelle Underwood read Ordinance #10-2015 by title only. Motion was made by Doug White and seconded by Joe Knop to approve Ordinance #10-2015 on third and final reading. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BUSINESS LICENSES: Business License applications for Asbestos and Technical Services, Rocky Mountain Metal Works, and license renewal for Casper Lodge. Motion was made by Ernie Blackford and seconded Jory Delinger to approve the business licenses for Asbestos and Technical Services and Rocky Mountain Metal Works. Motion carried.

The Business License for the Colorado Hospitality dba Casper Lodge was up for review. Fire Chief Leo Malsom stated that he and Casper Fire Inspector Justin Smith conducted another inspection of the Casper Lodge the previous week. He stated that he was happy to advise that the fire alarm system is in the process of being installed by Arc Electric. He stated that there is a bid proposal for the fire line that will need to be brought into the building for the fire suppression system. Chief Malsom stated that Mountain West Fire Protection has been awarded the bid for the fire suppression system and designing the system and that they were present for any questions. He stated that because progress has been made, he recommends a thirty (30) day renewal.

Town Engineer Shane Porter advised that a permit for the fire line will need to be applied for through the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality.

Town Attorney Phil Willoughby stated that it is his understanding that the owner of the Casper Lodge Bruce Rhamani called today and advised that he was in Denver. Mr. Rhamani also advised that his attorney, Peter Nicolaysen was tied up with court in Douglas and would not be able to be at the Council Meeting.

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Attorney Willoughby stated that he verified that Peter Nicolaysen was in court and that was why someone representing the Casper Lodge was not present.

Motion was made by Doug White and seconded by Joe Knop to renew the business license for Casper Lodge for another thirty (30) days. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BUILDING PERMITS: Building Permit application #4213 was presented to the Governing Body for approval. The application was for roof construction. Motion was made by Jory Delinger and seconded by Ernie Blackford to approve permit #4213. Motion carried.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Town Engineer Shane Porter advised that he had no report.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: During public comments, Charles Morris advised the Governing Body that he used to purchase water from the Town of Mills before their water fill station was closed. He stated that his only other options for water are Evansville and Pioneer Water. He stated that Pioneer Water is private. He stated that after getting water this last weekend at the Evansville Water Station, he read a sign that stated that Evansville is thinking about closing it down and if people want to see it remain open, they should attend this meeting. He stated that he was wondering what the reason is that the water fill station would be closed.

Public Works Director Dan Adcock stated that several weeks ago, the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) received a complaint about the safety of the water fill station because of the fill hose being submerged into the tanks. He stated that because of that, Public Works installed a device that will not allow the hoses to be submerged into the tanks. He stated that when the device was installed, within a couple of hours it was removed. He stated that they placed the device back on the fill hose with some anti-tampering measurements to see if it could be kept in place, but it was removed again. He stated that he posted a notice explaining why the device had to be installed and that it could change the process for some people to fill their tanks. He stated that if the tampering continues and the Town receives more complaints about the safety of the water fill station, the Town could be forced to close the station. He stated that this not the intent of the Town but the Town has to maintain the integrity of the fill hose.

Mr. Morris stated that he and a lot of people really depend on this water fill station. He stated that he lives out towards Powder River and that he really does not want to show up one day to find the fill station being closed. He stated that if people are tampering with it, they need to be prosecuted for it.

Public Works Director Dan Adcock stated that they are exploring different security options in order to catch the people who are tampering with the fill station. He stated that the last thing the Town wants to do is close the fill station because the Town knows how important it is.

Chuck Burrous wanted to know why commercial users are allowed to use the fill station. He asked if the Town does desire to sell water to commercial users, why there is not a second fill station for them.

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Public Works Director stated that the EPA did not reveal who complained about the water fill station or who was sticking the fill hose in a tank. He stated that the Town has started exploring a second fill station for commercial users but that is something that requires additional financing. He stated that the Town is now tracking who is using the cards and the needs of the water user so that all users can be educated. He stated that some of the large commercial users may be able to fill their tankers with a hydrant meter.

Mayor Hinds stated that the Town does not want to have to shut down the water fill station.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, motion was made by Doug White and seconded by Ernie Blackford to adjourn at 7:20 p.m. Motion carried.

APPROVED:



Phil Hinds, Mayor

ATTESTED:



Janelle Underwood, Town Clerk