

**STEVENSVILLE TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018**  
**7:00 p.m.**

Stevensville Town Council  
**APPROVED**  
Date 3/12/18

Council for the Town of Stevensville came together at Council Chambers, this being the time set for the regular meeting of the Town Council. Mayor Dewey called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Councilmember's Barker, Holcomb, and Michalson were all present. Councilmember Smith was absent as previously excused. Members of the public were also present.

The Council and all present then rose, faced the flag and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of minutes from:**

February 12<sup>th</sup> Public Hearing and February 12<sup>th</sup> Town Council Meeting

**Councilmember Holcomb made a motion to approve minutes from the February 12<sup>th</sup> Public Hearing and the February 12<sup>th</sup> Town Council Meeting as presented. Councilmember Barker seconded the motion.**

Lew Barnett requested clarification in the minutes regarding his comments at the February 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. He commented on not being for or against the Mayor's resignation, but on following the law.

**The motion was called and all voted "aye". Motion carried 3-0.**

**Approval of bi-weekly claims:**

Council reviewed the claims as presented.

**Councilmember Holcomb made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Councilmember Barker seconded the motion. Council inquired about several claims. The vote was called and all voted "aye". Motion carried 3-0.**

**Administrative Reports:**

**Airport**

Airport Manager Paul O'Bagy presented the Airport report. He also informed Council of a proposed Trike Fly-In in July at the Stevensville Airport. Discussion was held regarding limited facilities and the need for a special event permit.

**Building**

Council reviewed the Building Official's reports for January and February.

**Fire**

Fire Chief Jeff Motley presented the January Fire Report including an update on the 2 engines purchased from Missoula and on the new ambulance.



Discussion was held regarding the recent fire training and Council requested they be informed prior to these trainings.

**Guests:**

Cinda Holt and Lorraine Roach provided an update from the Stevensville Main Street Association including a business survey recently conducted.

**Correspondence:**

- 2-16-18 Bill Perrin Resignation Letter from the TEDD/TIFD Advisory Board
- 2-16-18 MDT Letter Regarding the Airport Loan Payoff

**Public Comments:**

There were no public comments.

**Unfinished Business:**

There was no Unfinished Business.

**New Business:**

**A. Discussion/decision– Establish an Ordinance Prohibiting Smoking in Lewis & Clark Park, Girl Scout Troop #3696**

Mayor Dewey introduced Girl Scout Troop #3696 and their request to prohibit smoking in Lewis & Clark Park.

Troop Leader Fabienne Wavrant introduced Girlscouts Ara and Meline who requested Council prohibit smoking at Lewis & Clark Park and presented Council with a signed petition.

**Councilmember Holcomb made a motion to direct the Mayor and Town's Attorney to draft an ordinance prohibiting smoking in Lewis & Clark Park to bring back to Council. Councilmember Michalson seconded the motion.**

Council held discussion regarding this being a positive move and requested Mayor seek information as to what other communities are doing and the possibility of making it tobacco free not just smoking.

**The vote was called and all voted "aye". Motion carried 3-0.**

**B. Discussion/decision – Resolution No. 423, A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Stevensville, Montana, Providing for the Amendment of the Budget for Fiscal Year 2017-18**

Finance Officer April Van Tassel presented the budget amendments for FY2017-18.

**Councilmember Holcomb made a motion to approve Resolution No. 423, A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Stevensville, Montana, Providing for the Amendment of the Budget for Fiscal Year 2017-18 as**



presented. Councilmember Michalson seconded the motion and all voted “aye”. Motion carried 3-0.

**C. Discussion/decision – Revisit Council’s Decision on April 14, 2016 to Modify the Town Ordinance to Elect a City Judge**

Mayor Dewey introduced the Council’s previous decision in 2016 to change the selection process for city judge to an elected position.

Discussion was held regarding the current selection process and an election process. Mayor recommended a policy change as to the selection and appointment process rather than changing the ordinance to an election. Further discussion ensued regarding the selection or election of a city judge.

Mayor opened the floor for public comments.

Lew Barnett commented on historical background of previous Judge’s resignation, term and appointment of a former Judge.

Clerk Bartlett commented in opposition to changing to an elected position.

Vicki Motley commented in opposition to changing to an elected position

Council held further discussion regarding leaving the city judge position as an appointed position and changing the qualifications for the position.

Craig Thomas commented on keeping the Court Clerk involved in the process

Dawn Geiger commented on the Council being involved in the selection process.

Council concurred to have the Mayor and Councilmember Michalson meet with Town’s attorney to look at a selection process and qualifications for the city judge position.

**Executive Report**

Mayor Dewey reported on the following items:

- Upcoming American Legion Easter Egg Hunt
- Recent School Incident
- Proposed Phillips Street Relocation dependent on the school bond passing and request to have Dr. Moore present the bond issue to Council
- Airport project completion and loose ends needing to be tied up
- Town Hall building safety considerations and possible COW meeting in March for discussion

**Town Council Comments:**

Councilmember Barker inquired about the airport millings. Mayor updated Council on the misinformation and misunderstanding of the airport millings. Mayor is working with Public Works and the Airport to resolve the issue.

Airport Board Manager Craig Thomas provided the historical background with regards to the millings from the airport project.

Councilmember Barker inquired about the gas tax funding for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street project. Mayor commented on this project being included in the current year's budget, but the project will not happen until after July 1. He is recommending the project be rolled into the next year's budget to include the gas tax match. Mayor will bring back cost estimates on the project for Council decision and inclusion the upcoming budget process.

**Board Reports**

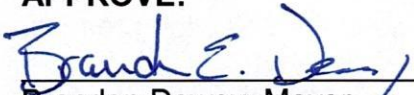
Councilmember Holcomb reported on the TEDD/TIFD Board meeting.

Councilmember Barker informed the Council and public of the upcoming Park Board meeting on March 6<sup>th</sup>.

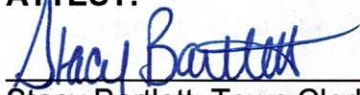
**Councilmember Holcomb made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Barker seconded and all voted "aye". Motion carried 3-0.**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.**

**APPROVE:**

  
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Brandon Dewey, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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Stacy Bartlett, Town Clerk